# Graphs and Charts 



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World Crude Oil Production 1980-2002


Source: United Nations Statistics Division - Energy Section Energy Statistics Yearbook 2002


Percent of all positive HIV Test Reports Accounted for by Women, by Age Group and Year of Test, 1985-2006


## Slope of a Line

- The rate at which a line changes between points.
- For the linear function $y(x)=m x+b$
- Slope = m


## $y=10 x-2$



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- y increases by 10 each time x increases by 1.
- Consider the points (0, $2)$ and (1,8).
- Slope $=(8-(-2)) /(1-0)$
$=10 / 1$
$=10$.


## Slope of a Curve



- Rate of change at a particular point.
- Can be defined as the slope of a line tangent to that point.


## Slope of a Curve



- Finding the slope at $(6,0)$.
- Find slope of line that is tangent to the curve at that point.
- Tangent line slope $=-12$.


## Applications

- Finding rates of change over time.
- Many uses in physics, economics, and other fields.
- The slope of a position graph is velocity.

Position vs. Time


## Creating Graphs in Excel



