## Chapter (1) <br> What is Statistics <br> Examples

1. In each statement, tell whether the descriptive or inferential statistic has been used:
a) By 2040 at least 3.5 billion people will run short of water (World Future Society). Inferential
b) Nine out of ten of the job fatalities are men. Descriptive
c) Expenditures for the cable industry were 5.66 billion in 1996 . Descriptive
d) Allergy therapy makes bees go away. Inferential
e) Drinking decaffeinated coffee can raise cholesterol levels by $7 \%$. Inferential
f) The national average annual medicine expenditure per person is $\$ 1052$. Descriptive
g) Experts say the mortgage rates may soon hit bottom. Inferential

## 2. Identify each of the following data sets as either a population or a sample:

a. The grade point averages (GPAs) of all students at a college. Population.
b. The GPAs of a randomly selected group of students on a college campus. Sample.
c. The ages of the nine Supreme Court Justices of the United States on January 1, 1842. Population.
d. The gender of every second customer who enters a movie theater. Sample.
e. The lengths of Atlantic croakers caught on a fishing trip to the beach. Sample.

## 3. Identify the following variables as either quantitative or qualitative:

a. The 30 high-temperature readings of the last 30 days. Quantitative
b. The scores of 40 students on an English test. Quantitative
c. The blood types of 120 teachers in a middle school. Qualitative
d. The last four digits of social security numbers of all students in a class. Qualitative
e. The numbers on the jerseys of 53 football players on a team.

## Quantitative

4. Classify each variable using the appropriate terms from the following list: qualitative, quantitative, continuous, and discrete.
a) Weight (in grams) of tomatoes at a grocery store.

Quantitative, continuous
b) Number of times person checks their e-mail per day.

Quantitative, discrete
c) Political party, if any, that a person voted for in the last provincial election. Qualitative
d) Voter participation in past federal elections, as a percentage.

Quantitative, continuous
e) Daily temperature (in degrees Fahrenheit) for last August.

Quantitative, continuous
f) Letter grades (A, B, C, D, or F) that an English 100 class received on their essays. Qualitative

## 5. Identify the data set's level of measurement (nominal, ordinal, interval, ratio):

a) hair color of women on a high school tennis team. nominal
b) numbers on the shirts of a girls' soccer team. nominal
c) ages of students in a statistics class. ratio
d) temperatures of 22 selected refrigerators. interval
e) number of milligrams of tar in 28 cigarettes. ratio
f) number of pages in your statistics book . ratio
g) marriage status of the faculty at the local community college. nominal
h) list of 1247 social security numbers. nominal
i) the ratings of a movie ranging from "poor" to "good" to "excellent". Ordinal
j) The final grades (A,B,C,D, and F) for students in a chemistry class. Ordinal
k) The annual salaries for all teachers in Utah. ratio

1) List of zip codes for Chicago. nominal
$\mathrm{m})$ The nationalities listed in a recent survey . nominal
n) The amount of fat (in grams) in 44 cookies . ratio
o) The data listed on the horizontal axis in the graph. ratio
