

How can I add axis labels in Google Sheets?

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To add axis labels in Google Sheets, follow these steps:

1. Select the chart or graph you want to add the labels to.
2. Click on the "Chart editor" button in the toolbar.
3. In the "Customize" tab, click on "Chart & axis titles".
4. Check the box next to "Axis titles" to add labels to the x and y axes.
5. Edit the text in the boxes to customize the labels.
6. Click "Apply" to save the changes.

By following these steps, you can easily add axis labels to your chart or graph in Google Sheets.

Add Axis Labels in Google Sheets (With Example)

Often you may want to add or modify axis labels on charts in Google Sheets.

Fortunately this is easy to do using the Chart editor panel.

The following step-by-step example shows how to use this panel to add axis labels to a chart in Google Sheets.

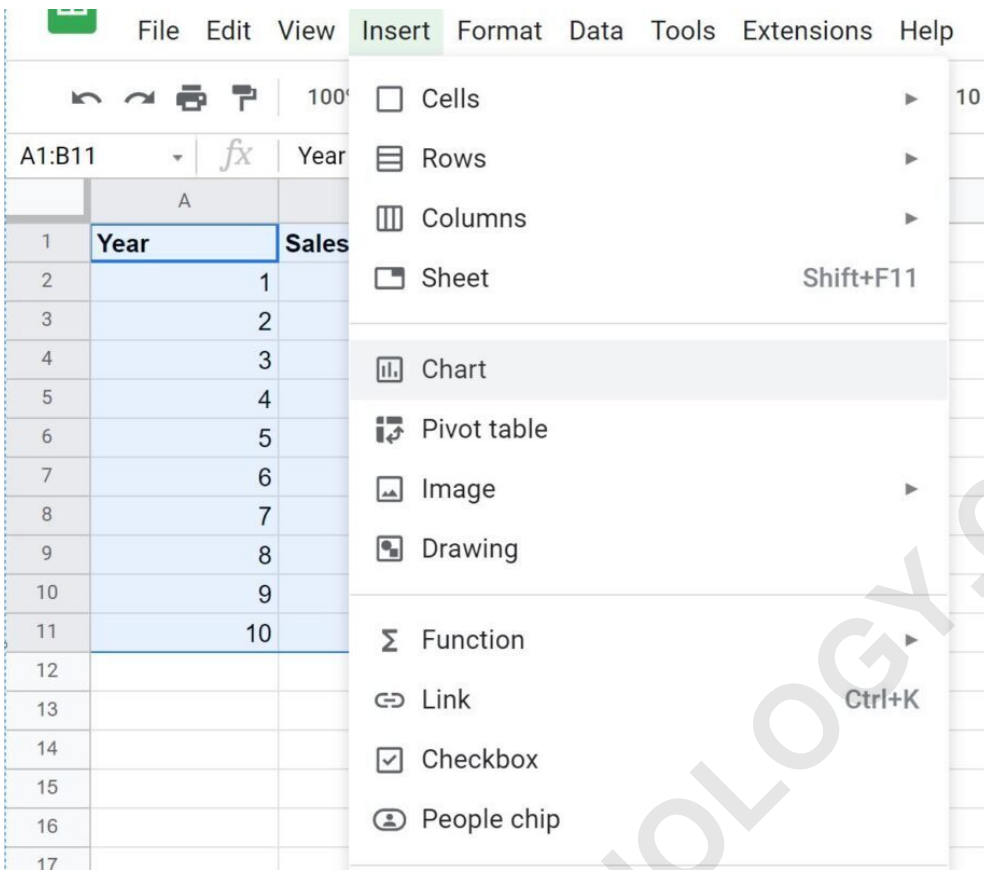
Step 1: Enter the Data

First, let's enter some values for a dataset that shows the total sales by year at some company:

