Graph of the Week

Source: Sports & Fitness Industry Association, 2019

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Analyze the graphs below and write a reflection on what you think the graphs are communicating to you. To guide you with your response, start with some observations.

- What is the topic of the graph?
- What quantities are being compared?
- What are some observations that you can make based on the graphs?
- What surprises you about the graph? What do you wonder?
- What do you foresee happening in the next 10 years?

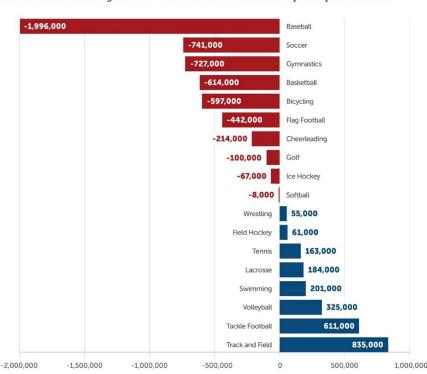
Questions to ask when reading graphs:

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- Is there an upward or downward trend?
- Are there any sudden spikes in the graph?
- What is being compared in the graph?
- What prediction can I make for the future?
- What inferences can I make about the graph?

Core Participation Changes by Middle School

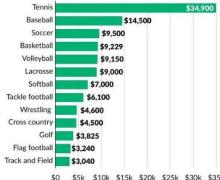
Number of children ages 13-17 who decreased or increased participation in 2019



Youth sports spending exceeds family budgets

Youth sports in the United States solidified itself as a billion-dollar industry. According to The Aspen Institute's 2019 survey on youth sports' parents, the spending ranges vary vastly by sport.

Maximum range of spending per year



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