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ST. STEPHEN'S CURRICULUM



**We embrace a continuum of education,
where each developmental state of the
student is nurtured.**

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Accredited by the American
Montessori Society and the
Southwestern Association of
Episcopal Schools

Founded on Dr. Maria Montessori's
principles, our multi-age levels are:

Orientation:	15 months–3 years
Primary:	3–6 years
Lower Elementary:	1st–3rd grade
Upper Elementary:	4th–6th grade
Middle Years:	7th and 8th grade

UPPER ELEMENTARY: 4TH - 6TH GRADE

In Upper Elementary, students are given weeklong assignments and are responsible for planning and organizing their work and time. Teachers and students are empowered to explore the curriculum further and farther, leveraging an individually paced curriculum and robust courses in STEM, language arts, humanities, and fine arts. As members of a tight-knit community of learners, new and incoming students are encouraged to take academic risks and advocate for themselves. Upper Elementary students thrive in the stretch zone of learning, utilizing higher-level thinking skills, including analysis, synthesis, and evaluation.



MIDDLE YEARS: 7TH AND 8TH GRADE

The Montessori Middle Years program at St. Stephen's supports the developmental needs of our students, including opportunities for self-reflection and formulating opinions. We create an environment where students feel safe as they go through the profound physical and emotional changes that are an integral part of adolescence. In Middle Years, students learn from an elevated curriculum that sparks collaboration, creativity, and curiosity and inspires them to reach their full academic potential.



**st. stephen's
ROAD TO
HIGH SCHOOL**

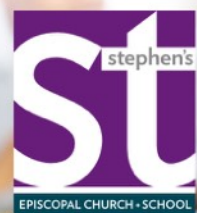
Our 8th graders gain entrance to the top high schools in Houston, including the prestigious schools listed to the right.

- Carnegie Vanguard High School
- Emery Weiner School
- Energy Institute High School
- Houston Academy for International Studies
- HSPVA
- Incarnate Word Academy
- Michael E. DeBaakey High School for Health Professions
- St. Francis Episcopal School
- St. Pius X High School
- St. Thomas High School
- Strake Jesuit



CLASS IS IN SESSION

at St. Stephen's Episcopal!



EDUCATING STUDENTS 15 MONTHS OLD THROUGH 8TH GRADE

SCHOOL RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN

St. Stephen's Episcopal School | Curriculum brochure and

Class Is in Session direct-mail postcard

Concept, art direction, design, copy editing and production

OUR UPPER ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE YEARS STUDENTS

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UPPER ELEMENTARY (GRADES 4-6)

In Upper Elementary, we instill in students a curiosity about the world and a desire to solve the unknown. They receive individual attention when they need it and the freedom to fly when they are ready.

MATH

We introduce advanced mathematical concepts using Montessori math materials. Students thus understand the "why" behind a math concept before solving the problem abstractly.

In 4th grade, students solve geometry problems that students at other schools may not see until high school.

HISTORY

Our history classes begin with the formation of the universe, sparking wonder and imagination.

SCIENCE

Our students utilize the scientific method and research skills to investigate the natural phenomena that most interest them, from dwarf planets to rock formations.

LANGUAGE

Students learn to write clearly through consistent practice and the careful study of grammar, vocabulary, and literature.

DA VINCI LAB

Our maker space, the da Vinci Lab, is where students transform ideas into reality.

The lab is equipped with a 3D printer, laser cutter, and a whole range of tools that allow students to construct and invent.

SPECIALIST CLASSES

Students learn visual art and music from practicing artists and musicians, and Spanish from native speakers.

Our P.E. program is holistic, covering health and wellness as well as team and individual sports.



This pinball machine was inspired by one of our Middle Years students, Reece, who is designing a pinball machine in the Da Vinci Lab.

MIDDLE YEARS (GRADES 7-8)

Our honors-level curriculum sparks creativity and curiosity, and prepares students for high school and BEYOND.

HIGH SCHOOL PREP

We start the high school journey in 7th grade with test prep, counseling, and coaching. Although we pride ourselves on not teaching to the test, our students perform exceptionally well on standardized entrance exams.

WRITING

With writing being the focus of courses across the curriculum, St. Stephen's students become experts in argument and composition, honing their critical thinking and analytical skills.

