

How to Count Unique Values in Google Sheets with COUNTUNIQUE

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In Google Sheets, to count the number of unique values in a range of cells, you can use the COUNTUNIQUE function. This function takes two arguments, a range of cells, and an optional criteria range. The function will then count the number of unique values that meet the criteria in the specified range. This is a great way to quickly get a count of the number of unique values in a range of cells.

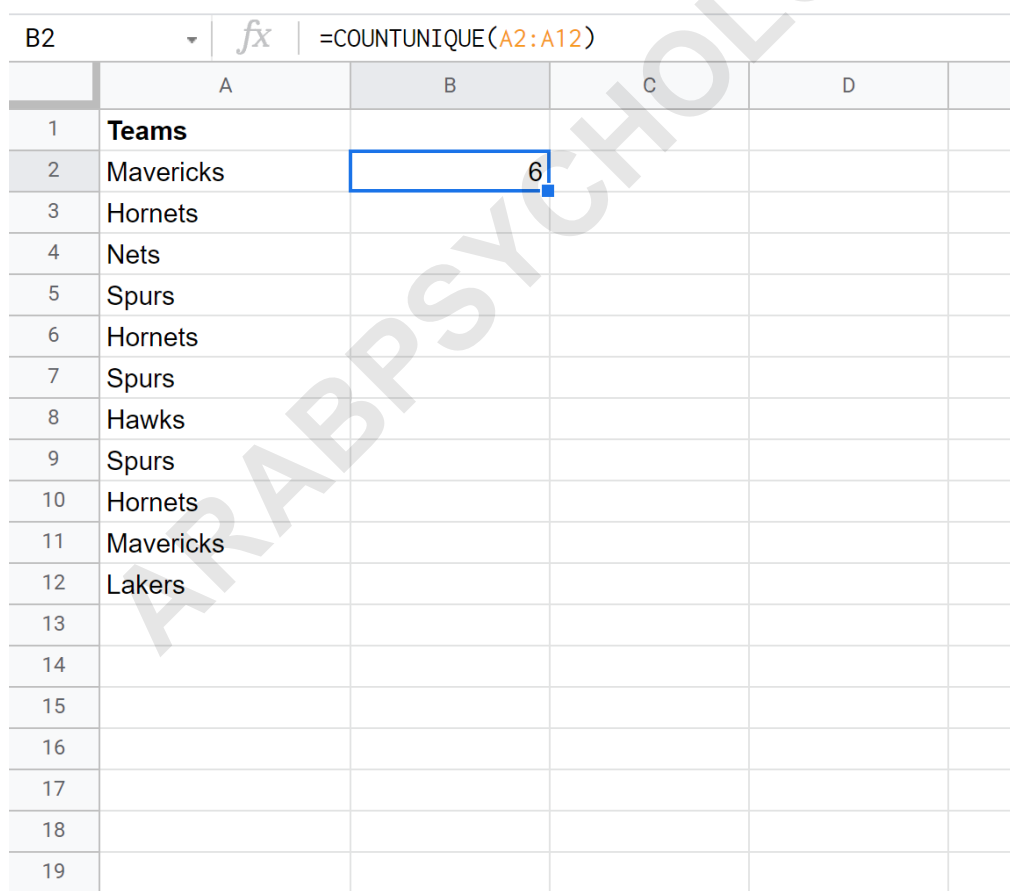
Often you may want to count the number of unique values in Google Sheets.

Fortunately this is easy to do using the **COUNTUNIQUE()** function.

The following examples show how to use this function in practice.

Example 1: Count Unique Values in One Column

The following screenshot shows how to use the **COUNTUNIQUE()** function to count the number of unique team names in column A:



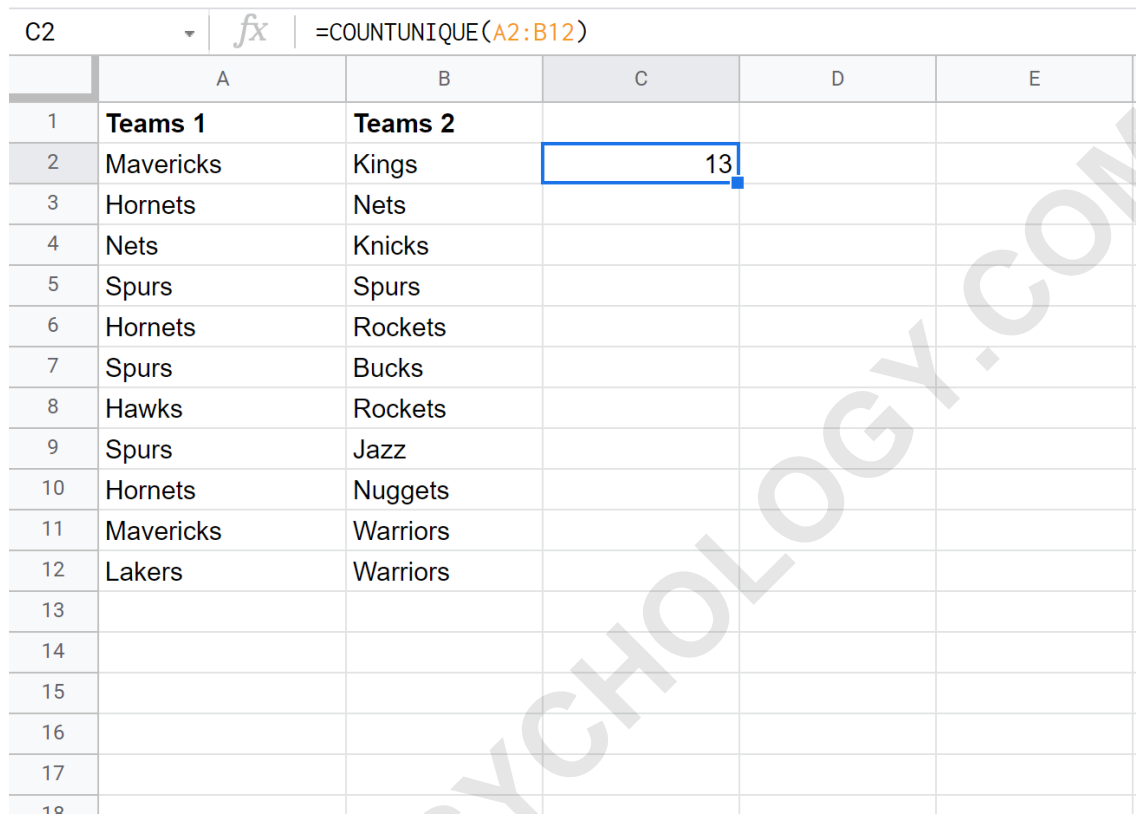
The screenshot shows a Google Sheet with a formula bar at the top displaying `=COUNTUNIQUE(A2:A12)`. Below the formula bar is a table with columns A, B, C, and D. Column A contains team names: Teams, Mavericks, Hornets, Nets, Spurs, Hornets, Spurs, Hawks, Spurs, Hornets, Mavericks, and Lakers. Cell B2 contains the number 6, which is the result of the COUNTUNIQUE function applied to the range A2:A12.

	A	B	C	D
1	Teams			
2	Mavericks	6		
3	Hornets			
4	Nets			
5	Spurs			
6	Hornets			
7	Spurs			
8	Hawks			
9	Spurs			
10	Hornets			
11	Mavericks			
12	Lakers			
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There are **6** unique team names in column A.

Example 2: Count Unique Values in Multiple Columns

The following screenshot shows how to use the **COUNTUNIQUE()** function to count the number of unique team names in column A and column B:



	A	B	C	D	E
1	Teams 1	Teams 2			
2	Mavericks	Kings	13		
3	Hornets	Nets			
4	Nets	Knicks			
5	Spurs	Spurs			
6	Hornets	Rockets			
7	Spurs	Bucks			
8	Hawks	Rockets			
9	Spurs	Jazz			
10	Hornets	Nuggets			
11	Mavericks	Warriors			
12	Lakers	Warriors			
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There are **13** unique team names in column A and column B.

Example 3: Count Occurrences of Unique Values

To count how often each unique value occurs, you can first use the **UNIQUE()** function to display a list of unique team names:

C2 fx =UNIQUE(A2:A12)

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Teams		Unique Teams		
2	Mavericks		Mavericks		
3	Hornets		Hornets		
4	Nets		Nets		
5	Spurs		Spurs		
6	Hornets		Hawks		
7	Spurs		Lakers		
8	Hawks				
9	Spurs				
10	Hornets				
11	Mavericks				
12	Lakers				
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You can then use the **COUNTIF()** function to count how often each unique team name occurs in column A:

D2 fx =COUNTIF(\$A\$2:\$A\$12,C2)

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Teams		Unique Teams	Occurrences	
2	Mavericks		Mavericks	2	
3	Hornets		Hornets	3	
4	Nets		Nets	1	
5	Spurs		Spurs	3	
6	Hornets		Hawks	1	
7	Spurs		Lakers	1	
8	Hawks				
9	Spurs				
10	Hornets				
11	Mavericks				
12	Lakers				
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From the output we can see:

Mavericks occurs **2** times.

Hornets occurs **3** times.

Nets occur **1** time.

And so on.