

200,000 rows of sales data. Two formulas. One reliably sorted list of every store.

1

The raw data

■ ■ ■ ■ ■ Store ID 22726 repeats thousands of times, across ~200,000 rows

2

Removing duplicates

fx `=UNIQUE(B2:B)`

Keeps only the *first* appearance of each Store ID, header skipped.
200,000 rows collapse to **34 real stores**.

3

Guaranteeing the order

fx `=SORT(UNIQUE(B2:B), 1, TRUE)`

UNIQUE(B2:B) → the distinct Store IDs from step 2

1 → sort by that column

TRUE → lowest to highest, every time, not by luck