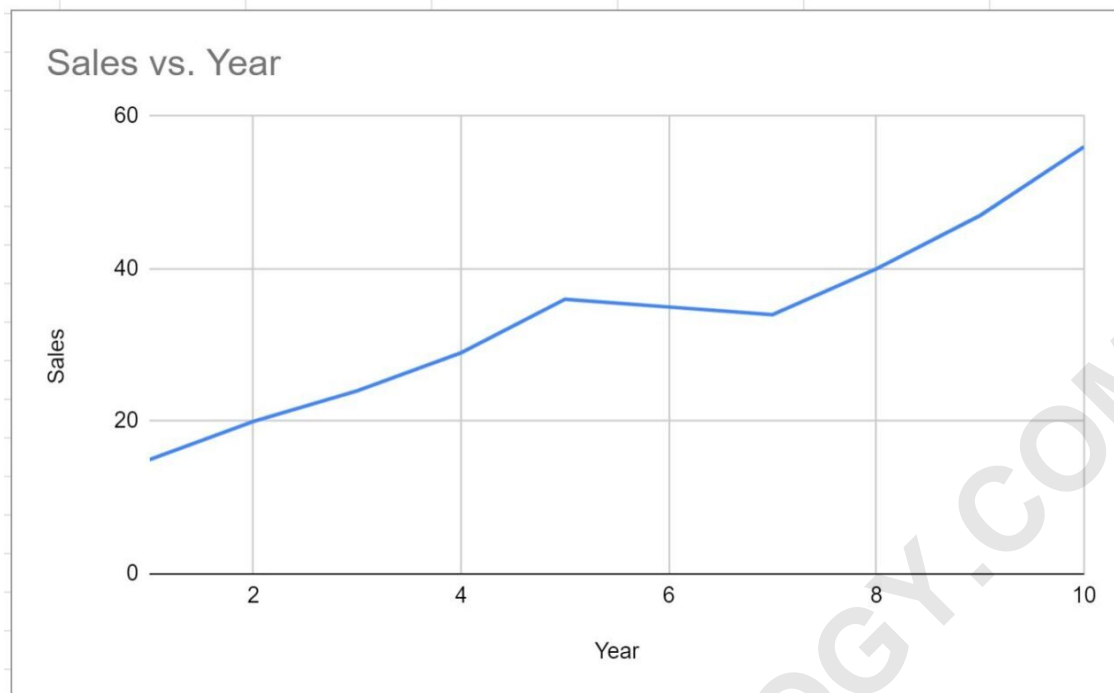
	A	B	C	D	
1	Year	Sales			
2		1	15		
3		2	20		
4		3	24		
5		4	29		
6		5	36		
7		6	35		
8		7	34		
9		8	40		
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Step 2: Create the Chart

To create a chart to visualize the sales by year, highlight the values in the range A1:B11. Then click the **Insert** tab and then click **Chart**:



