

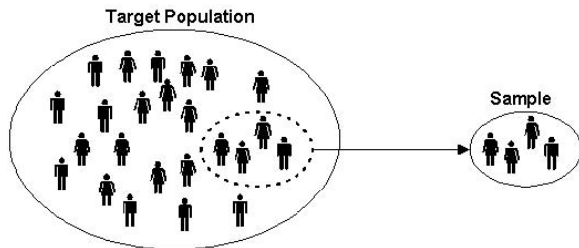
# Lecture 4: Sampling Methods + Design of Experiments

Chapter 1.4.2 + 1.5

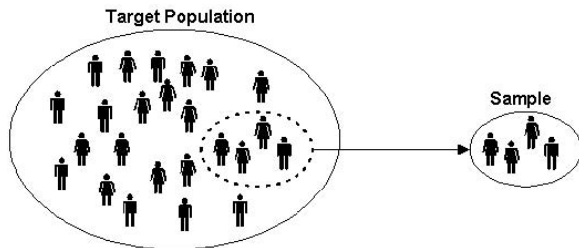
# Goals for Today

- ▶ Discuss different types of sampling
- ▶ Designing experiments
- ▶ Very important example: clinical trials
- ▶ Example of my own designed experiment: Fried Chicken Face Off

## Recall from Lecture 1.3: Population and Samples

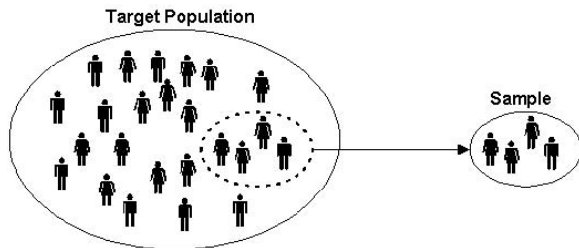


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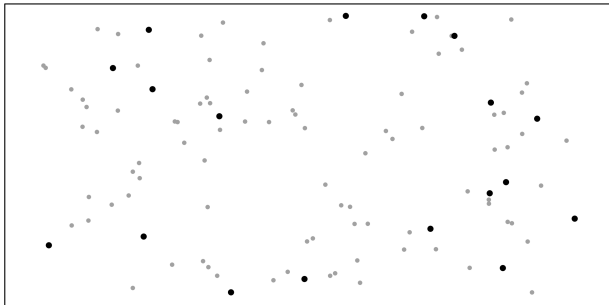
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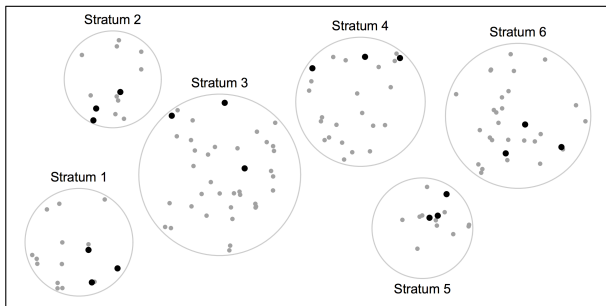
How do we take a representative (i.e. unbiased) sample? You **randomly** sample from the population.

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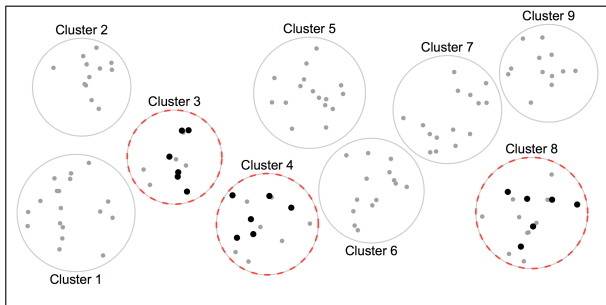
**Most granular sampling:** Where every individual in the population has the same probability of being sampled. Here, all dots are members of the population, and the bolder dots are sampled.

## 2. Stratified Sampling



**Divide and conquer:** The population is divided into strata, and we sample from each strata. For example, each strata could be a census tract in Vermont, and we sample individuals from each strata.

### 3. Cluster Sampling



**Two stage sampling:** Very similar to stratified sampling in its process, except that there is no requirement to sample from every cluster. First the clusters in red were chosen at random, and then we sample from them.



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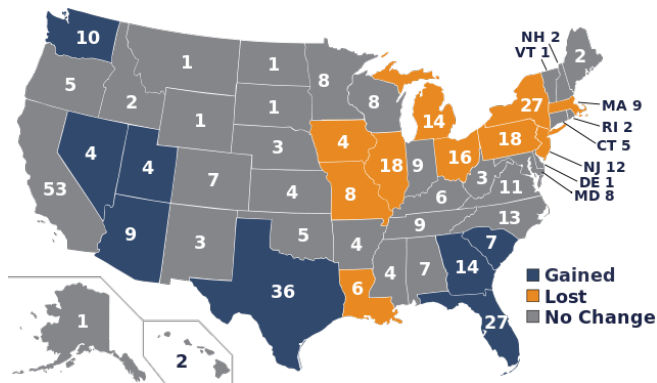
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## In a First, 2000 Census Is to Use Sampling

By STEVEN A. HOLMES  
Published: February 29, 1996

To cut costs and improve accuracy, the Census Bureau said today that it would actually count only 90 percent of the United States population in 2000 and rely on statistical sampling methods to determine the number remaining.

The plans, announced at the Commerce Department, mean that for the first time the official tally of the American population, done every 10 years and used to apportion seats in the House of Representatives, will be based in part on a scientifically determined estimate rather than the actual head count conducted through a mass direct-mail campaign.

Census Bureau officials say the revised method is needed to keep costs down and to avoid a repeat of the 1990 census, which missed record numbers of people that had been traditionally hard to count, mainly members of ethnic and racial minorities.

"What we intend to do to meet our twin goals of reducing costs and increasing accuracy is to make a much greater use of widely accepted scientific statistical methods, and sampling is first and foremost among them," said Martha Farnsworth Riche, the Census Bureau Director.

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## Census Nominee Rules Out Statistical Sampling in 2010

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By TIMOTHY J. ALBERTA

WASHINGTON—President Barack Obama's nominee to head the Census Bureau on Friday ruled out using statistical sampling to adjust the results of the 2010 census, quelling Republican concerns and making his confirmation likely next week.

Robert Groves, director of the University of Michigan's Survey Research Center and a former Census Bureau official, is an expert on statistical sampling, the practice of extrapolating a larger population from a smaller slice of it. Proponents of sampling say it helps produce a more accurate tally of the population, especially when it comes to traditionally undercounted groups, such as minorities living in urban areas.

But many Republican lawmakers insist that sampling violates the Constitution, which calls for an "actual Enumeration" of the population every 10 years. Critics also say the use of sampling would politicize the traditionally nonpolitical Census Bureau.

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- ▶ **Phases**. In particular, **pilot studies**.



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In Seattle's Central District lies



From Wikipedia: Oprah Winfrey called it her favorite fried chicken. There are a number of photos of her on the wall of the original restaurant proclaiming her love of the chicken. It is also said she has the chicken flown to her in Chicago when she has a craving.

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We set up a “Fried Chicken Face Off” where we would have individuals try both kinds of chicken and rate which one they liked more.

# Design of Experiment Principles in Place

**Goal:** Evaluate which kind of chicken, Ezell's or KFC, that people prefer in a blinded taste test. (Not if participant can determine which chicken came from which restaurant.)

**Question:** What principles of the design of experiments should be put in place to this end?

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- ▶ Future metrics need to consider the chicken and the skin separately, as well as the “overall experience” scores. i.e. this face off should be viewed as a **pilot study**

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## Next time

Examining and visualizing numerical data