Infographic Tools, Apps, and Software

Below is a compilation of different data visualization tools, programs, and apps - sorted approximately from simple to fancy:

- easel.ly - free website for creating infographics
- Piktochart - commercial product with a free pricing package for education. Here's a review.
- Venngage - simple commercial tool with a free option
- Visme - commercial online tool with a free option
- Infoactive - simple online tool for infographics
- EWC Presenter - Chrome app for infographics
- infogr.am - commercial product with a reduced-features free option
- Highcharts - free for non-commerical use
- iCharts - commercial product with a free option
- Blockspring - tables, graphs, and dashboards
- Tableau Public - great data viz program
- Qlik Sense Desktop - an alternative to Tableau
- Capsidea - data-driven and interactive infographics
- Many Eyes - data-driven visualizations
- D3.js - the best (says Edward Tufte)
- Plotly - D3.js without coding

In addition:
- Creately - more of a flowchart / concept mapper
- Lucidchart - works within Google Drive
- R - sophisticated statistics and graphing environment
- Infographic Templates - commercial provider of infographic design elements
- Hohli - an online charts builder
- Visage - beautiful online charts
- visual.ly - a platform to share infographics created elsewhere

More summaries and compilations:
- 10 Online Tools for Creating Infographics and Charts
- 30 Best Tools for Data Visualization
- Even more tools, links, sources, tutorials, and more
- 20 new and free templates and kits for infographics
- Five Data Visualization Tools Focused on Design
- 16 great data visualization tools to teach you how to visualize data

There is no obvious best option. Sure, you can hide for a week to learn D3 or R - but that's not really an option for most people. The commercial tools all offer a reduced-features free option -

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that's great until you realize you really need the high-resolution JPG download or really want the cool chart type only available with a paid subscription.

If you want to try: Infogr.am is a nice option for data-driven charts and infographics: you can upload data tables, create traditional and funky charts (see example below), and share them as interactive HTML code on websites or blogs.