SCIENCE

Students take Integrated Physics and Chemistry, an Honors course with a fully-equipped wet lab.

MATH

Entering 7th graders begin with pre-algebra, normally an 8th grade course. Qualifying 8th graders graduate with high school algebra credit, giving them a leg up in high school and on the ISEE (private high school entrance exam).

SPANISH

Our students receive accolades in the National Spanish Examinations.

COMMUNITY

Students collaborate on projects and homework, an approach based on research into the developmental needs of students ages 11-14. We check in on each other each morning and make sure all is well in our cohort. Our students develop lifelong friendships and EQ that will support them in all endeavors.

AND MORE

Students organize and participate in science fairs, student council, film festivals, student journalism, community service, team sports, and more. Off-campus, our students practice global citizenship through class trips dedicated to scientific, historical, and cultural inquiries.

OUR STUDENTS ARE ACCEPTED AT THESE TOP HIGH SCHOOLS:

Awty International School	Post Oak School
Carnegie Vanguard High School	Second Baptist School
Energy Institute High School	St. Agnes Academy
Episcopal High School	St. Frances Episcopal School
Houston Academy for International Studies	St. Pius X High School
Incarinate Word Academy	St. Thomas High School
Kinder High School for the Performing and Visual Arts (HSPVA)	St. Thomas Episcopal School
Lamar High School	Strake Jesuit College Preparatory
Michael E. DeBaakey High School for Health Professions	The Emery/Weiner School
	The Village School

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SOAR

St. Stephen's Episcopal School | Middle-school recruitment poster
Concept, art direction, design, image adaptation and production

DARING TO GROW

STEWARDSHIP 2020



THINK SPIRITED
st.stephen's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH+SCHOOL

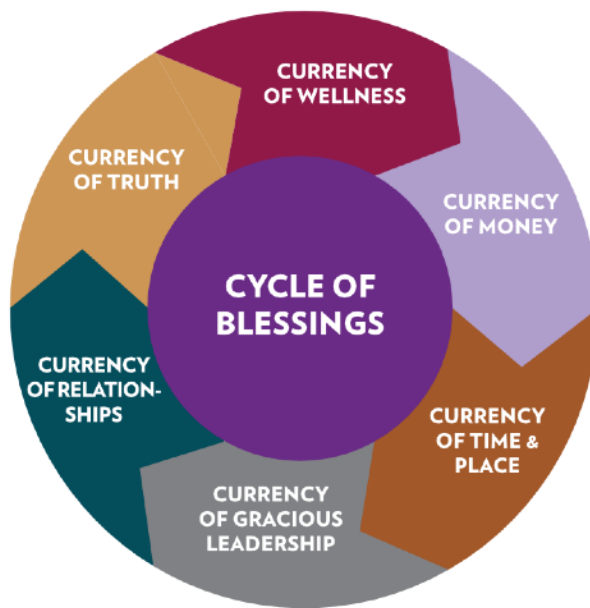
DARING TO GROW

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church | Stewardship campaign narrative budget, cover
Concept, art direction, photo illustration, design and production

HOLY CURRENCIES: WHAT ARE THEY?

Several years ago, St. Stephen's adopted a model presented in Eric Law's book, *Holy Currencies*, to evaluate our ministries and to set a framework for our vision. Law writes: "Combining 'holy' and 'currencies' challenges our assumptions about what is holy and what is currency." The reason we don't think these two words belong together is that most people don't think of currencies (referring to money) can be holy.

The Greek word for "holy" is *hagios*, which means set apart for (or by) God. The word implies that the thing, person, or place that is holy is different from the world because it reflects the likeness of the nature of God. Merriam-Webster.com defines "currency" as "something that is in circulation as a medium of exchange." Notice that the word "money" is not part of this definition. Money is just one of many media of exchange. In *Holy Currencies*, I proposed that a missional and sustainable ministry must have a dynamic exchanges of six currencies—Money, Time/Place, Gracious Leadership, Relationship, Truth, and Wellness.



These currencies by themselves are not necessarily holy. In fact, they can be exchanged for many destructive actions that individuals and systems can do to people and our environment. For these currencies to be holy, they must resemble the likeness of the nature of God. We must utilize these currencies in ways that follow the pattern of God's will and action.*

HOLY CURRENCIES 2019

This year the Vestry of St. Stephen's used the parish's aspirations as an additional lens of accountability. We are evaluating our flow of gracious leadership, relationships, truth, wellness, time and place, and money with our aspirations of growth, closing demographic gaps, collaborating with our School, organizing our ministries, and strengthening our ministries of welcome and connection.

