

How to Add a Horizontal Line to a Chart in Google Sheets

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To add a horizontal line to a chart in Google Sheets, open the chart and click the chart editor button. Click the 'Customize' tab and select 'Series' from the list of options. In the series section, select 'Add Trendline' and choose the horizontal line option. Set the desired values and click 'OK' to add the line to the chart.

Occasionally you may want to add a horizontal line to a chart in Google Sheets to represent a target line, an average line, or some other metric.

This tutorial provides a step-by-step example of how to quickly add a horizontal line to a chart in Google Sheets.

Step 1: Create the Data

For this example, we'll create the following fake dataset that shows the total sales and the goal for total sales in five different regions for a certain company:

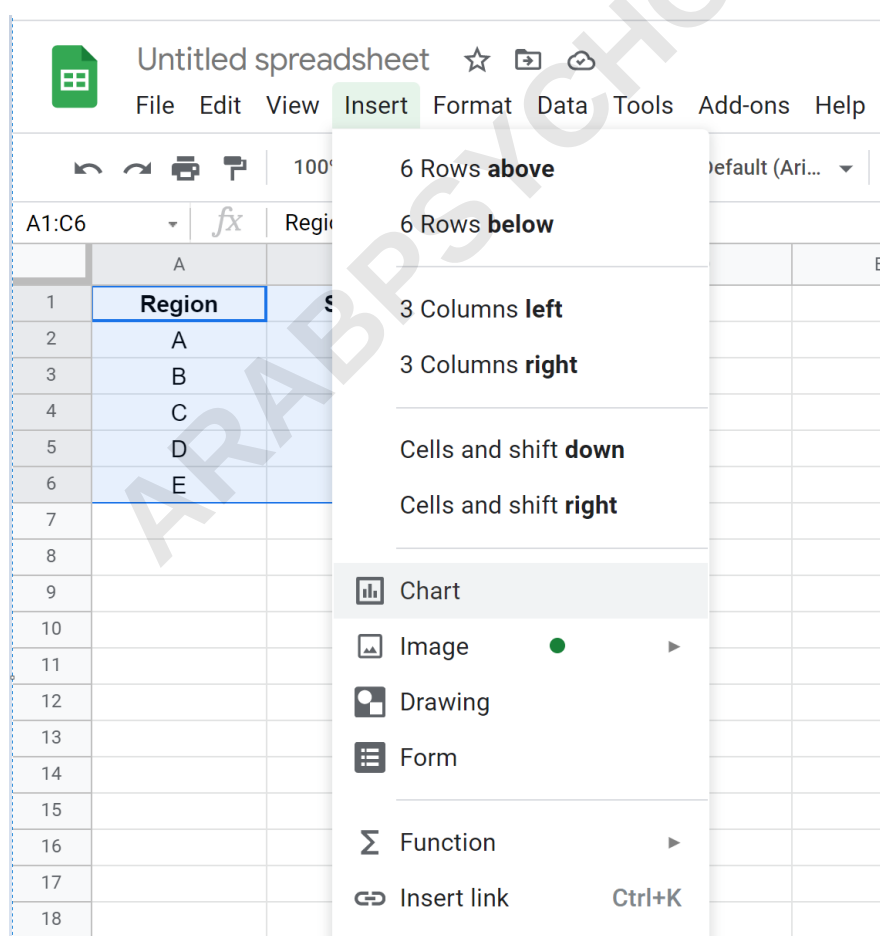
	A	B	C	D
1	Region	Sales	Goal	
2	A	30	35	
3	B	45	35	
4	C	38	35	
5	D	37	35	
6	E	29	35	
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Step 2: Create a Combo Chart

