Continuous Sum Question Type

Continuous Sum questions allow respondents to enter numeric values (often percentages or dollar amounts) for a list of items that are then summed for a total value.

20%	you spend on the following tasks? Email Support				
30%	Phone Support				
	Live Chat Support				
50.00% out of 100% Tota	I				
Check it out in ar	Check it out in an <u>example survey</u> !				
Add a survey with this question to your account!					

When To Use It

This question type is used to see how a larger value, such as a budget, is allocated across several items.

Setup

- Click the Question link on the page where you would like to add your Continuous Sum question.
- 2. Select Continuous Sum from the Question Type dropdown.
- **3.** Add the question you wish to ask and your answer options (these are the categories you wish to sum). Use the **Default Value** column to *pre-fill* fields in your list, if needed.

Continuous Sum			•
What question do you wa	nt to ask?		 Require this question
How much money (in dollars) do	you plan on budgeting for the	following departr	nents during the 2018 fiscal year?
Multiple Choice Options		Common Ar	iswer Library Advanced Option Setting
OPTION	DEFAULT VALUE		
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4. Before saving, navigate to the **Validation** tab to set up validation, such as percent or currency, a max total, and other advanced settings.

Note: Negative values can be used in this question type.

Validation Settings

A number of validation options specific to this question type are available:

Continuo	us Sum	
Max Total		
The answers	for this question *must* equal the max total	
Hide maxim	um value	
Answer F	ormat	
Number	Force Whole Number	
Answer F	Requirements	
Allow value	between	
min	max	
Limit answe	rs to	
Limit answe	options	

• Max Total - The max total is the desired sum that your respondents' entries

should reach. This field is not required.

- **The answers for this question *must* equal max** When this option is selected respondents will not be allowed to move past your continuous sum question without entering values that sum to the **Max Total**.
- **Hide Maximum Value** This will hide the **Max Total** value from respondents.
- Answer Format By default, Continuous Sum questions are set up to collect numeric data. This validation can be changed to require either Percent or Currency entries. You can also force a Whole Number here, to ensure that no negative values are entered.
- **Allow values between** You can set a minimum and/or a maximum allowed for each field.
- Limit answers to Use this field to determine the number of fields that must be answered within the list.

Layout Options

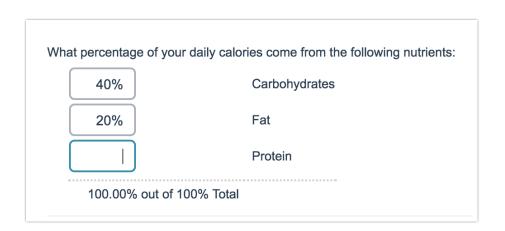
There are a coupe layout options that can help you customize your continuous sum question.

- By default, the continuous sum labels are placed on the right side of the textboxes. Un-check the **Place labels on the right side of the input** setting to move the labels to the left.
- If you need to allow more space for your continuous sum entries, use the **Textbox Width** field to do so.

Question	Logic	Validation	Layout	Piping / Repeat
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Randomiz	e options			
O Alphabeti	ze options			
Comme	ents			
Allow con	nments for	this question		
Require c	omments f	for this question		
Textbox W	/idth			

Survey Taking

On a desktop and most laptops, the Continuous Sum question type looks like so.



When optimized for mobile devices the Continuous Sum question type looks very similar.

By default, survey questions show one at a time on mobile devices to prevent the need for scrolling on smaller screens. You can turn off this one-at-a-time interaction if you wish.

Survey
What percentage of your daily calories come from the following nutrients:
40%
Carbohydrates
20%
Fat
Protein
60.00% out of 100% Total
75%

Reporting

Continuous Sum questions report as a table with an average, minimum, maximum, standard deviation, sum and total responses for each item.

						 Filter Layout & Option 	
Item	Average	Min	Max	StdDev	Sum	Total Responses	+ Move
Marketing	6.1	0	55	9.9	533.0	88	× Delete
Sales	4.1	0	29	5.9	360.0	88	
Customer Support	7.7	0	52	11.9	677.0	88	
Administration	6.3	0	51	10.8	553.0	88	

• See additional compatible chart types

O See what other report types are compatible

Exporting

In CSV/Excel exports each answer option will have its own column header. It will display the row header, then the question.

Note: The total that is displayed for the respondent is not available in reporting or exporting.

V	W	X	Y
Carbohydrate	Fat:What per	Protein:What	t percentage c
40%	30%	30%	
25%	25%	50%	
35%	45%	20%	
15%	35%	50%	

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