*Holy Currency Exchange: 101 Stories, Songs, Actions, and Visions of Missional and Sustainable Ministries; Eric H.F. Law, Chalice Press: St. Louis, Missouri, 2015, page xi

MISSION

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church is an inclusive, nurturing, and healing community that seeks and invites all to practice the transformational and empowering work of Jesus Christ among us and in the world.

DARING TO GROW

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church | Stewardship narrative budget, interior page
Concept, editorial design, information design and production

ESPN E:60 THE BEST STORIES IN SPORTS



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8AM CDT ON ESPN E:60**

ESPN'S E:60 WILL EXPLORE THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DECLAN DRUMM SULLIVAN, WHOSE FUND SUPPORTS OVER 90 HORIZONS FOR YOUTH STUDENTS.

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ESPN E:60 SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN

Horizons for Youth | Cross-platform graphics promoting the Declan Drumm Sullivan feature
Concept, art direction, design and production
Facebook engagement increased 364%, Twitter impressions 539% and website visits 76%

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

1

DONATE

Please visit horizons-for-youth.org for instructions on how to make a financial contribution to Lauren's Hope.

2

VOLUNTEER

We are looking for tutors and mentors to work directly with Austin students. You can also volunteer at one of the partner schools in Austin. Please contact LaurensHopeChicago@gmail.com to volunteer.

3

SHARE YOUR IDEAS

If you have ideas about how to boost economic development in the Austin neighborhood, we would love to hear them. Please contact LaurensHopeChicago@gmail.com, and we will put you in touch with the Lauren's Hope economic development team.



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LAUREN'S HOPE

Horizons for Youth | Identity and brochure for a neighborhood education and economic development initiative

Identity design, concept, art direction and production



SELECTED IDENTITY WORK

Program, event and campaign identities for education and nonprofit organizations
Concept, identity design, illustration and production

MKT REPORT

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In this issue, we feature one of our favorite artists: Josh Moulton. We have known and worked with Josh for several years now and are fortunate enough to have his work hanging in our offices and homes. Josh's paintings capture the spirit and dynamism of Chicago's buildings and neighborhoods.



Coincidentally, Josh's gallery is in Lincoln Park, the location of this issue's featured properties. We have always been fans of Lincoln Park, and these featured homes remind us why. They combine the best of Lincoln Park tradition and charm with the contemporary amenities that today's buyers expect. If you are curious about these homes and would like to learn more, please let us know.

We have also included in this issue the most recent sales data for the Chicago area. Home prices are continuing their upward trend. The median price of an attached single-family home, for instance, is up 15.1 percent since last year. Moreover, homes continue to sell faster. The average market time for an attached single-family home is down 30 percent since last year. The pace of sales has slowed slightly, but this is not surprising given the unusually strong sales of the spring and summer of 2013.

If you or someone you know is contemplating a move, please let us know. We can be reached at (773) 537-1308 or joeandmary@mktproperties.com.

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New food, shopping options coming your way

NEW RETAIL DEVELOPMENT PLANNED FOR SW CORNER OF STATE & ERIE

According to a report from Crain's, a two story, 25,000 square-foot retail development is planned for the southwest corner of State and Erie. The True Food Kitchen will anchor the development, occupying about 8,000 square feet of space. This will be the first Chicago location for True Food, which creates its menus with Dr. Andrew Weil, a world-renowned leader and pioneer in the field of integrative medicine. Its menu will include items such as edamame dumplings, grass-fed bison burger and spaghetti squash casserole.

SOURCE: AJ LaTrasso, "New River North Retail, True Food Kitchen On the Way," chicago.crbid.com, May 21, 2013.

If you are interested in a free market analysis of your home, please call us at (773) 537-1308.

MKT PROPERTIES MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS

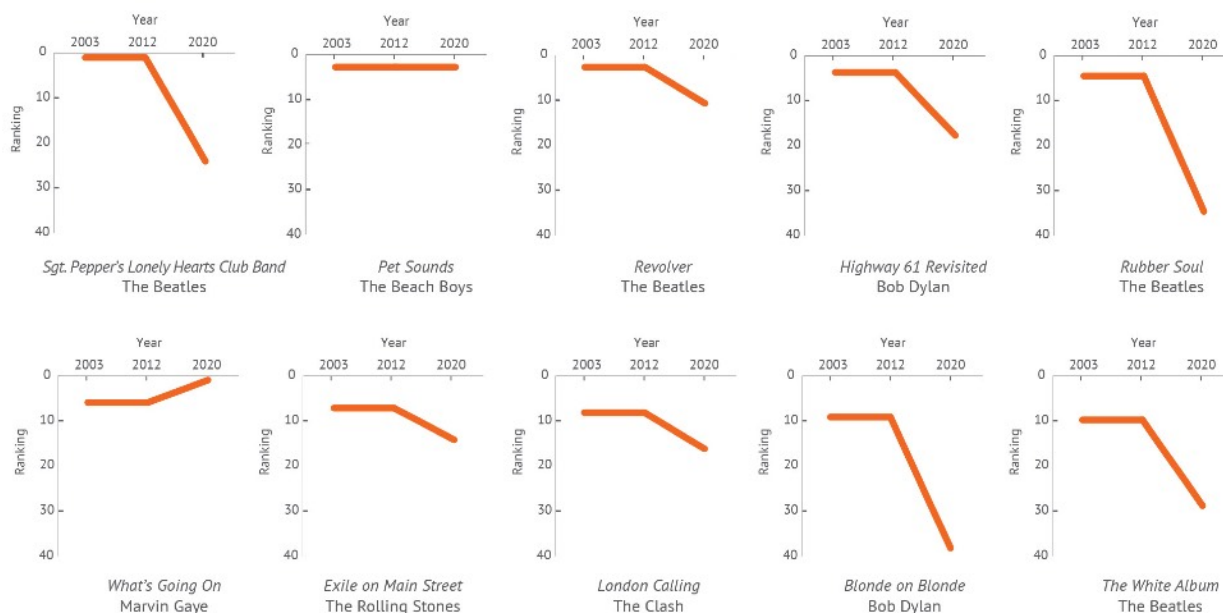
Monthly real-estate newsletter and direct-mail property announcement

Writing, editing, art direction, design and production

Albums with Biggest Rise in Rolling Stone Rankings between 2012 and 2020



Rolling Stone Magazine's Top 500 Albums of All Time How the Top 10 from 2003 Fared in the 2012 and 2020 Rankings



ROLLING STONE TOP 500 ALBUMS

Independent data-visualization study | Changes in album rankings

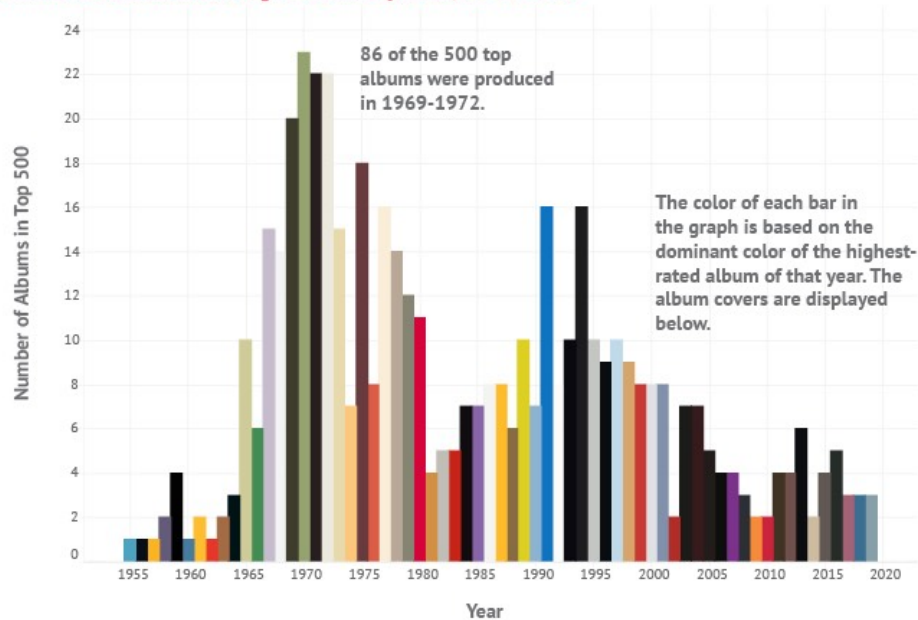
across the 2003, 2012 and 2020 editions

Research, data analysis, visualization and design

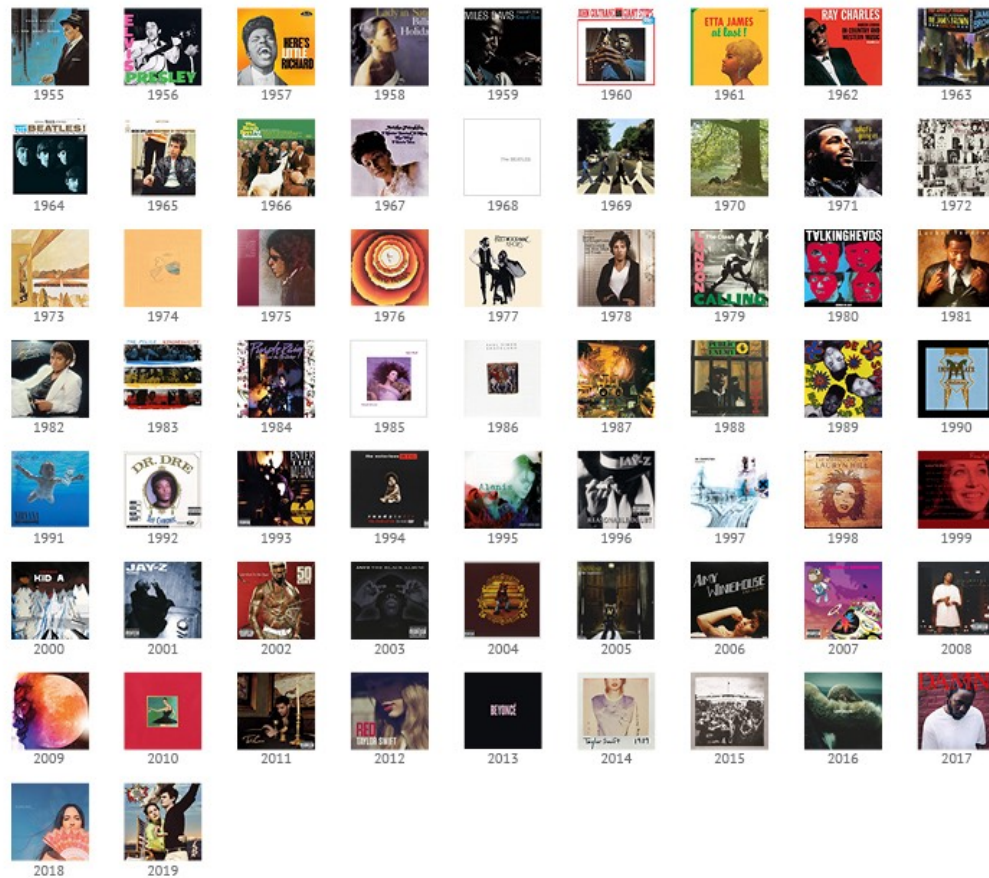
Rolling Stone Magazine's Top 500 Albums of All Time

(published in 2020)

