

How can I count names in Excel?

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To count names in Excel, you can use the COUNTIF function. This function allows you to specify a range of cells and a criteria, and it will return the number of cells that meet that criteria. In this case, you can specify the range of cells where the names are located and use the criteria "*" (asterisk) to count all names in that range. You can also use the COUNTA function to count all non-empty cells in a range, which can be useful if your list of names includes empty cells. Both of these functions are easy to use and can provide an accurate count of names in your Excel spreadsheet.

Count Names in Excel (3 Examples)

You can use the following methods to count names in Excel:

Method 1: Count Cells with Exact Name

=COUNTIF(A2:A11, "Bob Johnson")

Method 2: Count Cells with Partial Name

=COUNTIF(A2:A11, "*Johnson*")

Method 3: Count Cells with One of Several Names

=COUNTIF(A2:A11, "*Johnson*") + COUNTIF(A2:A11, "*Smith*")

The following examples show how to use each method with the following dataset in Excel:

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Employee	Sales				
2	Bob Johnson	22				
3	Doug Arnold	25				
4	Doug Mandlen	14				
5	Andy Smith	9				
6	Mike Johnson	8				
7	Dave Stenlen	12				
8	Craig Reynolds	12				
9	Arthur Johnson	10				
10	Ron Smith	20				
11	Bob Johnson	31				
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Example 1: Count Cells with Exact Name

We can use the following formula to count the number of cells in column A that contain the exact name "Bob Johnson":

=COUNTIF(A2:A11, "Bob Johnson")

The following screenshot shows how to use this formula in practice:

D2		fx		=COUNTIF(A2:A11, "Bob Johnson")		
	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Employee	Sales		Count of Bob Johnson		
2	Bob Johnson	22		2		
3	Doug Arnold	25				
4	Doug Mandlen	14				
5	Andy Smith	9				
6	Mike Johnson	8				
7	Dave Stenlen	12				
8	Craig Reynolds	12				
9	Arthur Johnson	10				
10	Ron Smith	20				
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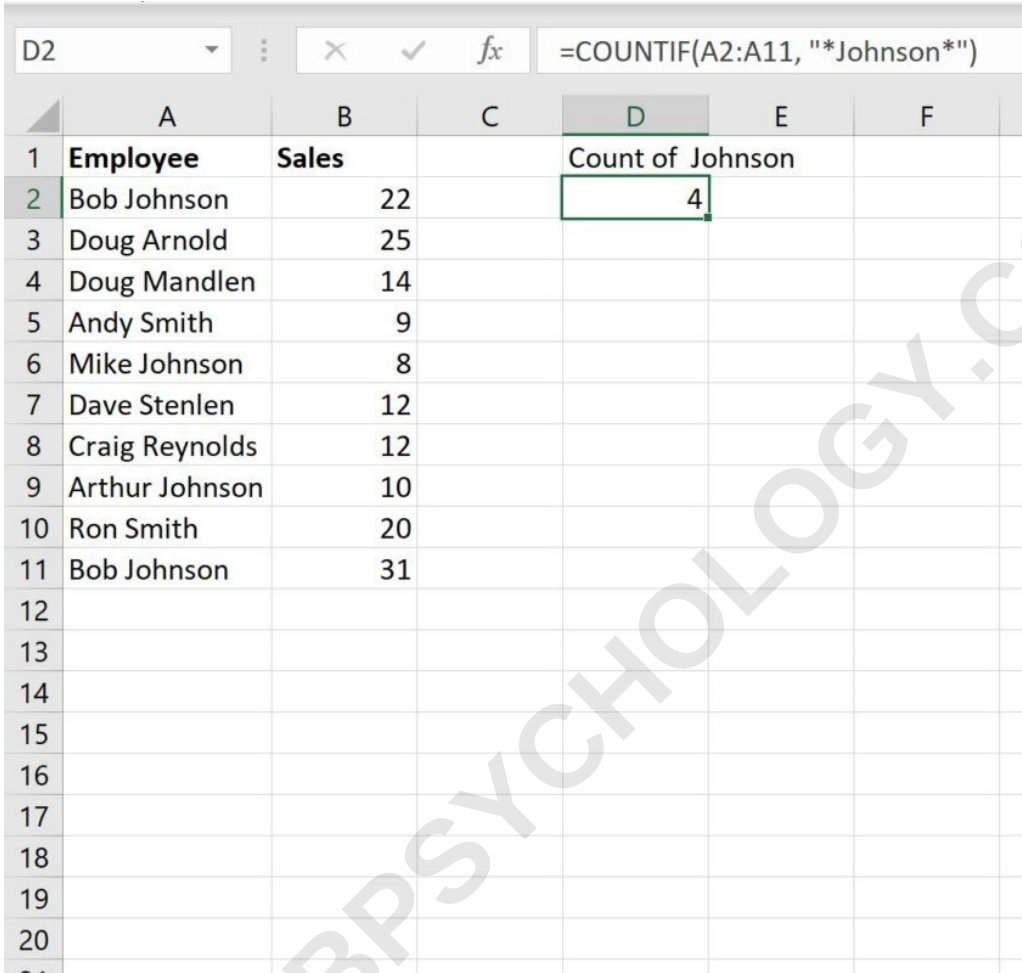
We can see that there are 2 cells that contain "Bob Johnson" as the exact name.

