

Question: How does Agent Mode work?

Prompt

How do you work to modify Excel? What tools are you using to modify the spreadsheets in the workbook? I'm referring specifically to you as Agent mode.

Response

Great question! Here's exactly how I operate in Agent mode to modify your Excel workbook.

What I use under the hood

I work directly inside your open workbook using Excel's automation interface (the Excel JavaScript API, often called *Office.js*). That lets me:

- Read any range, table, chart, PivotTable, or named item
- Write values and formulas (including dynamic arrays and structured references)
- Sort, filter, and format data
- Create tables, PivotTables, conditional formats, data validation, and charts
- Adjust layout (headers, column widths, number formats, alignment, etc.)

I don't ask you to run macros or copy/paste anything—I actually make the edits in your file and then immediately read back the results to verify every change.

How I work (my workflow)

I follow a strict 5-step loop to keep changes accurate and reversible:

1. Discover the workbook

- I scan your workbook structure (sheets, tables, ranges, named items, PivotTables) and the data types in the areas we'll touch.
- Example (from your file): I can see a table Table1 on *Sheet1*, a holiday table HolidaysTbl on *Holidays*, and a pivot sheet *Pivot_5Workdays*.

2. Clarify & restate your goal

- I summarize what you want to produce: output ranges, formulas, summaries, charts, styles, and where they should go.
- I also call out any assumptions (e.g., date system, holiday list, target color palette) before changing anything.

3. Plan

- I break the job into bite-sized, testable steps (e.g., "Add column", "Fill formula", "Apply number format", "Create chart", ...).
- Each step is designed to be verified immediately.

4. Execute with verification

- For each step I:
 - Load → Apply → Verify: I read current state → make the precise change → read back to confirm.
 - If anything doesn't match expectations, I fix it before moving to the next step.

5. Polish & format

- I finish with a professional formatting pass:
 - Clear headers, consistent number formats (dates, currency, percentages), readable alignment, and autofit columns.
 - Clean sectioning and spacing (avoid overlaps and #SPILL issues).
 - Thoughtful use of color/contrast for headers and key sections.
 - If I add charts or pivots, I apply a clean theme, proper legends/labels, and tidy gridlines.

✅ What “verification” means in practice

- I re-read cells, ranges, or table columns after I write data/formulas to ensure they contain exactly what they should.
 - I test formulas on real rows and confirm they return the expected values (no #N/A, #VALUE!, or #SPILL!).
 - For PivotTables, I confirm the layout and totals match the intended filters and data ranges.
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🧠 What kinds of edits I can make for you

- Add/modify formulas (including structured references in tables and dynamic arrays)
- Create columns that compute flags or KPIs
- Build PivotTables and charts from your data
- Apply conditional formatting and data validation
- Sort, filter, and reshape data cleanly
- Format (dates, numbers, text alignment), autofit, and section sheets for readability

📌 Formula examples (for your file)

In your Table1 (“Orders” data), if you asked for a “last 5 workdays” flag that excludes US holidays (from HolidaysTbl), I would fill that column with a formula like:

None

```
=AND([@[Order Date]]>=WORKDAY.INTL(TODAY(),-5,1,HolidaysTbl[Date]), [@[Order Date]]<=TODAY())
```

- `WORKDAY.INTL(TODAY(), -5, 1, HolidaysTbl[Date])` returns the business date 5 workdays ago (excluding weekends and your holiday table).
- The `AND` ensures the order date falls within that window up to today.

Or, to make the logic clearer using `LET`:

None

```
=LET(  
  d, [@[Order Date]],  
  start, WORKDAY.INTL(TODAY(), -5, 1, HolidaysTbl[Date]),  
  AND(d>=start, d<=TODAY())  
)
```

I would then verify a few sample rows to ensure TRUE/FALSE matches the intended dates, and update any related PivotTables (like your Pivot_5Workdays) to reflect the current window.

Safety practices I follow

- Non-destructive changes: I prefer adding new columns/sheets instead of overwriting, or I create a quick backup sheet before major edits.
 - No risky merges: If merges are needed (e.g., titles), I set values first, then merge, and keep them away from dynamic ranges.
 - No overlaps: I avoid placing content below dynamic arrays or PivotTables that might expand.
 - Consistent formats: Dates are true dates (not text), quantities are numbers, etc.
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What I need from you (when you request a change)

- Where should the output go (sheet/range)?
- Naming conventions (table names, column headers, chart titles)?
- Visual style preferences (simple, professional, or colorful; any brand colors)?
- Any special rules (e.g., custom weekends, different holiday list, or regional date formats)?

If you don't specify, I'll default to a clean, professional layout with readable headers and a subtle blue accent.

Assumptions for this explanation

- You're asking for a high-level overview of how I perform edits in Agent mode, not for a specific change right now.
 - I made no changes to your workbook in this message.
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If you'd like, I can demonstrate by (for example) re-computing your *"In Last 5 Workdays"* column and refreshing the *Pivot_5Workdays* sheet—just say the word and tell me where to place outputs (if any).

Second Answer

I prompted Agent again with this question for the video recording and received this answer. Similar answer, but also different since the LLM will return a different result every time.

Great question! Here's how I work in **Agent mode** and what I use to **modify your Excel workbook directly**:

TL;DR

I edit your workbook **directly** using Excel's built-in automation interface (the **Excel JavaScript API, a.k.a. Office.js**). I run precise read → change → verify steps inside your workbook so every change is **applied, tested, and confirmed**—not just suggested.

What I do under the hood (high level, no code)

1. Discover & Inspect

- I scan your workbook to understand its structure: worksheets, used ranges, tables, named ranges, formulas, charts, pivot tables, etc.
- I **don't assume** where your data is—I read it first.

2. Understand Your Task

- I clarify the **goal**, the **input regions** (where your data lives), and the **outputs** (what to calculate or build and where it should go).
- I confirm formatting expectations (simple/professional/colorful), layout, and any naming conventions.

3. Plan

- I break the task into **small, testable steps** (e.g., “Create table”, “Add calculation column”, “Apply conditional formatting”, “Insert chart”).
- Each step is designed to be safely reversible or easy to adjust.

4. Execute (Direct Changes)

- I make real changes to your file: insert values, formulas, tables, named ranges, validations, conditional formatting, charts, PivotTables, sorting, filtering, etc.
- I use Excel-native constructs (e.g., **structured references** in tables, **R1C1** fills for range-based formulas) to keep things robust.

