

Adding Linked Sheet Cells to a Chart

You can add the data used to create the chart to the chart as *linked sheet cells*. When the data in the sheet changes, the linked sheet cells on the chart are automatically updated. You might find, however, that including the sheet data takes up too much of the chart area, causing the chart to become less readable.

METHOD

To add linked sheet cells to a chart:

1. Double-click the chart's border.
2. From the Insert menu, choose Link to Cells.
3. Drag the mouse over the area of the chart where the sheet cells are to be placed to define a rectangle.
4. In the Link To Cells dialog box, in the Select Cells text box, type the cell coordinates.
or
4. Use the Point mode button to select cells.
5. Select Border, Grid Lines, or Display Scaling options.
6. Choose OK.

EXERCISE

In the following exercise, you will add linked sheet cells to your chart.

1. Make sure the chart is selected for editing
2. From the Insert menu, choose Link to Cells
3. Position the pointer directly below the main chart title
The pointer resembles a chart with a + (plus sign).
4. Drag the mouse to define a rectangle approximately the same height and width as the main chart title
The Link To Cells dialog box appears.
5. In the Select Cells text box, type A1..F2
The sheet data used to create the chart is added to the chart.
6. Choose OK