

## Glossary

**1. Confidence Interval**

It is an interval of values bounded by confidence limits within which the true value of a population parameter is stated to lie with a specified probability.

**2. Estimation**

It refers to the process by which one makes inferences about a population, based on information obtained from a sample.

**3. Interval**

A set of numbers consisting of all the numbers between a pair of given numbers along with either, both, or none of the endpoints.

**4. Interpretation**

The act or process of interpreting.

**5. Mean**

The average value of a set of numbers.

**6. Normal Distribution**

A theoretical frequency distribution for a set of variable data, usually represented by a bell-shaped curve symmetrical about the mean.

**7. Parameter**

In Statistics, it is a quantity that is calculated from data and describes a population.

**8. Population**

The set of individuals, items, or data from which a statistical sample is taken.

**9. Probability Distribution**

A function of a discrete random variable yielding the probability that the variable will have a given value.

**10. Random Sampling**

It is the selection of a random sample and each element of the population has an equal chance of being selected.

**11. Sample**

A set of elements drawn from and analyzed to estimate the characteristics of a population.

**12. Standard Deviation**

A statistic used as a measure of the dispersion or variation in a distribution, equal to the square root of the arithmetic mean of the squares of the deviations from the arithmetic mean.

**13. Summation**

The act or process of adding.

**14. Variability**

The quality, state, or degree of being variable or changeable.

**15. Variance**

The square of the standard deviation.