

Descriptive Statistics

Organizing and summarizing information; includes basic computations and graphs

Inferential Statistics

Drawing conclusions about a population using data collected from a sample

Observational Study

Researcher observes w/o manipulation; can establish association

Design Study

Researcher determines treatments and uses a control; can establish causation

Population

All of the individuals in a study

Sample

Some of the individuals of a population

Simple Random Sample

Sampling where each individual of the population is equally likely to be selected.

Variables

Characteristics that can have changing values.

Qualitative Variable

Variable with non-numerical values, eg: eye color

Quantitative Variable

Variable with numerical values

Discrete Variable

Quantitative variable that corresponds to a count or list, eg: integers

Continuous Variable

Quantitative variable with values that are continuous numbers

Frequency

The number of times that a variable occurs

Relative Frequency

Ratio of the frequency of occurrence to the total number of observations

Frequency Distribution Table

Table of Variables and Their Corresponding Frequency

Relative Frequency Distribution Table

Table of Variables and Their Corresponding Relative Frequency

Pie Chart

Display of Qualitative Variables  
as wedges in a circle chart

Bar Graph

Display of Qualitative Variables  
in separated bars

Histogram

Visual Display of Frequency  
Distribution

Dot plot

Number Line with dots that show  
the distribution of the data with  
replicas shown vertically

stem & leaf diagram

Display of quantitative data where stem represents base values (tens, hundreds) and leaf represents individual numbers (ones)

ordered stem & leaf diagram

stem & leaf diagram with values in sequence

Mean

$$\frac{\Sigma \text{ observations}}{\text{No. of observations}}$$

Median

Value in the middle of ordered data

Mode

Value that occurs most often

Range

Max - Min

Sample Standard Deviation  
(defining formula)

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n - 1}}$$

Sample Standard Deviation  
(computing formula)

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum x_i^2 - (\sum x_i)^2/n}{n - 1}}$$

First Quartile (Q1)

25% of data is lower  
= 25th percentile

Second Quartile (Q2)

Median, 50% of data is lower

Third Quartile (Q3)

75% of data is lower  
= 75th percentile

Five Number Summary

Min, Q1, Q2(median), Q3, Max



InterQuartile Range (IQR)

$$Q_3 - Q_1$$

Box Plot

Graphical representation of the Five Number Summary in which the middle 50% of the data is enclosed in a box.

Probability of an Event

frequency of occurrence / total possible outcomes

Values of Probability

$$0 \leq p \leq 1$$

$p = 0$

Event impossible

$p=1$

Event guaranteed

Venn Diagram

a visual representation of all the possible outcomes and events

Mutually Exclusive

Events with no common outcomes (cannot simultaneously occur)

General Addition Rule

$$P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \& B)$$

Complementation Rule

$$P(D) = 1 - P(\text{not } D)$$