

# Summary Statistic Definitions!

**Mean (Sample)** = sum of all data values divided by number of data points

$$\text{Mean} = \frac{\text{Sum of all values}}{\text{Number of values}}$$

$$\text{Symbolically, } \bar{x} = \frac{\sum x}{n}$$

where  $\bar{x}$  (read as 'x bar') is the mean of the set of  $x$  values,  
 $\sum x$  is the sum of all the  $x$  values, and  
 $n$  is the number of  $x$  values.

(note - only works with “numerical” data types... more about data types later)

**Median** = if we order the data from smallest to largest, this is the observation in the middle (splits the data in 2 halves)

**First/Third Quartiles** = where 25% of the data falls below/above

**Standard Deviation** = this is the square root of the variance, where the variance is roughly the average distance of data values from the mean

$$\text{Standard Deviation (sample)} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \text{mean})^2}{n-1}}$$