5. Verify Thoroughly

- After each step, I **read back the affected cells** to confirm exact values/formulas.
- I test formulas with sample rows, check for **#SPILL/#REF!** errors, validate totals, and ensure charts/pivots are bound to the right ranges.

6. Format Professionally

- Clear section headers and spacing (no overlaps).
- Proper number/date/currency formats, alignment, bold headers, consistent fills, and **autofit**.
- If charts are added, they get clean styling with legends and axis labels.
- I avoid placing content under dynamic arrays or pivot tables to prevent expansion conflicts.

7. Final Checks

- I confirm that **all required outputs exist**, are populated, and calculate correctly.
- I ensure naming, ranges, and layouts are clean and maintainable.

What I can modify for you

- **Data & Calculations:** Values, formulas, structured tables, dynamic arrays, named ranges.

- **Data Quality:** Data validation, dropdowns, de-duplication, trimming/normalizing text.
- **Presentation:** Conditional formatting, number/date formats, layout, print areas, headers/footers.
- **Analysis:** Sort/filter, summaries, charts (line, bar, scatter, etc.), **PivotTables** (when requested or useful for simple aggregations).
- **Automation-friendly:** Consistent naming, spill-safe layouts, reusable formulas.

(If PivotTables aren't the best fit, I'll prefer dynamic array formulas for transparent, editable analysis.)

Safeguards & Reliability

- **Non-destructive approach:** If uncertain, I create new sheets/sections rather than overwriting.
 - **Idempotent steps:** I check what exists before adding or renaming to avoid duplicates.
 - **Verification-first mindset:** Every change is **read back and confirmed**.
 - **Clarity:** I label outputs clearly and separate sections to avoid accidental edits.
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Assumptions

- You're asking for a **high-level explanation** of how I work in Agent mode rather than requesting a change right now.
 - I won't touch your workbook until you confirm an action you want me to perform.
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Want a quick demo?

If you'd like, I can:

- Create a small **"Demo"** section on **Sheet1** that shows a formatted table, a calculated column (e.g., **=SUMIFS** with structured references), and a quick chart—then **verify** everything and style it professionally.
Just say the word, and tell me if you want it kept or removed after review.
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What I need from you to start a task

- Which sheet(s) contain the source data?
- Column headers and any key rules (e.g., “Revenue = Qty × Price”, “Exclude status = ‘Cancelled’”).
- Desired outputs (new table, summary area, chart, pivot, etc.) and where to place them.
- Styling preferences (simple/professional/colorful).

When you’re ready, describe the task—and I’ll do the rest **directly in your workbook**.

Question: What are the limitations?

Prompt

What are the limitations of Agent mode right now?

Response

Here’s a clear, practical summary of what **Agent mode** (the Excel agent you’re using right now) can and cannot do **today**.

Assumption: You’re asking about the capabilities/limits of this Excel Agent that reads and edits your currently open workbook using Office.js (no external systems).

What it can do well

- Read your workbook (sheets, tables, ranges, charts) and **make precise edits** (values, formulas, formats, charts, pivot tables).
 - Build structured models (tables, dynamic array formulas, helper columns), apply conditional formatting, sort/filter, and create standard charts.
 - Create basic PivotTables for summaries (rows/columns/data with common aggregations).
 - Batch operations reliably (write large ranges in one go, format in bulk) with verification.
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🚫 Key limitations right now

1) Data Access & Connectivity

- **No internet or APIs:** Can't fetch web data (stock prices, exchange rates, APIs).
- **No external files:** Limited to the **currently open workbook**. Can't open/merge from other workbooks or cloud sources unless their data is already in this file.
- **No Power Query authoring:** Cannot create/edit Power Query (Get & Transform) queries or build the Data Model; refresh control is limited.

2) Macros, Add-ins & Automation

- **Cannot run VBA/macros** or interact with other add-ins.
- **No event-based automation** (e.g., no "on cell change" code). Everything is done in explicit steps.

3) PivotTables

- Supports creating **basic** PivotTables (rows/columns/values, simple filters/sorts).
- **Limitations:**
 - No calculated fields/items, no complex measure creation (no DAX), no advanced pivot cache options.
 - Grouping is limited (date grouping is available, but text-based grouping and advanced options are constrained).
 - Styling options are more limited than the Excel UI.
 - Some features vary by platform (Desktop vs Web).

Workaround: When pivot features are insufficient, the agent will use **dynamic array formulas** (e.g., **UNIQUE**, **SORT**, **FILTER**, **SUMIFS**) to build equivalent summary tables.

Example:

```
None
=LET(
    data, Table1[#All],
    cats, UNIQUE(Table1[Category]),
    sums, MAP(cats, LAMBDA(c, SUMIFS(Table1[Amount], Table1[Category], c))),
    HSTACK(cats, sums)
)
```

4) Charts & Visuals

- Can create/edit standard charts (line, column, bar, pie, scatter, waterfall, etc.).

- **Limitations:**
 - Complex combos, some secondary-axis configurations, and deeply customized formatting options may be limited.
 - Can't import custom fonts or theme assets from outside the workbook.

5) Conditional Formatting

- Fully supported for common rules (value, color scales, icons) and custom formulas, but:
 - **Structured references aren't supported inside CF formulas.** Must use A1-style references.
 - Some advanced rule types from UI are not exposed.

Pattern to use (A1-style):

```
None
=AND($C2<0, $B2="Operating Outflow")
```

6) Formulas & Calculation Model

- Fully supports normal/dynamic array formulas, but:
 - **Must** write formulas exactly (with **=**). The agent already handles this.
 - **Structured references** work in table cells, but **not** inside CF formulas (see above).
 - Some newer functions may not be available on older Excel versions/platforms.
 - Volatile or very large spill ranges can be slow or create **#SPILL!** if space is blocked.

Structured reference pattern in tables:

```
None
=[@[Amount]] * IF([@Type]="Operating Inflow", 1, -1)
```

7) Performance & Scale

- Best performance when writing **bulk ranges**. Cell-by-cell writes are slower.
- Very large sheets, many conditional formats, or thousands of charts/pivots can cause slow syncs.
- Undo stack groups changes per operation batch; you may not get granular undo steps for each micro-change.

8) Protection & Permissions

- If a sheet/workbook is **protected** or cells are **locked**, the agent can't write to them (you'll need to unprotect first).
- Some features are **platform-dependent** (Excel Desktop has the richest support; Web/Mac/iPad can have gaps).

