Glossary

1. Actuary

A statistician who computes insurance risks and premiums.

2. Distribution

A set of numbers and their frequency of occurrence collected from measurements over a statistical population.

3. Equilibrium

A condition in which all acting influences are cancelled by others, resulting in a stable, balanced, or unchanging system.

4. Kurtosis

In Statistic, it is a measure of the concentration of a distribution around its mean.

5. Liability

The state of being legally obliged and responsible.

6. Median

The middle value in a distribution, above and below which lie an equal number of values.

7. Meteorite

A stony or metallic mass of matter that has fallen to the earth's surface from outer space.

8. Mode

The value or item occurring most frequently in a series of observations or statistical data.

9. Parameter

In Statistics, a quantity, such as a mean, that is calculated from data and describes a population.

10. Probability

A number expressing the likelihood that a specific event will occur, expressed as the ratio of the number of actual occurrences to the number of possible occurrences.

11. Probability Density Function

A function of a continuous random variable, whose integral across an interval gives the probability that the value of the variable lies within the same interval.

12. Skewness

In Statistic, it is a measure of the symmetry of a distribution around its mean.

13. Stocks

The total merchandise kept on hand by a merchant, commercial establishment, warehouse, or manufacturer.

14. Supercomputer

A mainframe computer that is among the largest, fastest, or most powerful of those available at a given time.

15. Variable

A quantity capable of assuming any of a set of values.