PARETO CHARTS

Peak Continuous Education
WHAT IS A PARETO CHART?

- Not Japanese
  - Named for Vilfredo Pareto
- Based on unequal distribution
  - Find the vital few
  - Graphically shows the 80/20 rule
  - Small number of causes account for most of the problems/outcomes
- It combines a simple bar chart with a line graph
- It’s a tool to visually rank causes or problems
- It’s one of the seven basic tools of quality control
- It’s a problem solving tool to help you decide where to focus your efforts
WHEN TO USE A PARETO CHART

• When you want to break a big effort into smaller pieces and identify major contributors

• When you want to focus and prioritize your efforts

• When there are multiple problems or reasons and you want to focus on the most significant

• When analyzing the frequency of causes or reasons

• When data can be categorized and you can determine the number of incidents in each category

• When you want to communicate
HOW TO CREATE A PARETO CHART

- Collect your data
- Analyze and categorize your data
- Add your data to Excel
- Sort your data in descending order
- Determine percentages
- Graph your data
- Polish your graph
- Communicate your findings
Why are we denying Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) applications?
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- In Excel, sort your data in descending order
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- Sum the number of occurrences
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• Calculate percentages and cumulative percentages
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- Add a Horizontal Line Value

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- Select the data to create the chart – Reason for Denial, Percent of Total, Cumulative Percentage, and Horizontal Line Value and Insert a Column Chart.
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• The result won’t look like a Pareto Chart! That’s okay.
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- Right click one of the bars to Change Series Chart Type for the Horizontal Line Value and the Cumulative Percentage to Line Graph
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- Now it looks like a Pareto Chart.
IN CONCLUSION

• Working smarter is good – working smarter on the right things is better

• Determining the 20% of things that are really important can help show where to concentrate improvement efforts

• The 80/20 rule can apply to nearly every aspect of both your work and personal lives