Number of Albums in Top 500 List by Year, 1955-2019*



Album Covers of the Highest-Rated Album of Each Year

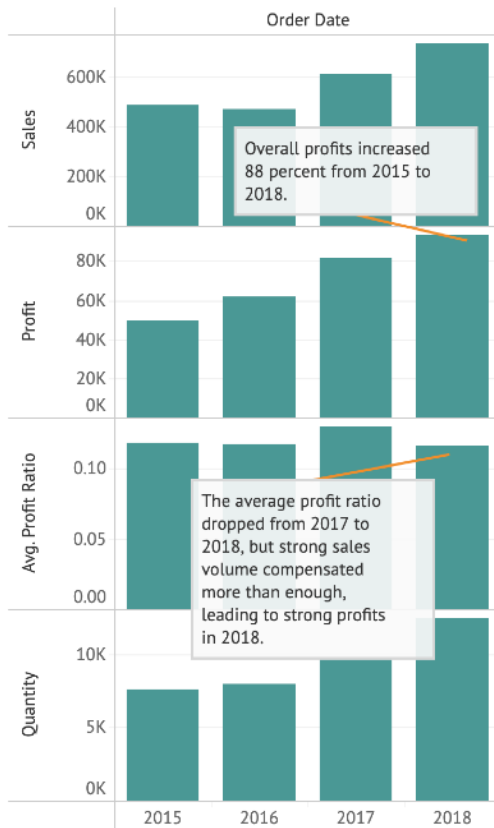


ROLLING STONE TOP 500 ALBUMS

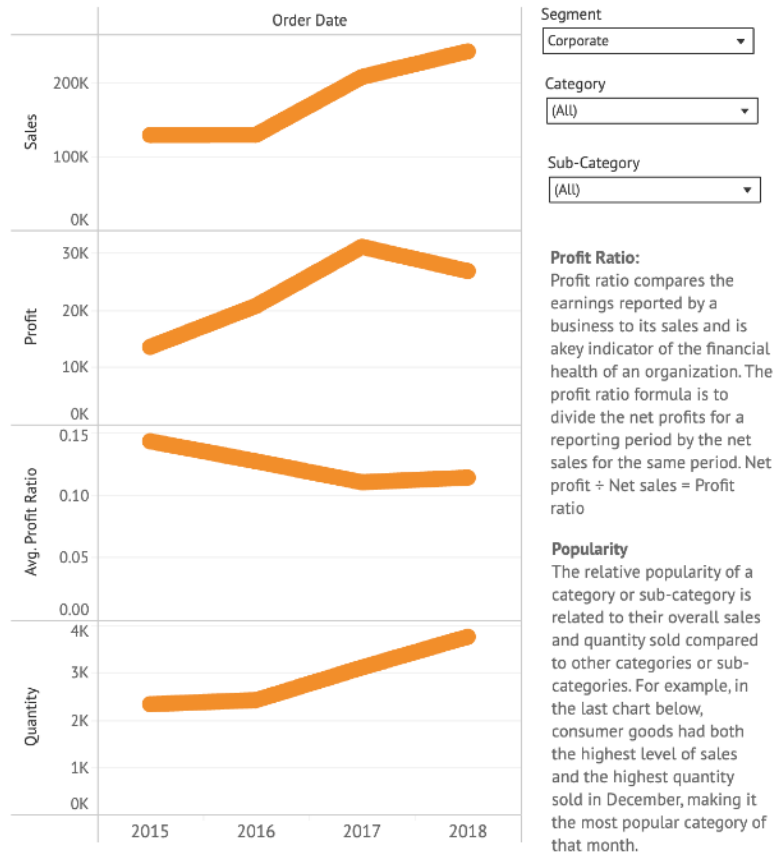
Independent data-visualization study | Albums represented by release year and each year's highest-ranked album