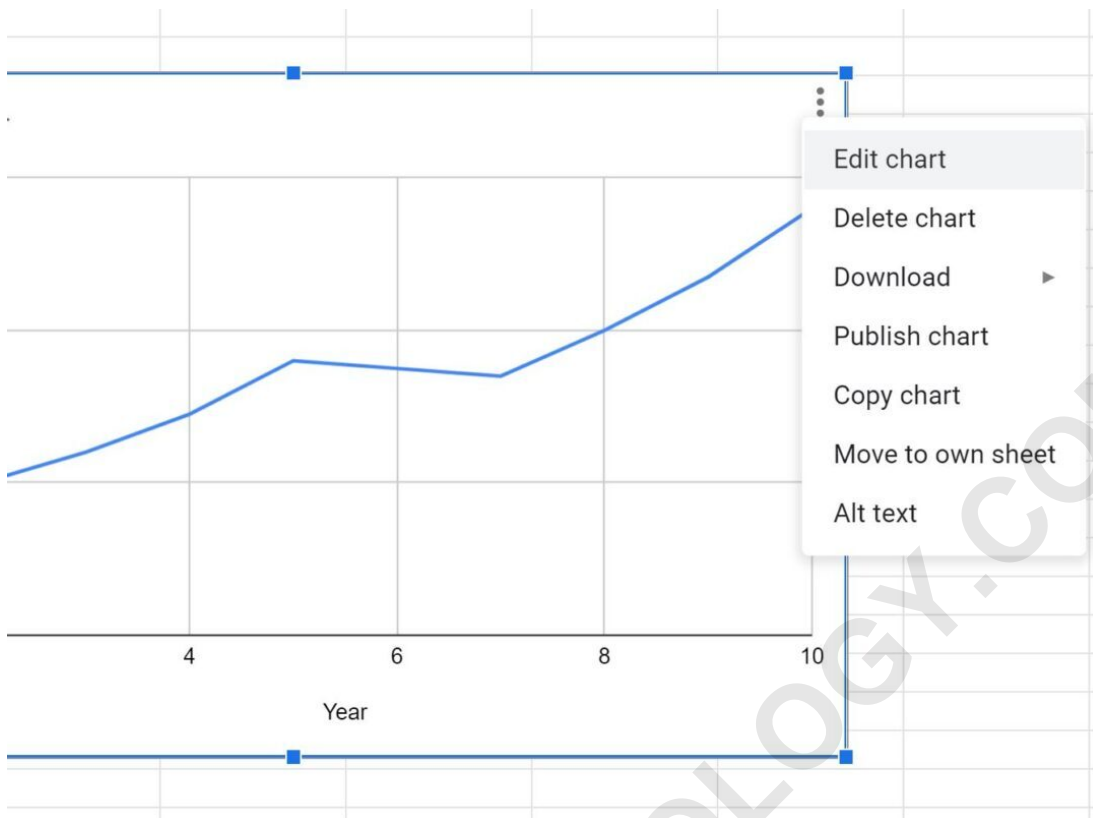
By default, Google Sheets will insert a line chart:



Notice that Year is used for the x-axis label and Sales is used for the y-axis label.

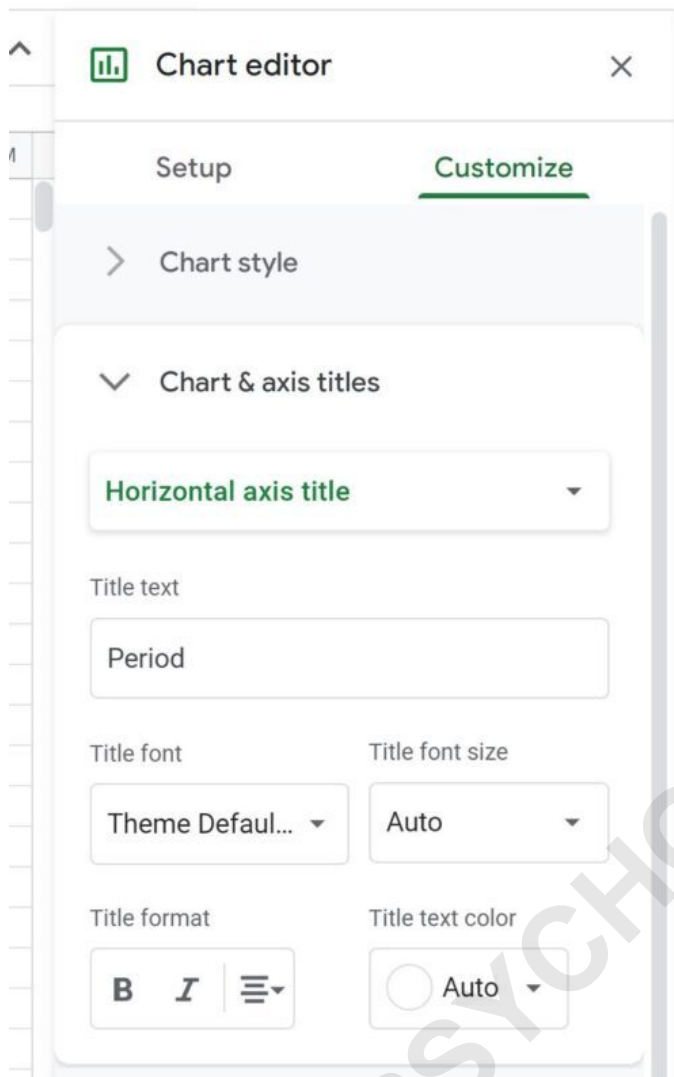
Step 3: Modify Axis Labels on Chart

To modify the axis labels, click the three vertical dots in the top right corner of the plot, then click Edit chart:

