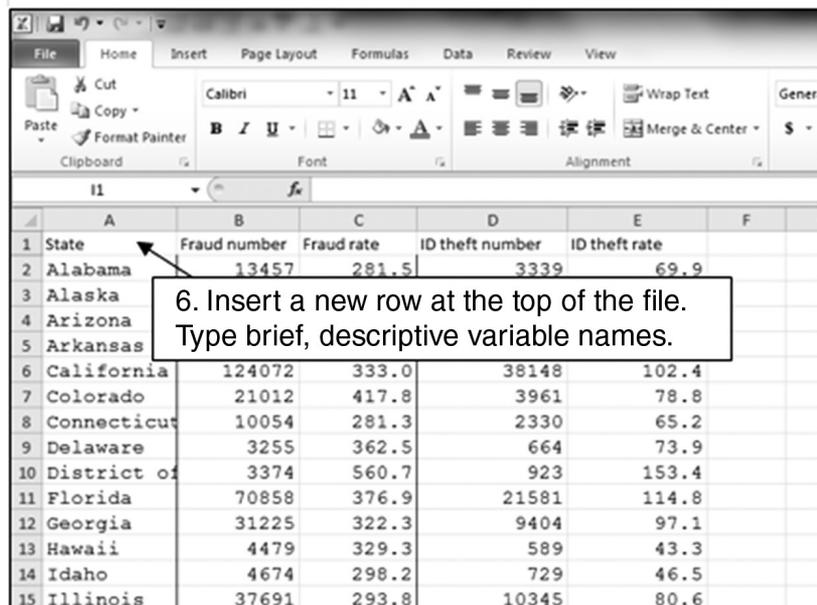


5. In the Format Cells window, select the Number tab. Make sure the Use 1000 Separator box is unchecked. In the Decimal places box, type a number that is appropriate for the data values. In the current example, the values do not have decimal places.



6. Insert a new row at the top of the file. Type brief, descriptive variable names.

1. Select the desired data columns and rows. Make sure that the data selection is rectangular—that each row contains the same number of columns.
2. Open a blank Excel worksheet. Paste the selected data into the new file. To delete blank rows, select the row, right-click, and click on Delete.
3. To remove commas from data values, select the columns. To select multiple nonadjacent columns, press and hold <Ctrl>.
4. Click Format→Format Cells.
5. In the Format Cells window, click on the Number tab. Make sure that the Use 1000 Separator box is unchecked. (Excel may already have unchecked the box.) In Decimal places, type an appropriate value. In the example, the numbers we are re-formatting do not have decimal places, so a value of 0 is appropriate.
6. Insert a new row at the top of the data file. To accomplish this, select the current top row (the data line for Alabama), right-click, and click on Insert. Type descriptive variable names at the top of each column.