#### Chapter (1) What is Statistics 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
- 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