

How can I use the COUNTBLANK function in Excel?

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The COUNTBLANK function in Excel is a useful tool that allows users to quickly and accurately count the number of blank cells within a selected range. To use this function, simply enter "=COUNTBLANK" into a cell and then specify the range of cells you wish to count. This function is particularly helpful for analyzing data sets and identifying any gaps or missing information. It can also be used in conjunction with other functions to create more complex and detailed calculations. By using the COUNTBLANK function, users can efficiently manage and analyze their data in Excel.

Use the **COUNTBLANK** function, one of the Statistical functions, to count the number of empty cells in a range of cells.

Syntax

COUNTBLANK(range)

The **COUNTBLANK** function syntax has the following arguments:

Range Required. The range from which you want to count the blank cells.

Remark

Cells with formulas that return "" (empty text) are also counted. Cells with zero values are not counted.

Example

Copy the example data in the following table, and paste it in cell A1 of a new Excel worksheet.

Data	Data	
6		
27		
4	34	
Formula	Description	Result
=COUNTBLANK(A2:B4)	Counts empty cells in the range above.	2

Note: Copying from some browsers may add an apostrophe to the beginning of the formula when it's pasted in Excel. If the formula does not show a result, select that cell, press **F2**, delete the apostrophe, and then press **Enter**.

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