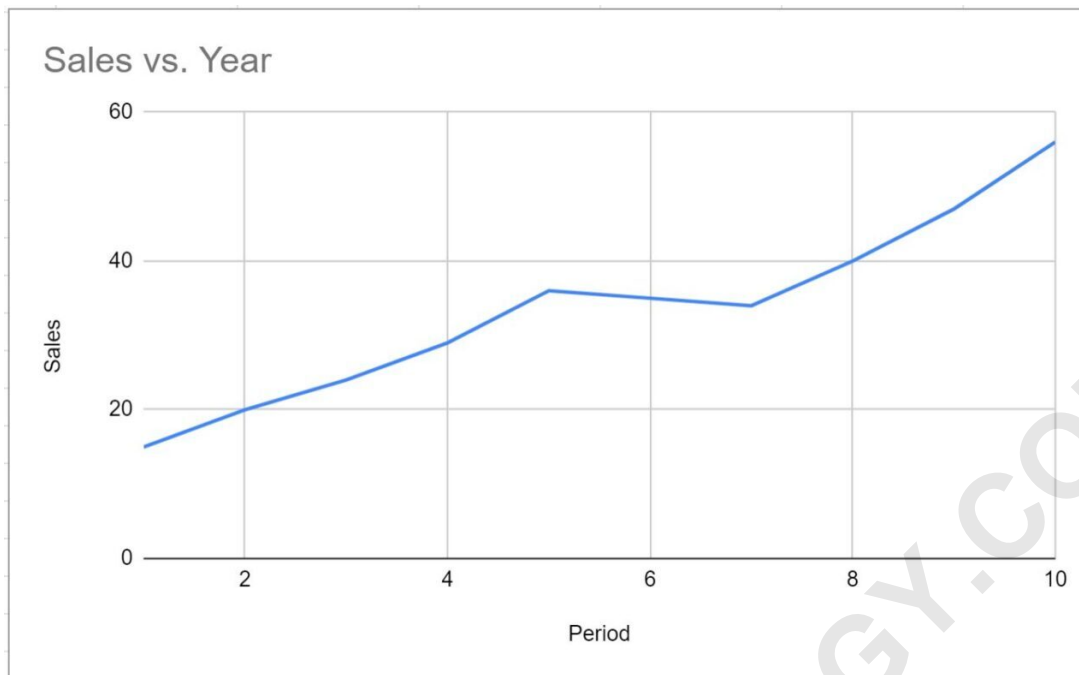


In the Chart editor panel that appears on the right side of the screen, use the following steps to modify the x-axis label:

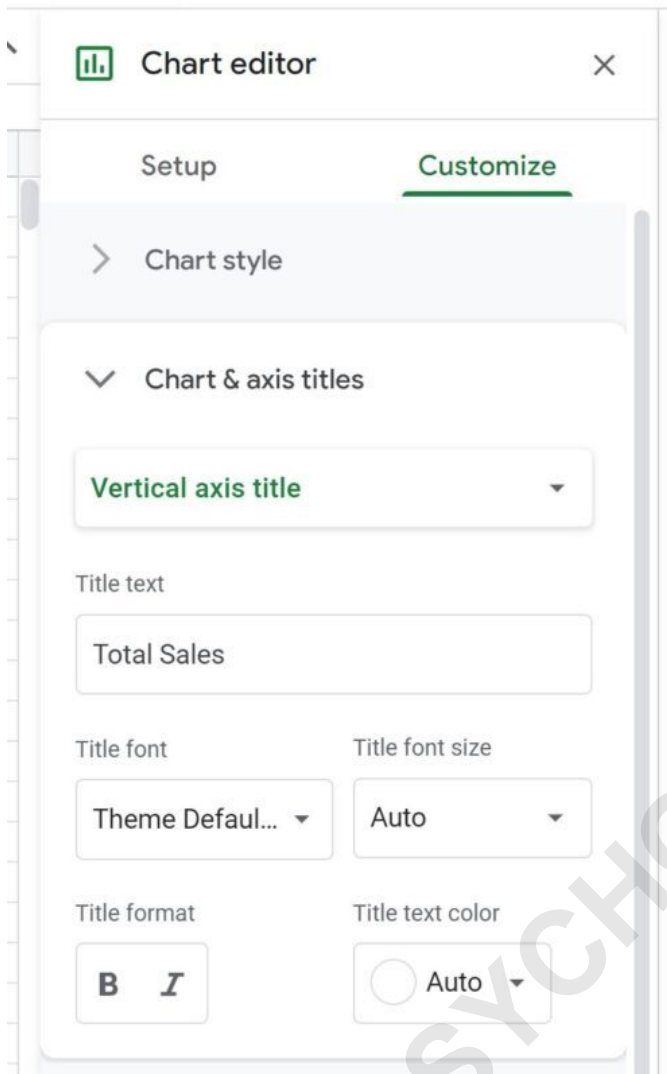
Click the Customize tab. Then click the Chart & axis titles dropdown. Then choose Horizontal axis title. Then type whatever you'd like in the Title text box.



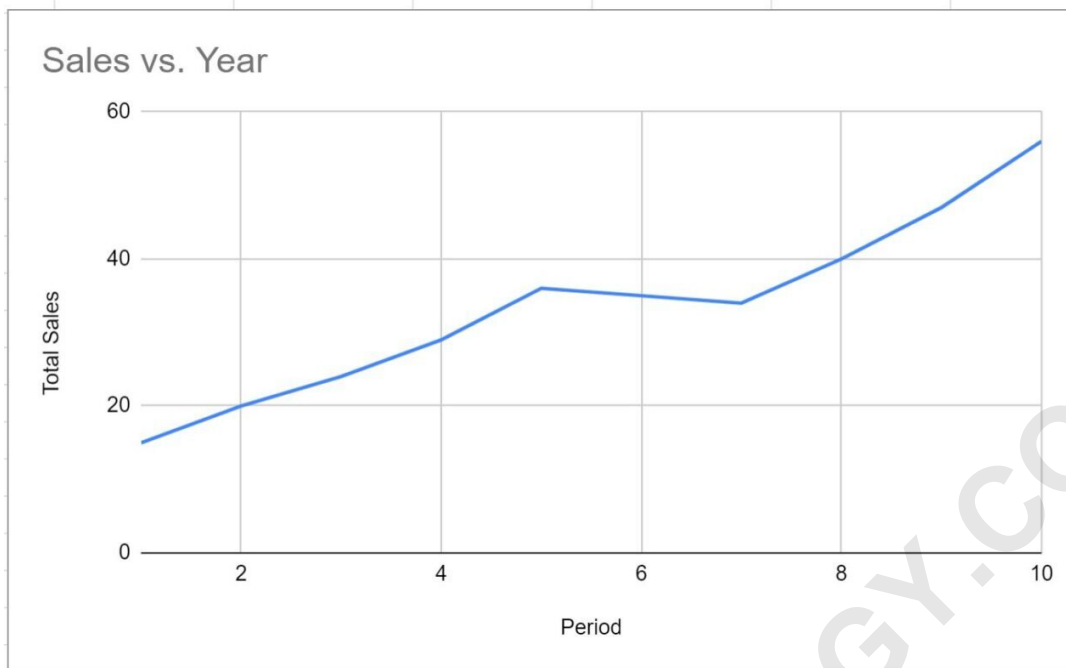
The x-axis will automatically be modified on the chart:



Repeat this process to change the y-axis label, except choose Vertical axis title in the dropdown menu:



The y-axis label will automatically be modified on the chart:



The x-axis label is now Period and the y-axis label is now Total Sales.

Additional Resources

The following tutorials explain how to perform other common tasks in Google Sheets: