

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

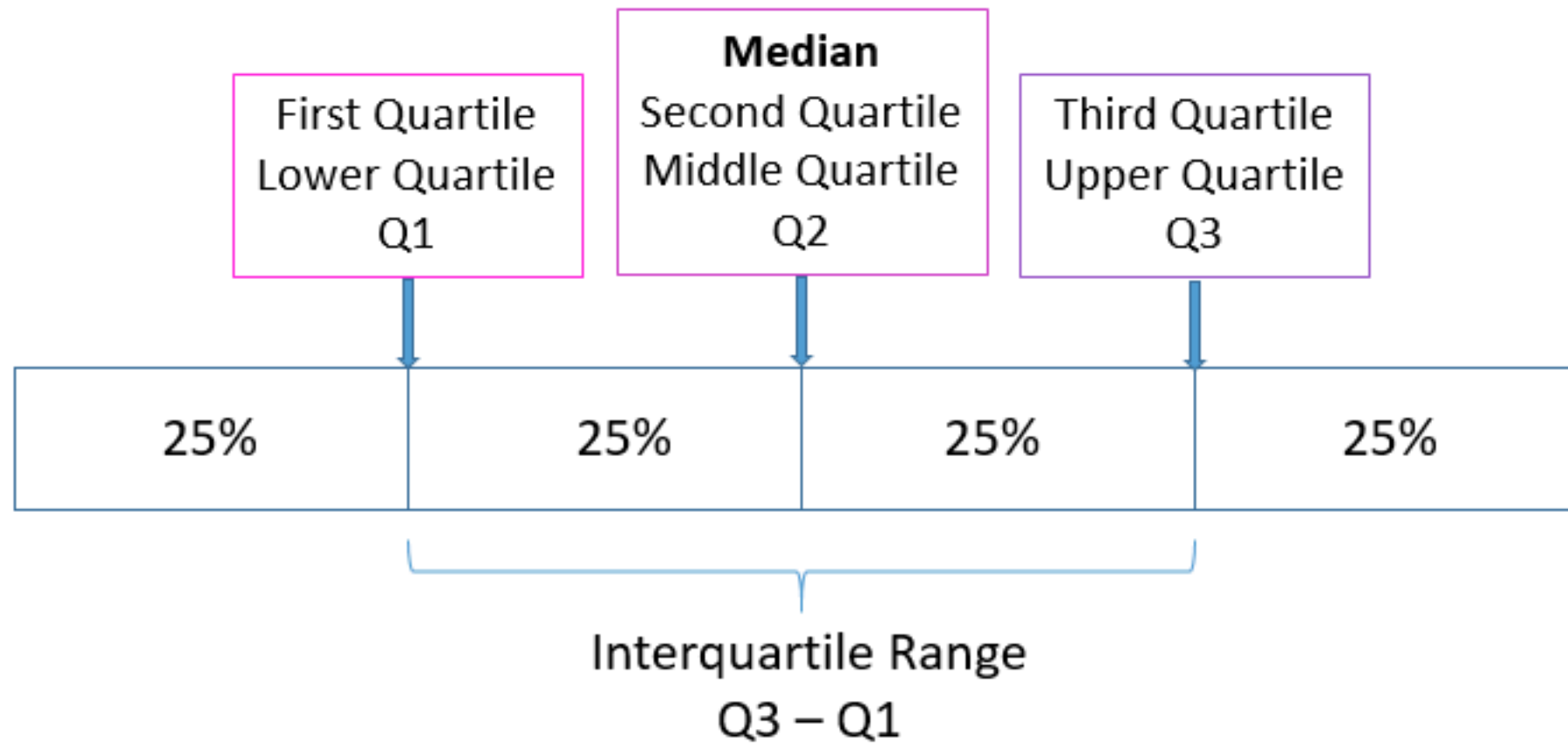
Sample **variance** tends to be lower (i.e., undervalues the penalty).

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.

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

Median and Quartiles



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

