

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. 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.

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

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.

10. Sample

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

11. 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.

12. Statistical Inference

Statistical inference is the process of making conclusions using data that are subject to random variation.

13. Summation

The act or process of adding.

14. Variance

The square of the standard deviation.

15. Voucher

A written record of expenditure, disbursement, or completed transaction.