Captioning Graphs, Charts, and Images

Include a caption below an image to make it clear to the reader what they are looking at and to give the reader enough information to find the original source. Below are three examples of how to caption a graph or chart, and an example of a photograph caption.

1) Example of a graph where the data used was found by the author (for example, by administering a survey) and the graph was created by the author.

![Graph of Favourite Household Pets](image1)

**Figure 1.** Favourite household pets, Edmonton, AB.

2) Example of a graph where the data used was found on a website, but the graph was created by the author.

![Graph of Favourite Household Pets](image2)

**Figure 2.** Favourite household pets, Edmonton, AB. Source Data: City of Edmonton, 2013.
3) Example of a graph where the data and graph were found on a website. Nothing was created directly by the author.

![Graph](image)

*Figure 3. Favourite household pets, Edmonton, AB. Source: City of Edmonton, 2013*

4) Example of a photograph found online.

![Image](image)

*Figure 4. New York City skyline, pre-9/11. Source: Lennihan, 2000.*

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