Example 2: Count Cells with Partial Name

We can use the following formula to count the number of cells in column A that contain "Johnson" anywhere in the name:

=COUNTIF(A2:A11, "*Johnson*")

The following screenshot shows how to use this formula in practice:



	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Employee	Sales		Count of Johnson		
2	Bob Johnson	22		4		
3	Doug Arnold	25				
4	Doug Mandlen	14				
5	Andy Smith	9				
6	Mike Johnson	8				
7	Dave Stenlen	12				
8	Craig Reynolds	12				
9	Arthur Johnson	10				
10	Ron Smith	20				
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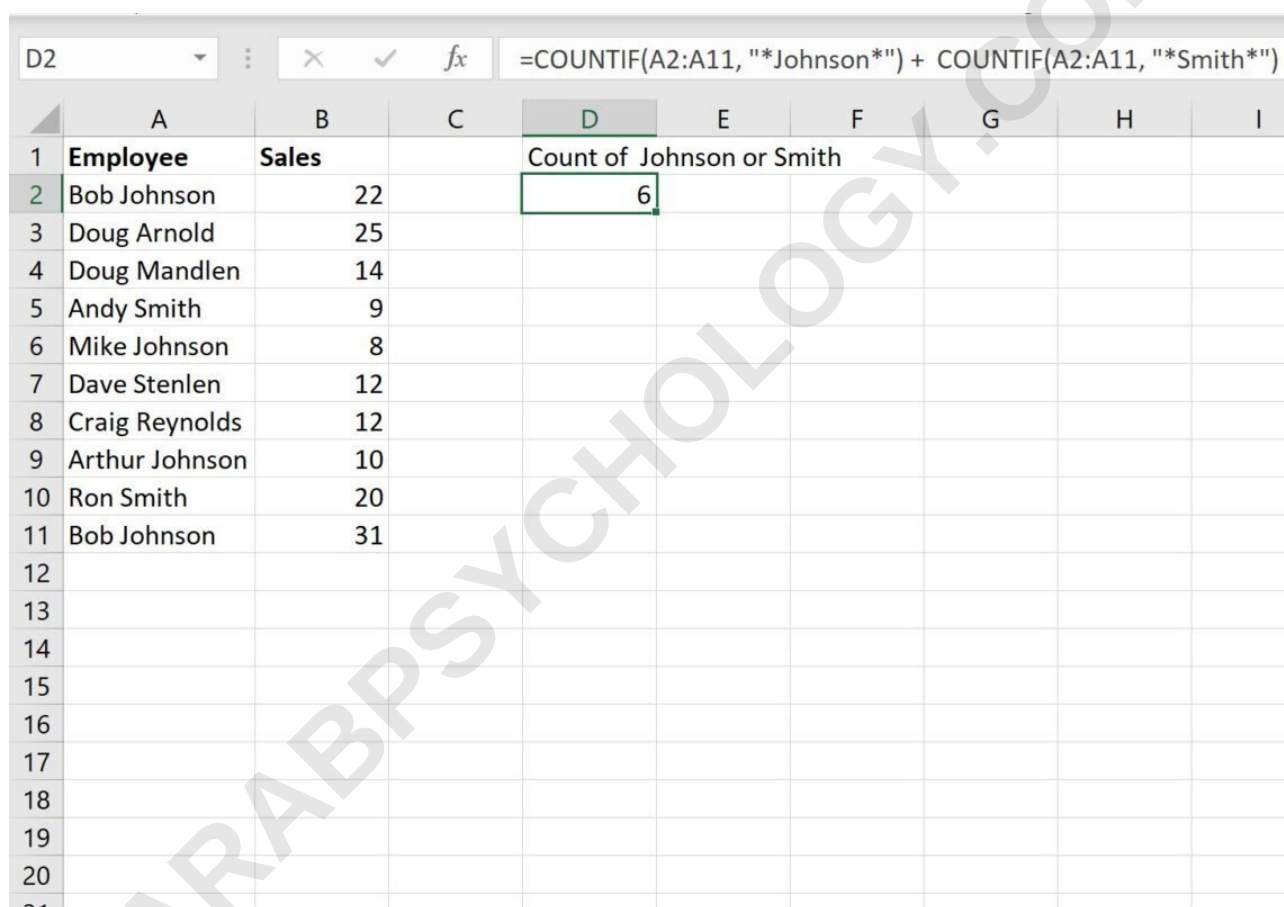
We can see that there are 4 cells that contain "Johnson" somewhere in the name.

Example 3: Count Cells with One of Several Names

We can use the following formula to count the number of cells in column A that contain "Johnson" or "Smith" somewhere in the name:

=COUNTIF(A2:A11, "*Johnson*") + COUNTIF(A2:A11, "*Smith*")

The following screenshot shows how to use this formula in practice:



The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet with the following data:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Employee	Sales		Count of Johnson or Smith					
2	Bob Johnson	22		6					
3	Doug Arnold	25							
4	Doug Mandlen	14							
5	Andy Smith	9							
6	Mike Johnson	8							
7	Dave Stenlen	12							
8	Craig Reynolds	12							
9	Arthur Johnson	10							
10	Ron Smith	20							
11	Bob Johnson	31							
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The formula bar shows: `=COUNTIF(A2:A11, "*Johnson*") + COUNTIF(A2:A11, "*Smith*")`

We can see that there are 6 cells that contain either "Johnson" or "Smith" somewhere in the name.

The following tutorials explain how to perform other

common tasks in Excel:

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