9) Layout Constraints


- The agent avoids placing content **below spill ranges** or dynamic objects that may expand.
- **Merged cells** are supported but fragile; the agent follows safe patterns (write values first, then merge).
- **Overlaps** with pivot tables or charts are avoided; the agent checks and places content safely.

10) File Operations

- No save-as to different formats/locations or file management (move/rename) from the agent.
- No printing, PDF export, or page setup control beyond basic properties.

Practical examples of limits & safe patterns

A) Conditional formatting must use A1 references (not structured refs):

```
None
=AND($C2<0, $B2="Operating Outflow") //  Works in CF
```

Why: CF doesn't support `Table1[Column]` syntax. The agent converts rules to A1 references against the first data row.

B) Table formulas don't auto-fill via API; the agent fills explicitly:

```
None
=[@[Amount]] + [@[Adjustment]]
```

Why: Unlike manual entry, Office.js doesn't auto-propagate; the agent writes the formula to every data row.

C) Dynamic array summaries instead of complex pivots:

```
None
=LET(
  t, Table1,
  months, UNIQUE(EOMONTH(t[Date],0)),
  cats, {"Operating Inflow","Operating Outflow"},
  result, MAP(months, LAMBDA(m,
    LET(
      inflow, SUMIFS(t[Amount], t[Type], INDEX(cats,1), t[Date],
">="&EOMONTH(m,-1)+1, t[Date], "<="&m),
      outflow, SUMIFS(t[Amount], t[Type], INDEX(cats,2), t[Date],
">="&EOMONTH(m,-1)+1, t[Date], "<="&m),
      inflow + outflow
    )
  )),
  HSTACK(months, result)
)
```

Why: When pivots can't express the exact calc/layout, dynamic arrays give full control.

Bottom line

- The agent is excellent for **structured workbook editing, calculations, formatting, charts**, and **basic pivots** inside the **current file**.
- It **cannot** fetch external data, run macros, build Power Query/Data Model logic, or do highly specialized pivot/chart customizations.
- Some features vary by Excel platform; very large or heavily formatted workbooks may require batching and careful layout.

If you have a specific goal (e.g., "roll up Operating/Investing/Financing by month dynamically and chart it"), tell me the desired layout and I'll implement it directly in your workbook with verified formulas and clean formatting.

Task: Compare Lists with Pivot Table

Prompt

Please use a pivot table to create a summary report of all three lists of volunteers in this workbook. The lists are on the 2023, 2024, and 2025 sheets.

Response

Understanding your request

Goal: Build a single, clear **pivot-table summary** that combines the volunteer lists from the **2023**, **2024**, and **2025** sheets.

Data involved:

- Each sheet has the same structure with headers at **A3:B3** (**Name**, **Size**) and volunteer rows below (with some blanks).
- We'll consolidate these three ranges into one table with columns **Year**, **Name**, **Size**.
- Assumption: Blank sizes will be labeled "**Unknown**" to make the pivot clearer.

Output:

- 1) A new data sheet "**All Volunteers**" containing the consolidated table named **Volunteers**.
- 2) A new **Report** sheet with a **PivotTable** that shows **Year** as rows, **Size** as columns, and **Count of Name** as values, summarizing all three lists.

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What I built

1. Consolidated data table

- New sheet: **All Volunteers**
- Table name: **Volunteers_All**
- Columns: **Year, Name, Size**
- Rows: **33** (10 from 2023, 10 from 2024, 13 from 2025)
- Formatting: banded rows, filter buttons, clear header styling and autofit

2. Pivot table summary report

- New sheet: **Volunteer Report**
 - Pivot table name: **Volunteer Summary**, placed at **A4**
 - Layout:
 - **Rows:** Year (2023, 2024, 2025)
 - **Columns:** Size (L, M, S, **Unknown**, XL, Grand Total)
 - **Values:** **Count of Name** (counts volunteers)
 - Extras: Title, subtitle, frozen top rows (better viewing), number format applied to pivot data, bold row/column labels
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Verification (from the pivot)

I read back the pivot values and labels to confirm accuracy:

Row labels: 2023, 2024, 2025, Grand Total

Column labels: L, M, S, **Unknown**, XL, Grand Total

Counts by Year and Size (extracted from the pivot):

Year	L	M	S	Unknown	XL	Grand Total
2023	1	3	3	0	3	10
2024	1	1	3	1	4	10
2025	1	2	6	1	3	13
Grand Total	3	6	12	2	10	33

These totals exactly match the data in the consolidated table and the lists across 2023, 2024, and 2025.

Where to find everything

- **Consolidated data:** `All Volunteers`!A1:C34 (table: `Volunteers_All`, data body: `'All Volunteers'!A2:C34`)
- **Pivot table report:** `Volunteer Report`
 - Pivot data area (at the time of creation): `'Volunteer Report'!B6:G9`

Assumptions

- Some "Size" cells in the original lists were blank. For clear reporting, I treated blanks as **"Unknown"** in the consolidated table so the pivot won't silently omit them. If you prefer blanks, I can switch this back.
- You wanted a combined report across all three lists; I used a **single consolidated table** as the pivot source for reliability.

If you want the consolidation to **auto-update** when you add names to the year sheets, I can replace the static consolidation with a dynamic approach (Power Query or dynamic array formulas like `VSTACK`). Just say the word and I'll implement it.

How to pull values out of the pivot (examples)

To reference specific counts from the pivot, use `GETPIVOTDATA`. Put these formulas anywhere and Excel will retrieve the pivot number for you (assuming the pivot's top-left cell is `Volunteer Report!A4`):

- Count of XL in 2025

None

```
=GETPIVOTDATA("Count of Name",'Volunteer Report'!$A$4,"Year",2025,"Size","XL")
```

- Count of Unknown in 2024

None

```
=GETPIVOTDATA("Count of Name",'Volunteer Report'!$A$4,"Year",2024,"Size","Unknown")
```





- 2023 Grand Total

None

```
=GETPIVOTDATA("Count of Name",'Volunteer Report'!$A$4,"Year",2023)
```

Tip: You can also type `=` in a cell and click a number inside the pivot; Excel will insert the correct `GETPIVOTDATA` automatically. If Excel uses `"Name"` instead of `"Count of Name"` in your version, that's okay—Excel resolves it to the count in this setup.

What I verified

-  Consolidated table contains **33** data rows with correct **Year/Name/Size** values.
-  Pivot rows and columns align with **Year** and **Size** respectively.
-  Pivot values match expected counts from each original list.
-  Formatting: headers bold/colored, banded rows, correct number format, frozen rows, no #SPILL errors.

⚠ Note on fixes

On my first attempt, I hit a minor **property load** issue while naming sheets. I corrected it by explicitly loading the required properties before accessing them and re-ran the steps. Final output is verified and correct.

If you'd like any additional views (e.g., totals by **Size** only, **distinct volunteers** across years, slicers for interactive filtering), I can add them to the same **Volunteer Report** sheet.

Task: Dashboard

Prompt

Please create a dashboard on a new sheet with the following charts:

- Average time to room
- Average consultation time
- Patient count vs. goal
- Patient age distributions

Response

Assumptions I'll use (and you can change later):


- Charts will be **monthly** for the selected year (default = latest year in your data).
- I'll add a control cell to select **Year**, and a single **Monthly Patient Goal** (applies to every month). You can change both from the dashboard.
- Age distribution buckets use the existing **Age Group** values in your data: **0–17, 18–34, 35–49, 50–64, 65–74, 75–84**.

Now I'll create a new "Dashboard" sheet, build the calculation blocks with formulas tied to your **Visits** table, add the four charts, and format it professionally.

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Now I'll create a new "Dashboard" sheet, build the calculation blocks with formulas tied to your **Visits** table, add the four charts, and format it professionally. Below is your new  **Dashboard** sheet with all four requested visuals. I built it so you can control the **Year** and **Monthly Patient Goal** directly from the top of the dashboard and everything updates automatically.

What I created

1) Controls (top-left)

- **Year (B3)**: a drop-down that defaults to the latest year in your data (currently **2024**).
- **Monthly Patient Goal (B4)**: one number applied to all months (default **300**).

You can change either anytime—every metric and chart will update.

Charts on the Dashboard

1) Average Time to Room by Month

- A line chart using Jan–Dec for the chosen year.
- Data source: **Month** vs **Avg Time to Room**.

2) Average Consultation Time by Month

- A line chart using Jan–Dec for the chosen year.
- Data source: **Month** vs **Avg Consult Time**.

3) Patient Count vs Goal

- A clustered column chart comparing actual monthly patient counts vs your monthly goal.
- Goal replicates the value in **B4** to each month.

4) Patient Age Distribution

- A column chart with counts by **Age Group** (0–17, 18–34, 35–49, 50–64, 65–74, 75–84) for the selected year.

Data sources and formulas

Everything is based on the **Visits** table on **Sheet1** (columns used: **Month**, **Year**, **Time to Room**, **Consult Time**, **Age Group**).

Year control

- **B3** (Year): defaults to the latest year (automatically computed):

None
`=MAX(Visits[Year])`

- A helper list of unique years (hidden) supports the drop-down:

None
`=SORT(UNIQUE(Visits[Year]))`

Monthly metrics block (rows 7–18)

- **Column A (A7:A18)**: fixed list of months **Jan** → **Dec**.
- **B (Avg Time to Room)** for each month row (e.g., in **B7**; fills down to **B18**):

None
`=IFERROR(AVERAGEIFS(Visits[Time to Room], Visits[Year], B3, Visits[Month], $A7), NA())`

- **C (Avg Consult Time)** (e.g., **C7**; fills down):

None
`=IFERROR(AVERAGEIFS(Visits[Consult Time], Visits[Year], B3, Visits[Month], $A7), NA())`

- **D (Patient Count)** (e.g., **D7**; fills down):

None

```
=COUNTIFS(Visits[Year], $B$3, Visits[Month], $A7)
```

- **E (Goal)** (e.g., **E7**; fills down):

None

```
=$B$4
```

Number formats:

- B & C: one decimal place
- D & E: whole numbers

Age Distribution block (G7:H12)

- **G7:G12** list the age groups: 0–17, 18–34, 35–49, 50–64, 65–74, 75–84.
- **H7:H12** counts per group for the selected year (e.g., **H7**; fills down):

None

```
=COUNTIFS(Visits[Year], $B$3, Visits[Age Group], G7)
```



Chart bindings (so you know what's plotted)

- **Average Time to Room:** uses the Month/Avg table on the dashboard (**A6:B18**).
- **Average Consultation Time:** uses a helper Month/Avg area (hidden) to bind cleanly to just one series (**K6:L18**).
- **Patient Count vs Goal:** uses a helper area to include exactly two series (**K21:M33**).
- **Age Distribution:** uses the Age Group block (**G6:H12**).

I hid the helper columns so the dashboard stays clean; charts still update normally.

Formatting & layout

- Clear section headers, subtle blue headers for data blocks, and highlighted control cells (light yellow) to indicate where to edit.
 - Fonts aligned and columns auto-fitted; no overlaps or spill errors.
 - Charts include titles and axis labels for readability.
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Quick verification (current selected year = 2024)

From the monthly metrics (first few months):

- **Jan** — Avg Time to Room \approx **8.07** min, Avg Consult \approx **11.65** min, Count = **133**
- **Feb** — Avg Time to Room \approx **8.48** min, Avg Consult \approx **11.95** min, Count = **120**
- **Mar** — Avg Time to Room \approx **8.57** min, Avg Consult \approx **16.54** min, Count = **132**

Age distribution (partial example for 2024):

- 0–17: **14**
 - 18–34: **182**
 - 35–49: **320**
- (continues across all groups on the dashboard)*

These figures were read back from the dashboard to confirm accuracy.

Notes, assumptions & how to adjust

Assumptions I used (you can change them anytime):

- All charts are **monthly** for the **selected year** (cell **B3**).
- One **Monthly Patient Goal** value in **B4** is used for all months.

Want different goals per month?

We can add a per-month goal column instead of a single value. For example, insert a “**Goal per Month**” column on the dashboard next to the monthly list and have the goal chart reference that column rather than **\$B\$4**. I can wire this up for you if you want.

Error acknowledgment & resolution

During setup, I needed to rebind two charts to exact ranges (the API doesn't expose a direct "set source data" method). I therefore **recreated and rebound** the time-to-room and consult charts to ensure they strictly use 12 months (Jan–Dec). I verified the chart names and that they render correctly.

✓ Completeness confirmation

- **Average time to room** ✓
- **Average consultation time** ✓
- **Patient count vs. goal** ✓
- **Patient age distributions** ✓

All calculations, formulas, and charts are complete, verified, correctly bound to the **Visits** data, and formatted.

If you'd like the dashboard segmented by **Location**, **Visit Type**, **New Patient vs. Established**, or with additional slicers, I can add those next.

Task: Modernize Formulas

Prompt

Please modernize the formulas in this workbook to use newer functions in Excel. For example, replace vlookup with xlookup. And evaluate other formulas to see if they can be simplified with newer functions.

Response

Below is a complete modernization of the formulas in your workbook using Excel's newer dynamic array and lookup functions. I have already **updated your workbook** accordingly and verified all results.

1) Understanding your workbook

Sheets & key ranges

- **Order Data** (A4:I59 headers on row 4; data rows 5–59)
 - Columns include: Order ID, Order Date, Customer ID, Revenue, Region, Department, **Salesperson**, **Customer Name**, **Shipping**
 - Previously used:
 - INDEX/MATCH in G (Salesperson)
 - VLOOKUP exact in H (Customer Name)
 - VLOOKUP approximate in I (Shipping by revenue)
 - **Department List** (A1:G9)
 - Columns include: Name, Region, Department, **Dept Name**, **Regions**
 - Previously used:
 - RIGHT/FIND to parse Dept Name
 - An older “unique list” pattern using INDEX/MATCH/COUNTIF
 - **Customers** (A1:B16) – Mapping of Customer ID to Customer Name
 - **Ship Rates** (A1:B6) – Mapping of Sales Amount breakpoints to Ship Amount
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2) Your goal & what I changed

Goal: Modernize legacy formulas to newer, simpler, and more robust functions (e.g., XLOOKUP, TEXTAFTER, UNIQUE, SORT).

What I changed (already applied in your file):

1. Order Data – Salesperson (Col G):

Replaced INDEX/MATCH with XLOOKUP.

None

```
=XLOOKUP(F5, 'Department List'!$C$2:$C$9, 'Department List'!$A$2:$A$9)
```

- Looks up **Department code** in 'Department List'!C2:C9 and returns the **Salesperson name** from 'Department List'!A2:A9.

2. Order Data – Customer Name (Col H):

Replaced VLOOKUP with XLOOKUP (adds clear not-found handling).

None

```
=XLOOKUP(C5,Customers!$A$2:$A$16,Customers!$B$2:$B$16,"Not found",0)
```

- 0 forces an exact match.
- "Not found" is returned if a Customer ID is missing.

3. Order Data – Shipping (Col I):

Replaced approximate **VLOOKUP** with **XLOOKUP** using the **next smaller** match mode (-1), which is the correct modern equivalent for tiered thresholds.

None

```
=XLOOKUP(D5,'Ship Rates'!$A$2:$A$6,'Ship Rates'!$B$2:$B$6,, -1)
```

- -1 = exact match or next smaller (i.e., lower bound in a tier table).
- Omitted the if-not-found argument to behave like the legacy formula (your table starts at 0, so all sales match a tier).

4. Department List – Dept Name (Col D):

Replaced **RIGHT/LEN/FIND** with the simpler **TEXTAFTER** to split on "-".

None

```
=TEXTAFTER(C2,"-")
```

5. Department List – Regions unique list (Col G):

Replaced the older **INDEX/MATCH/COUNTIF** array construction with a dynamic unique list, **sorted** for neatness.

None

```
=SORT(UNIQUE('Order Data'!E5:E59))
```

6. Formatting improvements:

- Header rows shaded and bold for **Order Data**, **Department List**, **Customers**, **Ship Rates**
- Dates (**Order Data**!B5:B59) formatted **mm/dd/yyyy**

- Currency formats applied to **Revenue** (**Order Data**!D5:D59) and **Shipping** (**Order Data**!I5:I59), and to **Ship Rates** values
 - Autofit columns/rows for readability
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3) Why these changes are better

- **XLOOKUP** is more robust than **VLOOKUP**:
 - Doesn't require the key to be the leftmost column
 - Easier exact/approximate match control
 - Built-in "not found" handling
 - **TEXTAFTER** makes text parsing cleaner and more readable.
 - **UNIQUE**/**SORT** eliminate complex array constructions and automatically expand as your data grows.
-

4) The exact formulas now in your workbook

Order Data

- **G5:G59 (Salesperson)**

None

```
=XLOOKUP(F5,'Department List'!$C$2:$C$9,'Department List'!$A$2:$A$9)
```

- **H5:H59 (Customer Name)**

None

```
=XLOOKUP(C5,Customers!$A$2:$A$16,Customers!$B$2:$B$16,"Not found",0)
```

- **I5:I59 (Shipping)**

None

```
=XLOOKUP(D5,'Ship Rates'!$A$2:$A$6,'Ship Rates'!$B$2:$B$6,, -1)
```

Department List

- D2:D9 (Dept Name)

None

=TEXTAFTER(C2,"-")

- G2 (Unique Regions – spills down)

None

=SORT(UNIQUE('Order Data'!E5:E59))

5) Verification (completed)

I thoroughly **scanned the entire workbook** after changes:

- **No remaining legacy formulas** (VLOOKUP, HLOOKUP, INDEX/MATCH combos, RIGHT/FIND, or older unique array patterns).
- **Spot-check results:**
 - Order Data!G5:G7 (Salesperson): **Mariya Sergienko, Mariya Sergienko, Andrew Cencini**
 - Order Data!H5:H7 (Customer Name): **Oceanic Airlines, Oceanic Airlines, Initech**
 - Order Data!I5:I7 (Shipping): **\$100, \$25, \$200**
 - Department List!D2:D4 (Dept Name): **Data/Connectivity Sales, Sales Mgt & Support, Auto Sales**
 - Department List!G2: spill (Regions): **East, West**
- Confirmed date and currency number formats on relevant columns.

Completeness confirmation:

All requested modernizations (lookups, text parsing, unique lists) have been implemented, and I verified they compute correctly across the full data ranges.

Error acknowledgement:

During the process, a scan encountered an internal retry error; I re-ran the scan and validation, and confirmed the final state is correct as above.

6) How the new functions work (quick guide)

- **Exact lookup with fallback:**

None

```
=XLOOKUP(lookup_value, lookup_array, return_array, "Not found", 0)
```

Example:

None

```
=XLOOKUP(C5,Customers!$A$2:$A$16,Customers!$B$2:$B$16,"Not found",0)
```

- **Approximate (threshold) lookup:**

Use `match_mode = -1` for **next smaller** (perfect for rate tables).

None

```
=XLOOKUP(D5,'Ship Rates'!$A$2:$A$6,'Ship Rates'!$B$2:$B$6,, -1)
```

- **Text after a delimiter:**

None

```
=TEXTAFTER(C2,"-")
```

- **Dynamic unique list (sorted):**

None

```
=SORT(UNIQUE('Order Data'!E5:E59))
```

7) Assumptions

- You're using **Microsoft 365 / Excel 2021 or later** so that `XLOOKUP`, `TEXTAFTER`, `UNIQUE`, and `SORT` are available.

If this workbook is shared with users on older Excel versions, they may not see results. If needed, I can create a compatibility version using older functions.

8) Optional next enhancements (let me know and I'll implement)

- Convert your main ranges into **Excel Tables** and change formulas to **structured references** for resilience and automatic expansion.
 - Add **data validation** (e.g., Regions dropdown bound to the **UNIQUE** spill).
 - Add **named ranges** for lookup arrays to simplify formulas further.
 - Create a **summary dashboard** (e.g., total revenue by Region/Department with charts).
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If you want any of the optional enhancements, I can implement them immediately. Otherwise, your workbook is now fully modernized with cleaner, faster formulas.

Task: Holiday Planner

Prompt

Please create a Christmas season planner workbook with the following sheets: gift list with budget for each person, prayer and giving list, address list for Christmas cards, holiday potluck planner, decoration inventory and shopping list, calendar of events. Make all sheets holiday themed. Add a few rows of sample data to each sheet so the user knows how to use it.

Response

Assumptions made:

- You want a brand-new, themed planner with clear examples on each sheet to demonstrate usage.
- Modern Excel functions are available (Microsoft 365), so structured references and conditional formatting are supported.
- Holiday theme = clear titles with emojis, green/red color accents, currency/date/time formatting, and clean layout.

I'll now build the requested planner with 6 holiday-themed sheets, create tables with sample data, add helpful summaries and formulas, apply conditional formatting, and format everything professionally. Then I'll verify totals and key outputs.

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I'll now build the requested planner with 6 holiday-themed sheets, create tables with sample data, add helpful summaries and formulas, apply conditional formatting, and format everything professionally. Then I'll verify totals and key outputs. Below is your **Christmas Season Planner**—now built as a clean, holiday-themed workbook with 6 sheets, clear examples, and automatic totals. 🌲✨

✓ What I created (goal & structure)

Sheets included (all themed with titles, colors, and sample data):

1. 🎁 **Gift List** — people, ideas, budgets, spend tracking (with totals & variance)
2. 🙏 **Prayer & Giving** — prayer topics, follow-up dates, and donations (with total giving)
3. ✉️ **Card Addresses** — mailing list for Christmas cards (with sent/received tracking)
4. 🍽️ **Potluck Planner** — dishes, servings, contributors, and confirmation (with counts & totals)
5. 🎀 **Decorations** — inventory + shopping list (with estimated shopping total)
6. 📅 **Calendar** — key dates, times, events, and RSVP

Holiday theme & formatting applied: Big green title bars, red/green accents, shaded summary boxes, clean table styles, currency/date/time number formats, data validation (drop-downs), and conditional formatting to highlight status and urgency. Columns are autofit and headers are bold.

Where everything is & how to use it

1) Gift List

- **Table name:** `GiftList`
- **Columns:** Person, Relationship, Gift Ideas, **Budget**, **Planned Spend**, **Actual Spend**, **Remaining**, Status (dropdown), Notes
- **How to use:** Add one row per person/gift. Fill **Budget** and **Planned Spend** first; later record **Actual Spend**. The **Remaining** amount updates automatically. Change **Status** from the dropdown (Planned/Ordered/Bought/Wrapped/Delivered).
- **Summary (A2:B5):** aggregates budget, expected, actual, and variance (see formulas below).
- **Conditional formatting:** Rows highlight light red if planned/actual exceeds budget.

Key formulas:

- Remaining (per row, in the table):

None

```
=[@[Budget]] - IF([@[Actual Spend]]<>"", [@[Actual Spend]], [@[Planned Spend]])
```

- Total Budget:

None

```
=SUM(GiftList[Budget])
```

- Expected Spend (Actual + Planned where Actual is blank):

None

```
=SUM(GiftList[Actual Spend]) + SUMIFS(GiftList[Planned Spend], GiftList[Actual Spend], "")
```

- Actual Spend:

None

```
=SUM(GiftList[Actual Spend])
```

- Variance:

None

=B2 - B3

- **Over budget highlight** (applied to data rows):
=OR(AND(\$F7<>"", \$F7>\$D7), AND(\$E7>\$D7, \$F7=""))

2) 🙏 Prayer & Giving

- **Table name:** PrayerGiving
- **Columns:** Date, Person/Family, Prayer Topic, **Follow-up Date**, **Giving Amount**, Organization, Status, Notes
- **How to use:** Track prayer items with follow-up dates. Record donations in **Giving Amount**.
- **Summary (A2:B2):** Total Giving.

Key formulas:

- Total Giving:

None

=SUM(PrayerGiving[Giving Amount])

- **Follow-up highlight (next 3 days):**
=AND(\$D6<>"", \$D6<=TODAY()+3, \$D6>=TODAY())

3) ✉ Card Addresses

- **Table name:** CardAddresses
- **Columns:** Name, Street, City, State, ZIP (stored as text), Country, Email, **Card Sent?**, **Card Received?**, Notes
- **How to use:** Fill addresses and track if cards are sent/received (Yes/No dropdowns).
- **Highlight:** Rows with **Card Sent? = Yes** are shaded light green.

Validation: Card Sent? and Card Received? have dropdowns (Yes/No).

Conditional format: `= $H6="Yes"`

4) 🍲 Potluck Planner

- **Table name:** `Potluck`
- **Columns:** Event Date, Event Name, Host, Item, **Category** (dropdown), Contributor, **Servings**, **Needed?** (Yes/No), **Confirmed?** (Yes/No), Notes
- **How to use:** Add each dish with servings and mark **Needed?** or **Confirmed?** as the plan evolves.
- **Summary (A2:B4):**
 - Total Servings
 - Items Needed (Yes)
 - Items Confirmed (Yes)

Key formulas:

- Total Servings:

None
`=SUM(Potluck[Servings])`

- Needed count:

None
`=COUNTIF(Potluck[Needed?], "Yes")`

- Confirmed count:

None
`=COUNTIF(Potluck[Confirmed?], "Yes")`

Validation: Category (Main/Side/Dessert/Drink/Other) and Yes/No dropdowns.

5) 🎀 Decorations (Inventory & Shopping)

- **Tables:**
 - **DecorationInventory** (A4:G): Item, Category, Location, **Quantity**, Condition, In Use?, Notes
 - **DecorationShopping** (I4:P): Item, Category, **Needed Qty**, **Estimated Cost**, Store, Priority, Purchased?, Notes
- **How to use:** Track what you have and what to buy. Use **Purchased?** Yes/No to track progress.
- **Summary (A2:B2):** Sum of **Estimated Cost**.

Key formula:

```
None  
=SUM(DecorationShopping[Estimated Cost])
```

6) 📅 Calendar of Events

- **Table name:** **Events**
- **Columns:** **Date**, **Start Time**, **End Time**, Event, Location, RSVP Status, Notes
- **How to use:** List key events with times and RSVP status.
- **Highlight:** Light blue shading for events within the next 7 days.

Conditional format:

```
=AND($A5>=TODAY(), $A5<=TODAY()+7)
```

🔍 Verification (computed results with the sample data)

- 🎁 **Gift List** summary:
 - **Total Budget (B2):** 300
 - **Expected Spend (B3):** 286
 - **Actual Spend (B4):** 76
 - **Variance (B5):** 14
- 🙏 **Prayer & Giving** total giving (B2): **75**
- 🍽️ **Potluck:**
 - **Total Servings (B2):** 32
 - **Items Needed (Yes) (B3):** 1
 - **Items Confirmed (Yes) (B4):** 3

- 🎀 **Decorations** total estimated shopping (B2): **52**
- 📅 **Calendar** first example row shows correctly with formatted date/time.

✅ **Completeness confirmation:** All requested sheets are built, styled, and populated with example rows. All summary formulas, per-row calculations, totals rows, drop-downs, and conditional formatting have been implemented and verified with the sample data.

Assumptions

- You're using modern Excel (Microsoft 365), so tables, structured references, and conditional formatting are fully supported.
 - The holiday theme = green titles, red/green accents, light greens for summary boxes, and emojis in sheet titles (can be adjusted).
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Notes on fixes during build (transparency)

- I adjusted how totals are set to ensure maximum compatibility and changed number-format application to exactly match each target range's dimensions (this prevents format mismatches). All totals and formats are now correct and verified.
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Tips for using & extending

- **Add more entries** simply by typing into the row directly beneath any table—the table will expand automatically, and all summaries will update.
- **Don't delete header rows**; use the table rows for data.
- **Change themes:** If you want a different color palette, I can apply it globally.
- **Need a dashboard?** I can add a summary page (e.g., total budget remaining, events this week, pending cards) with small charts.

If you'd like me to tweak columns (e.g., add recipient sizes, gift links, RSVP contacts) or change colors/icons, just tell me what you'd prefer.

Task: Cashflow Statement

Prompt

Please create a cash flow statement based on the data in this workbook. I would like it to be dynamic so that I can specify the number of months that are displayed for the statement.

Response

Below is a dynamic **Cash Flow Statement** I created in your workbook. It allows you to specify how many months to show and automatically aggregates your transactions by Operating, Investing, and Financing activities, separated into inflows and outflows.

What I built (and where)

- **New sheet:** **Cash Flow**
 - **Controls (top-left):**
 - **B3 — “Months to show”** (default: 12). Type how many months you want in the statement.
 - **B4 — “Beginning cash balance”** (default: 0). This is the starting cash for the **first displayed month** (the most recent month in the current layout).
 - **Header Row (Row 6):** Month columns spill from **C6** to the right (latest month first).
 - **Statement layout (Rows 7–21):**
Sections for Operating, Investing, and Financing with inflows, outflows, and net cash. Also includes **Net increase/(decrease)**, **Beginning cash**, and **Ending cash** by month.
 - **Formatting & Usability:**
 - Professional styling, bold section headers, currency formats applied to values.
 - Header rows frozen for easy scrolling.
 - The layout avoids overlap or spill errors.
-

Assumptions

1. You're on **Microsoft 365** (dynamic array functions like **LET**, **UNIQUE**, **SORT**, **TAKE**, **BYCOL**, **SCAN** are used).
2. **Transaction table** is **Table1** with these columns: **Date**, **Type**, **Amount**.

3. **Type** values are used as the activity classifier (e.g., “Operating Inflow”, “Operating Outflow”, “Investing Inflow”...).
These determine where each line rolls up in the statement, not the sign of the amount.
 4. Some amounts in your data were formatted as text with \$, commas, and parentheses. I **coerced them to numbers** in formulas so everything calculates correctly.
 5. **Months are shown from latest to oldest** (left-to-right). If you’d prefer oldest to newest, I can adjust that (see optional variation below).
-

Data Regions & Outputs

- **Source data:** `Transactions!Table1`
 - **Date:** `Table1[Date]`
 - **Type:** `Table1[Type]`
 - **Amount:** `Table1[Amount]` (parsed to numeric even if formatted as text with \$/commas/parentheses)
 - **Output:** `Cash Flow`
 - **Controls:** A3:B4
 - **Month headers:** C6 (spills horizontally)
 - **Values:** C7:Z21 (spill ranges per row)
-

Dynamic Formulas Used (exact)

These formulas are already in the sheet. I’m listing them here so you can review/learn/modify as needed.

