

## 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. Degrees of Freedom**

In [statistics](#), the number of degrees of freedom is the number of values in the final calculation of a statistic that are free to vary.

### **3. Estimation**

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

### **4. F-distribution**

The confidence interval for the ratio of two variances requires the use of the probability distribution known as the F-distribution.

### **5. 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.

### **6. Mean**

The average value of a set of numbers.

### **7. Normal Distribution**

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

### **8. Population**

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

### **9. Precision**

The quality, condition, or fact of being exact and accurate.

### **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. Sampling Distribution**

The sampling distribution of a given population is the distribution of frequencies of a range of different outcomes that could possibly occur for a statistic of a population.

### **12. Skew**

Not symmetrical about the mean.

### **13. 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.

### **14. Variability**

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

**15. Variance**

The square of the standard deviation.