Research, data analysis, visualization and design

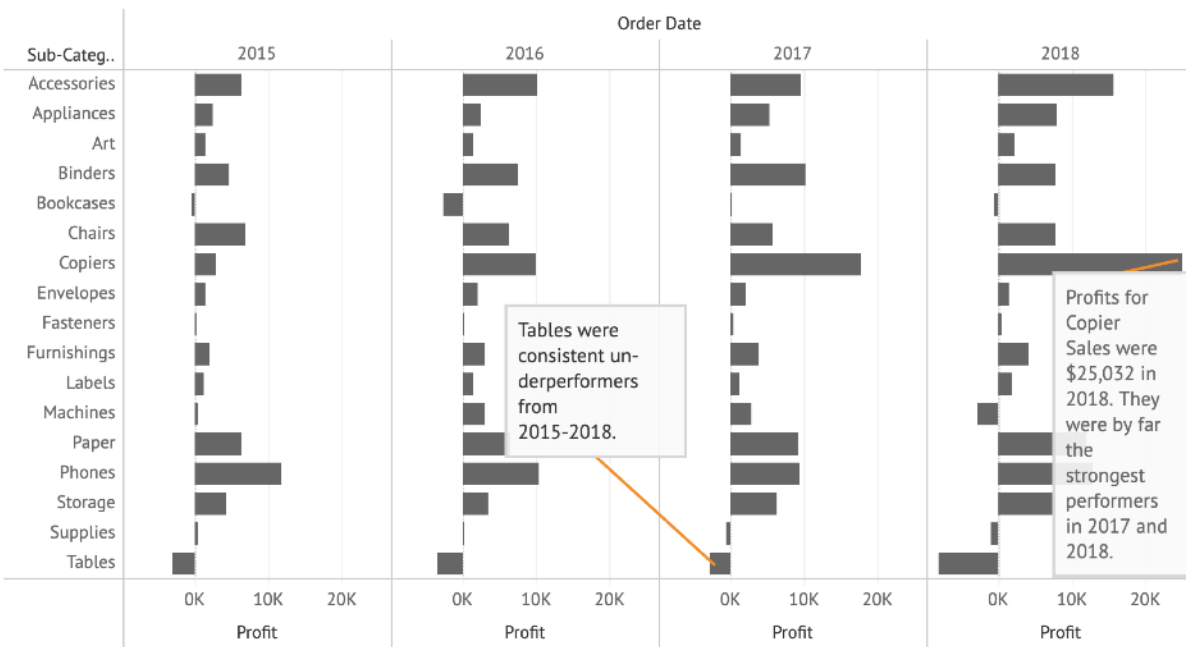
Top-Level Metrics by Year



Performance by Segment, Category, and Sub-Category

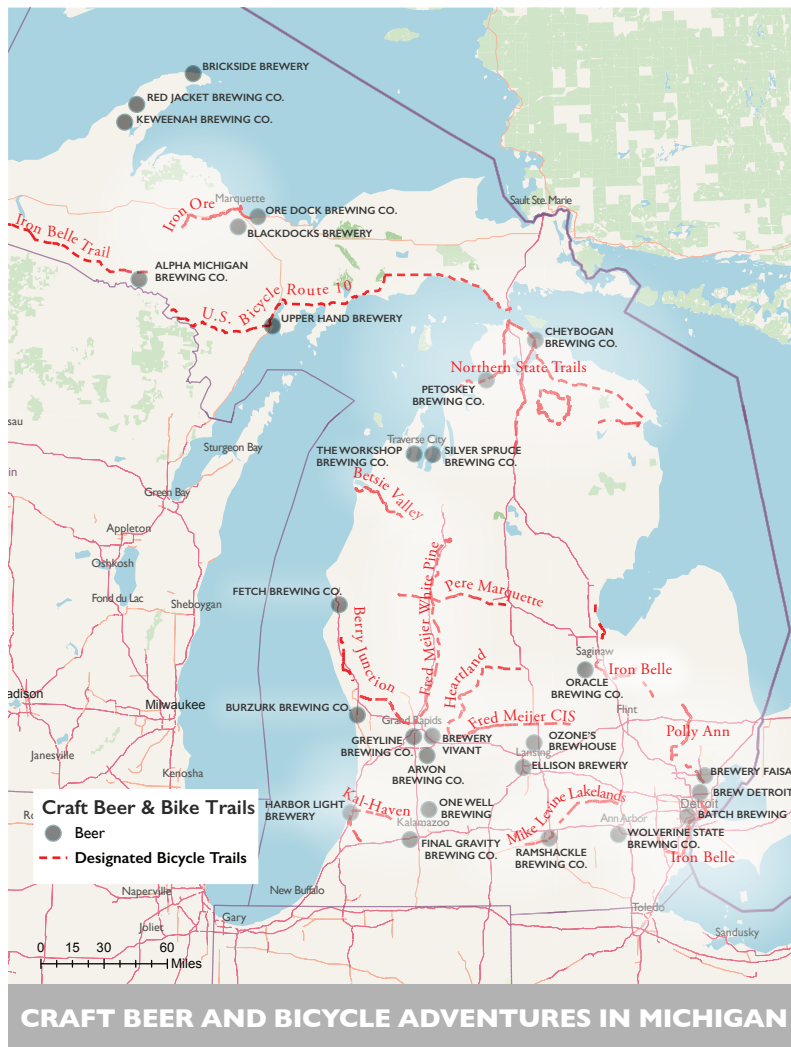


Top Performing Sub-Categories by Year



RETAIL PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD

Interactive Tableau dashboard | Sales, profit, quantity and category performance
Data analysis, dashboard design and Tableau development



SELECTED MAP DESIGN

Independent projects | Recreation maps

for Michigan and Nosara, Costa Rica

Research, cartography, information design and production