

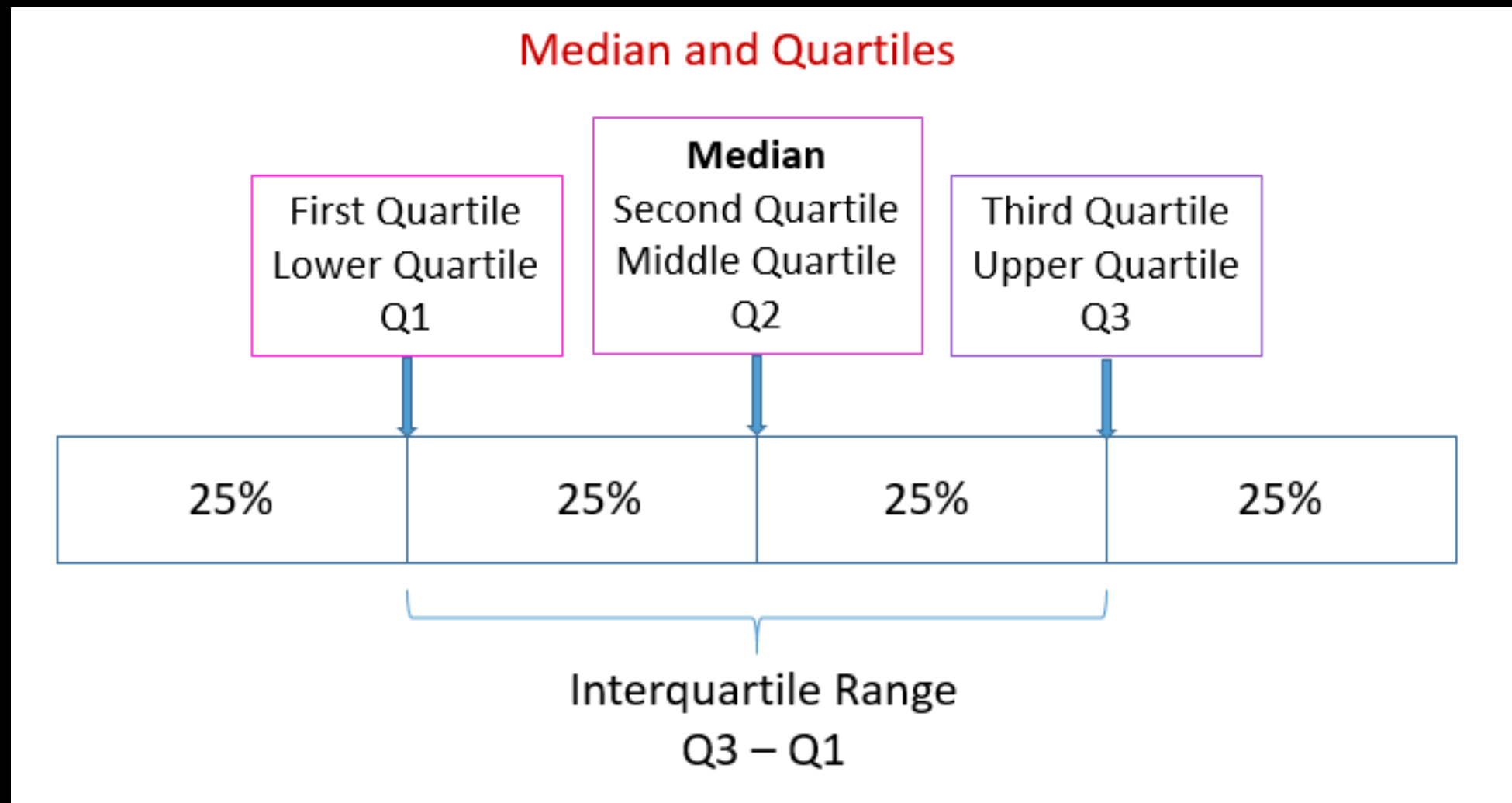
**HOWEVER**, the formulae we use for a sample and a population are different!

**Sample variance** tends to be lower than the **population variance** that is purportedly estimates (i.e., undervalues the penalty).

Thus, we divide by  **$n-1$**  ( **$n$**  is the data in sample) instead of  **$n$** .

A smaller number in the denominator yields a higher variance.

	<i>Population</i>	<i>Estimate Based on a Sample</i>
Variance	$\sigma^2 = \frac{\Sigma(X - \mu)^2}{N}$ <p>where <math>\Sigma</math> = to sum <math>X</math> = a score in the distribution <math>\mu</math> = the population mean <math>N</math> = the number of cases in the population</p>	$s^2 = \frac{\Sigma(X - \bar{X})^2}{n-1}$ <p>where <math>\Sigma</math> = to sum <math>X</math> = a score in the distribution <math>\bar{X}</math> = the sample mean <math>n</math> = the number of cases in the sample</p>
Standard Deviation	$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\Sigma(X - \mu)^2}{N}}$ <p>where <math>\Sigma</math> = to sum <math>X</math> = a score in the distribution <math>\mu</math> = the population mean <math>N</math> = the number of cases in the Population</p>	$s = \sqrt{\frac{\Sigma(X - \bar{X})^2}{n-1}}$ <p>where <math>\Sigma</math> = to sum <math>X</math> = a score in the distribution <math>\bar{X}</math> = the sample mean <math>n</math> = the number of cases in the sample</p>



We often divide our data into four equal parts called **quartiles**.