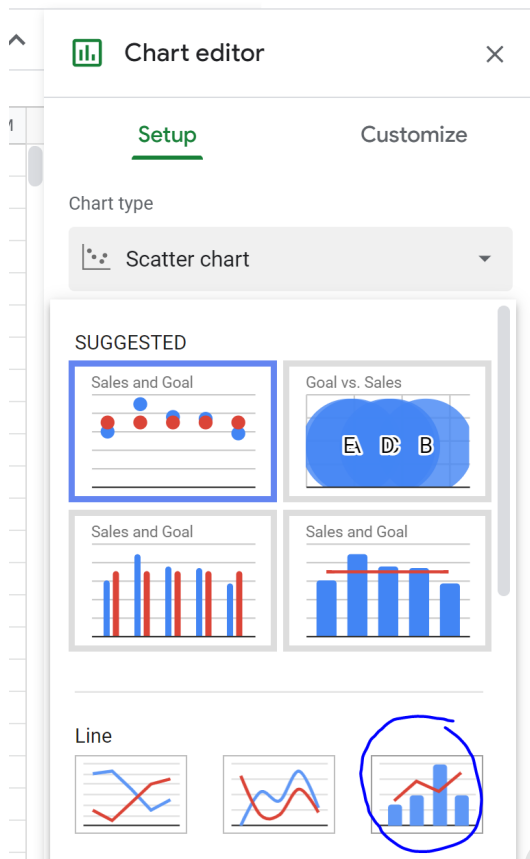
Next, we'll highlight cells **A1:C6** as follows:

A1:C6		fx	Region	
	A	B	C	D
1	Region	Sales	Goal	
2	A	30	35	
3	B	45	35	
4	C	38	35	
5	D	37	35	
6	E	29	35	
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Next, click the **Insert** tab. Then click **Chart** from the dropdown menu:



In the **Chart Editor** that appears to the right, click **Chart type** and select **Combo chart**:

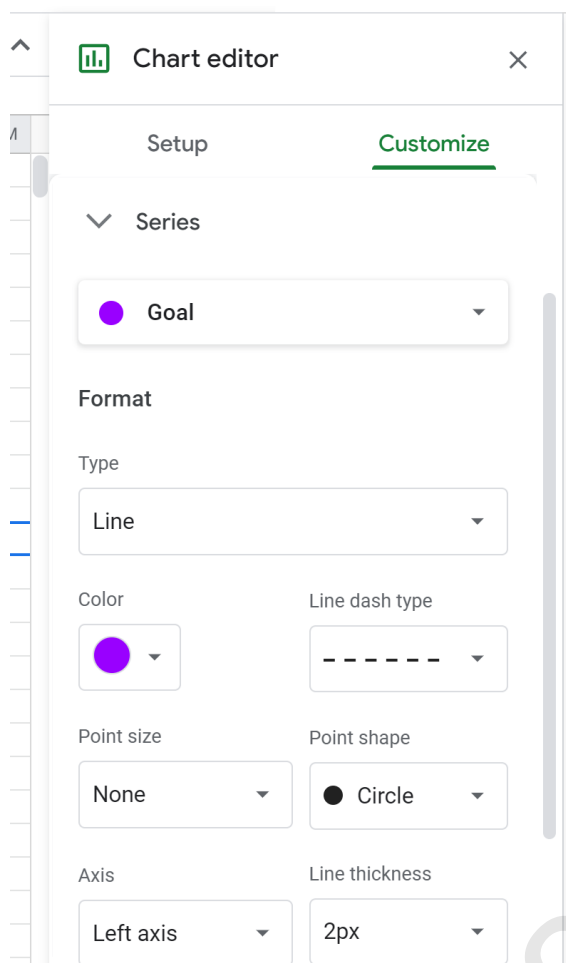


The following chart will appear that displays a bar for the sales of each region and a horizontal line that displays the goal for the sales:

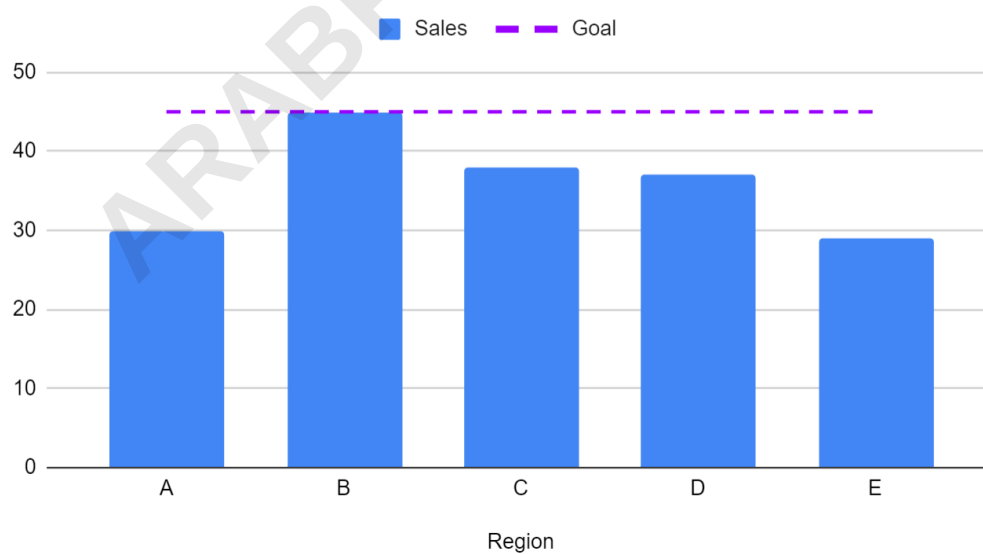


This chart allows us to quickly see which regions have met (or exceeded) the sales goal and which regions have fallen short.

Note that we can also customize the color and the style of the line in the chart. For example, we could modify the line to be purple and dashed:



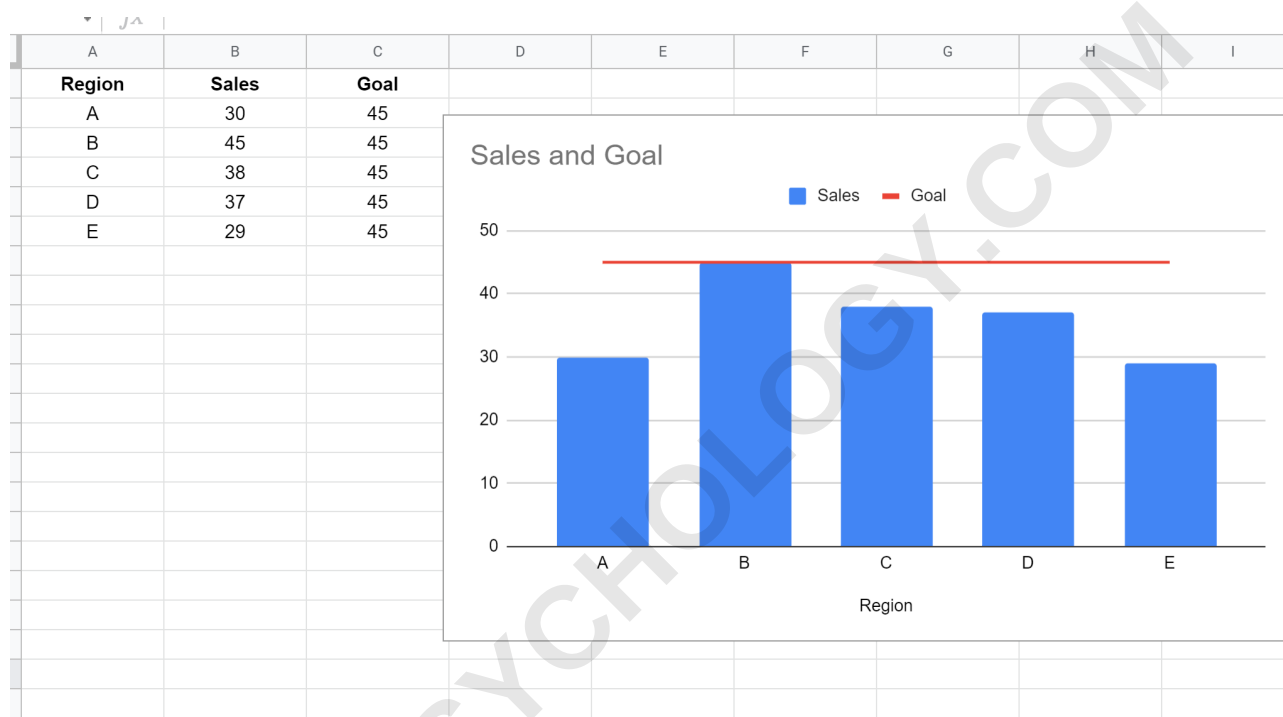
Sales and Goal



Step 3: Modify the Horizontal Line Value (Optional)

If we modify the values in the **Goal** column, the red horizontal line will automatically change in the chart.

For example, if we change the sales goal to 45 in the Goal column, the red line will automatically increase to 45 on the chart:



How to Add a Vertical Line to a Chart in Google Sheets