

Basic Sample Types

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- What are the basic sample types?
 - What are their characteristics?
 - How do we create them?
- What makes a sample
 - *be a random sample?*
 - *not be a random sample?*

A Population is ...

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- The *entire* group being studied

A Samples is ...

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- A subset of the population

Samples are used to ...

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- Determine the participants for a survey or research study

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**Respondents or participants is used in reference to a survey.*

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- $N > n$
The population size (N) is greater than the sample size (n).

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- A "good" sample is a small version of the population.

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For Simple Random Sampling, ...

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- All samples which can be created of any size are considered to be *equally likely*
- All units have the same likelihood of being selected as members of the sample
- All pairs of units have the same likelihood of being selected as members of the sample
- All groups of three units have the same likelihood of being selected as members of the sample
- and so on ...

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*The *list* is also known as a *sampling frame* or *frame*.

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- Can be as simple as a list or
- May contain details about members of the population, if available

Examples of a Sampling Frame

- Class list
- Registrar's database of students
- Database of courses offered at a university
- Database of faculty members at a university
- Database of parts used by Apple
- Database of items for sale on Amazon

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- Surveys request information such as
 - Gender
 - Age
 - Location - State, Region, Country
 - Ethnicity
 - Marital status
 - Level of Education
 - Income Level

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 - Use the same percentage of members of each stratum *in the sample*

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- Course sections at FSU
- Groups of people on Buses
- Groups of people on Airplanes
- Groups of people on MBTA cars
- Groups of people sitting around Tables
- The group of students living in rooms off Hallways in a dormitory
- Regions in a country

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- *Systematic?*

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- Methodical
- Regimented
- Created using a *procedure* which involves “counting-off”

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*k is known as the *count-off number*.

How do we determine the
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- Take greatest counting number which is *less than or equal to* the quotient of the population size (N) and the sample size (n)

$k = \text{greatest counting number less than or equal to } \frac{N}{n}$

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- Sample consist of units numbered as $p, p+k, p+2k, p+3k, p+4k, \dots, p+(n-1)k$

Simple Random Sampling



Population

Sample

Stratified Sampling

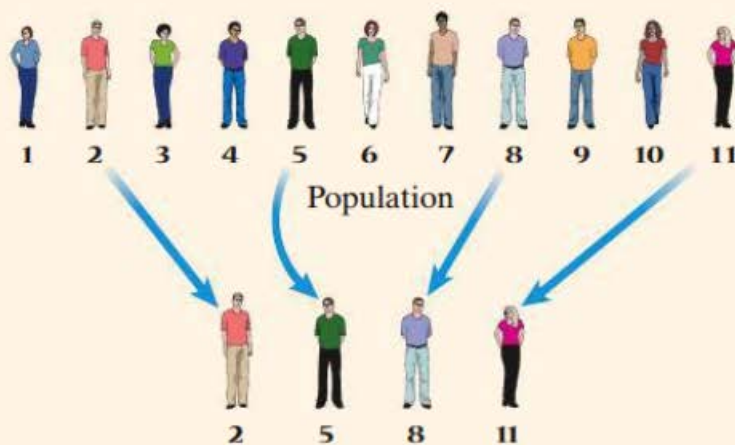


Population

Strata

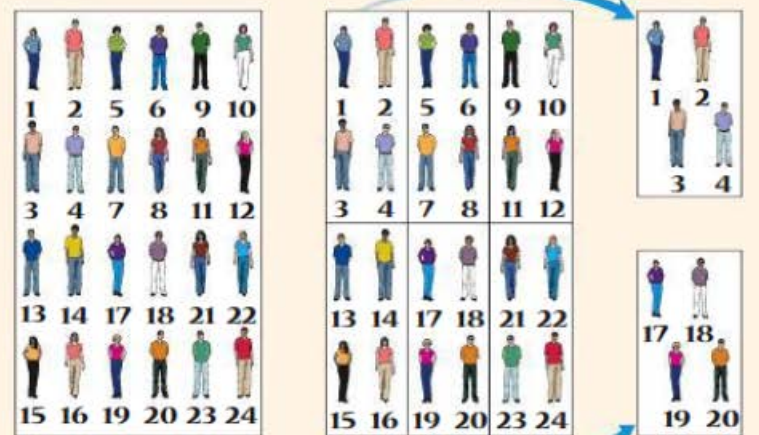
Sample

Systematic Sampling



Sample (every 3rd person selected)

Cluster Sampling



Population

Cluster
Population

Sample:
Randomly
Selected
Clusters

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Two-Stage Sample?

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- Take a cluster sample

followed by

- A simple random sample
from each cluster

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Two-Stage Sample?

- Take a cluster sample [Stage 1]

followed by

- A simple random sample
from each cluster [Stage 2]

Cluster Sample vs. Two-Stage Sample

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- For a cluster sample,
 - All units in the selected clusters become members of the sample
- For a two-stage sample
 - Only the units obtained via the simple random samples taken from the selected clusters become members of the sample

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Multistage Sample

- An extension of two-stage sample

General Example of a
Multistage Sample
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- **General example**
 - **Stratified Sample** to select regions
 - **Stratified Sample** from each region to select schools
 - **Cluster Sample** to select classes at each school
 - **Simple Random Sample** to select students in each selected class

Example of a

Multistage Sample

for a Cookie Study

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- *Stratified Sample* of store types
- *Stratified sample* of regions
- *Simple Random sample* of stores in the selected regions
- *Simple Random Sample* of bags of cookies from each selected store
- *Simple Random Sample* of cookies from each bag

How do we create a

Convenience Sample?

- **Take as units for the sample anyone who is available or willing to participate**

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- Research based on data obtained from a convenience sample is of no value and cannot be used to draw meaningful conclusions about a population

Summary of Sampling Methods

- **Simple Random Sample** - characterized by random selection of units (from a frame)
- **Stratified Random Sample** - preserves characteristics from the population into the sample; simple random sample from each stratum
- **Cluster Sample** - simple random sample of clusters within the population

Summary of Sampling Methods

- **Two-Stage Sample** - simple random sample of clusters in the population followed by a simple random sample from each selected cluster
- **Multi-Stage Sample** - multiple samples (beyond two) applied in sequence
- **Systematic Sample** - characterized by "counting-off"
- **Convenience Sample** - taking as units of the sample anyone willing to participate

Summary of Sampling Methods

- **Random Samples**
 - Simple Random Sample
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 - Cluster Sample
 - Two-Stage Sample
- **Not Random Samples**
 - Systematic Sample
 - Convenience Sample