

# Command Reference: CalculateTimeSeriesStatistic()

## Calculate time series statistic

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The `CalculateTimeSeriesStatistic()` command calculates a statistic for a time series and optionally adds the result to a table (see the `NewTable()` command). Multiple time series can be processed. The sample from each time series includes data values for the full period or a shorter period if specified for the command. Missing values are typically ignored unless significant for the statistic (e.g., `Statistic=MissingCount`).

The following dialog is used to edit the command and illustrates the command syntax.

**Edit CalculateTimeSeriesStatistic() Command**

Calculate a statistic for time series and optionally save in a table.  
Statistics results may have 1+ values and may include the date/time of the result.  
Use table commands to save the results.  
Specify dates with precision appropriate for the data, use blank for all available data, OutputStart, or OutputEnd.

TS list:  Optional - indicates the time series to process (default=AllTS).

TSID (for TSList=AllMatchingTSID):

EnsembleID (for TSList=EnsembleID):

Statistic to calculate:  Required - may require other parameters.

Value1:  Optional - may be needed as input to calculate statistic.

Value2:  Optional - may be needed as input to calculate statistic.

Value3:  Optional - may be needed as input to calculate statistic.

Analysis period:  to

Table ID for output:  Optional - if statistic should be saved in table.

Table TSID column:  Required if using table - column name for TSID.

Table statistic column:  Required if using table - column name for statistic.

Command:  
`CalculateTimeSeriesStatistic (Statistic="NqYY", Value1=7, Value2=10, Value3=6, TableID="Table1", TableStatisticColumn="7q10")`

CalculateTimeSeriesStatistic

### CalculateTimeSeriesStatistic() Command Editor

The command syntax is as follows:

`CalculateTimeSeriesStatistic (Parameter=Value, ...)`

### Command Parameters

| Parameter | Description   | Default |
|-----------|---|---------|
| TSList    | Indicates the list of time series to be processed, one of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>AllMatchingTSID – all time series that</li></ul> | AllTS   |

| Parameter     | Description  | Default                                   |
|---------------|--|---|
|               | <p>match the TSID (single TSID or TSID with wildcards) will be processed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AllTS – all time series before the command will be processed.</li> <li>• EnsembleID – all time series in the ensemble will be processed.</li> <li>• LastMatchingTSID – the last time series that matches the TSID (single TSID or TSID with wildcards) will be processed.</li> <li>• SelectedTS – the time series selected with the SelectTimeSeries() command will be processed.</li> </ul>  |   |
| TSID          | The time series identifier or alias for the time series to be modified, using the * wildcard character to match multiple time series.  | Required if TSList=*TSID.                 |
| EnsembleID    | The ensemble to be modified, if processing an ensemble.  | Required if TSList=EnsembleID.            |
| Statistic     | <p>Statistic to compute, one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Count – number of data values total, including missing and non-missing</li> <li>• Max – maximum value</li> <li>• Mean – mean value</li> <li>• Min – minimum value</li> <li>• MissingCount – number of missing values</li> <li>• MissingPercent – percent of values that are missing</li> <li>• NonmissingCount – number of non-missing values</li> <li>• NonmissingPercent – percent of values that are not missing</li> <li>• NqYY – restricted to daily data and typically used to analyze return interval of low flows, requires values of N, YY, and number of missing allowed to be specified with Value parameters (see <b>Statistic Details</b> table below)</li> </ul> | None – must be specified.                 |
| Value1        | Input data required by the statistic. Currently the dialog does not check the value for correctness – it is checked when the statistic is computed.  | See <b>Statistic Details</b> table below. |
| Value2        | Input data required by the statistic. Currently the dialog does not check the value for correctness – it is checked when the statistic is computed.  | See <b>Statistic Details</b> table below. |
| Value3        | Input data required by the statistic. Currently the dialog does not check the value for correctness – it is checked when the statistic is computed.  | See <b>Statistic Details</b> table below. |
| AnalysisStart | The date/time to start analyzing data.   | Full period is analyzed.                  |
| AnalysisEnd   | The date/time to end analyzing data.   | Full period is analyzed.                  |
| TableID       | Identifier for table that receives the statistic.  | Optional – table output is not required.  |

| Parameter            | Description   | Default                                  |
|----------------------|---|--|
| TableTSIDColumn      | Table column name that is used to look up the time series. If a matching TSID is not found, a row will be added to the table. If a TSID is found, the statistic cell value for the time series is modified. | Optional – table output is not required. |
| TableStatisticColumn | Table column name to receive the statistic value.   | Optional – table output is not required. |

The following table provides additional information about specific statistics, in particular to describe how the statistic is computed and whether additional input needs to be provided with Value command parameters.

### Statistic Details

| Statistic            | Description  | Required Values   |
|----------------------|--|---|
| NqYY                 | <p>This statistic is typically used to evaluate the return period of low flows and is implemented only for daily data. The N indicates the number of daily values to be averaged and YY indicates the return interval. For example, 7q10 indicates the flow corresponding to the 10-year recurrence interval for minimum average daily flow (for 7 days) in a year. This statistic is computed as follows, using 7q10 as an example:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Determine the number of years to be analyzed (from analysis period command parameters or time series data).</li> <li>2. For each year, loop through each day from January 1 to December 31. Compute an average flow by averaging 7 days, in this case with 3 values on each side of the current day and including the current day. If at the end of the year, use 3 values from adjoining years. The number of missing data allowed is controlled by the Value3 command parameter.</li> <li>3. For the year, save the minimum 7-day average.</li> <li>4. Utilize the minimum values for all years, with log-Pearson Type III distribution, to determine the value for the 10-year recurrence interval. See <a href="http://pubs.usgs.gov/sir/2008/5126/section3.html">http://pubs.usgs.gov/sir/2008/5126/section3.html</a> for a description of NqYY and “Hydrology for Engineers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition,” Linsley, Kohler, Paulhus for a description of log-Pearson Type III distribution.</li> </ol> | <p>Value1 – specify the number of daily values to be averaged. Currently this must be an odd number to allow bracketing the current day.</p> <p>Value2 – specify the return interval (e.g., 10).</p> <p>Value3 – specify the number of missing values allowed in the average (e.g., 0 for most rigorous analysis). It may be useful to set this value if, for example, a single daily value is available in the time series, for example entered on the first day of the month.</p> |
| All other statistics | Described above.   | No additional input values are needed.  |

The following example illustrates how to use the command to compute the 7q10 statistic for daily flow:

```
TS linsley = ReadDateValue(InputFile="Data\linsley.dv")
NewTable(TableID="Table1",Columns="TSID,string;7q10,double")
CalculateTimeSeriesStatistic(Statistic="NqYY",Value1=7,Value2=10,Value3=6,
TableID="Table1",TableTSIDColumn="TSID",TableStatisticColumn="7q10")
WriteTableToDelimitedFile(TableID="Table1",
OutputFile="Results/Test_CalculateTimeSeriesStatistic_7q10_linsley_out.csv")
```

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