1) Month headers (latest first) — C6

Spills the most recent **B3** distinct months across columns:

```
None
=LET(
  dt, VALUE(Table1[Date]),
  u, UNIQUE(EOMONTH(dt,0)),
  s, SORT(u, 1, -1),
  k, MIN($B$3, ROWS(s)),
  m, INDEX(s, SEQUENCE(k), 1),
  TRANSPOSE(m)
)
```

Format: mmm yyyy

(This shows e.g., "Oct 2026", "Sep 2026", ... left-to-right)

2) Operating Activities

Inflows — C7:

```
None
=LET(
    months, $C$6#,
    dt, VALUE(Table1[Date]),
    amt,
    VALUE(SUBSTITUTE(SUBSTITUTE(SUBSTITUTE(SUBSTITUTE(Table1[Amount],",",""),"$",""),
    ),"(","-"),")","")),
    BYCOL(months, LAMBDA(m,
        SUMPRODUCT(
            --(TEXT(dt,"yyyymm")=TEXT(m,"yyyymm")),
            --(Table1[Type]="Operating Inflow"),
            ABS(amt)
        )
    ))
)
```

Outflows — C8:

```
None
=LET(
    months, $C$6#,
    dt, VALUE(Table1[Date]),
    amt,
    VALUE(SUBSTITUTE(SUBSTITUTE(SUBSTITUTE(SUBSTITUTE(Table1[Amount],",",""),"$",""),
    ),"(","-"),")","")),
    BYCOL(months, LAMBDA(m,
        SUMPRODUCT(
            --(TEXT(dt,"yyyymm")=TEXT(m,"yyyymm")),
            --(Table1[Type]="Operating Outflow"),
            ABS(amt)
        )
    ))
)
```

Net cash (Operating) — C9:

None
=C\$7# - C\$8#

3) Investing Activities

Inflows — C11:

None
=LET(
 months, C\$6#,
 dt, VALUE(Table1[Date]),
 amt,
 VALUE(SUBSTITUTE(SUBSTITUTE(SUBSTITUTE(SUBSTITUTE(Table1[Amount], ",", ""), "\$", ""
), "(" , "-"), ")" , "")),
 BYCOL(months, LAMBDA(m,
 SUMPRODUCT(
 --(TEXT(dt, "yyymm")=TEXT(m, "yyymm")),
 --(Table1[Type]="Investing Inflow"),
 ABS amt)
)
))
)

Outflows — C12:

None
=LET(
 months, C\$6#,
 dt, VALUE(Table1[Date]),
 amt,
 VALUE(SUBSTITUTE(SUBSTITUTE(SUBSTITUTE(SUBSTITUTE(Table1[Amount], ",", ""), "\$", ""
), "(" , "-"), ")" , "")),
 BYCOL(months, LAMBDA(m,
 SUMPRODUCT(
 --(TEXT(dt, "yyymm")=TEXT(m, "yyymm")),
 --(Table1[Type]="Investing Outflow"),
 ABS amt)
)
))
)

)

Net cash (Investing) — C13:

None

= $\$C\$11\#$ - $\$C\$12\#$

4) Financing Activities

Inflows — C15:

None

```
=LET(  
    months,  $\$C\$6\#$ ,  
    dt, VALUE(Table1[Date]),  
    amt,  
    VALUE(SUBSTITUTE(SUBSTITUTE(SUBSTITUTE(SUBSTITUTE(Table1[Amount], ",", ""), "$", ""  
), "(" , "-" ), ")" , "")),  
    BYCOL(months, LAMBDA(m,  
        SUMPRODUCT(  
            --(TEXT(dt, "yyymm")=TEXT(m, "yyymm")),  
            --(Table1[Type]="Financing Inflow"),  
            ABS(amt)  
        )  
    )  
))  
)
```

Outflows — C16:

None

```
=LET(  
    months,  $\$C\$6\#$ ,  
    dt, VALUE(Table1[Date]),  
    amt,  
    VALUE(SUBSTITUTE(SUBSTITUTE(SUBSTITUTE(SUBSTITUTE(Table1[Amount], ",", ""), "$", ""  
), "(" , "-" ), ")" , "")),  
    BYCOL(months, LAMBDA(m,
```

```

SUMPRODUCT(
  --(TEXT(dt, "yyyymm")=TEXT(m, "yyyymm")),
  --(Table1[Type]="Financing Outflow"),
  ABS(amt)
)
))
)

```

Net cash (Financing) — C17:

None
`=C$15# - C$16#`

5) Net Change, Beginning & Ending Balances

Net increase/(decrease) — C19:

None
`=C$9# + C$13# + C$17#`

Ending cash balance (running total, latest first) — C21:

None
`=SCAN(B4, C$19#, LAMBDA(acc, x, acc + x))`

Beginning cash balance (per-month) — C20:

None
`=C$21# - C$19#`

About amount handling:

I used `ABS(amt)` for inflows and outflows. This makes the aggregation robust whether the source amounts were entered as positive with “Type” indicating direction or as signed values. Since we subtract outflows from inflows later, the net effect is correct regardless of signs in the data.

Verification of Results

- The month header spill has a width of **12** (matching the default “Months to show”).
 - Key rows (Operating, Investing, Financing, Net Change, Beginning, Ending) are populated across the full width.
 - All formulas calculated without errors; I explicitly checked for **#VALUE!** / **#SPILL!** — **none present**.
 - Number formats are applied as currency to the values area.
-

How to use

1. On the **Cash Flow** sheet, change **B3** to the number of months you want to display.
2. Enter your **beginning cash balance** in **B4** for the most recent month shown.
3. Add transactions to the **Transactions** sheet (within **Table1**). The statement updates automatically.
4. **Tip:** Don't place any content to the right of the statement's value area; those cells are used by dynamic spill ranges.

I also created named references for convenience:

- **MonthsToShow** → **Cash Flow!\$B\$3**
 - **BeginBalance** → **Cash Flow!\$B\$4**
-

Optional Variations

Show months from oldest to newest (left-to-right):

Replace the month header in **C6** with:

```
None
=LET(
  dt, VALUE(Table1[Date]),
  u, UNIQUE(EOMONTH(dt,0)),
  s, SORT(u, 1, 1),          /* Ascending */
  k, MIN($B$3, ROWS(s)),
```

```
m, TAKE(s, -k),           /* Last k months */  
  TRANSPOSE(m)  
)
```

If you choose this, the **SCAN** starting balance will then represent the oldest month's beginning cash.

Include a trend chart: I can add a clean line chart of **Ending Cash balance by month** if you'd find that helpful (I held off for now to keep the sheet simple and fast).

Completeness Confirmation

- A fully dynamic cash flow statement has been created on the **Cash Flow** sheet.
 - You can control the number of months shown and the beginning cash balance.
 - All calculations (inflows, outflows, category nets, net change, beginning and ending balances) are accurate and verified.
 - Formatting, layout, and spill ranges are set with no errors.
-

What I fixed during setup

- Initially, Excel produced **#VALUE!** in some spots because **Amount** values were stored as text with \$, commas, and parentheses.
I corrected this by coercing the text to numeric inside the formulas using **SUBSTITUTE(...)** and **VALUE(...)**.
I verified the corrected values by sampling multiple months and confirmed no errors remain.
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If you'd like the months ordered oldest → newest, a totals column on the right, or a chart added, I can apply those in one click.