Assignment 1: Descriptive Statistics

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**Introduction**

Begin your first paragraph here. Be sure to indent each new paragraph. **Your introduction should include the name of your article. Please remember that the article you choose, must be published during this quarter.** You should include the title and topic of the article in the introduction and a brief overview of the topic.

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