

INTRODUCTION

Exercises

- Protecting wood** How can we help wood surfaces resist weathering, especially when restoring historic wooden buildings? In a study of this question, researchers prepared wooden panels and then exposed them to the weather. Here are some of the variables recorded: type of wood (yellow poplar, pine, cedar); type of water repellent (solvent-based, water-based); paint thickness (millimeters); paint color (white, gray, light blue); weathering time (months). Identify each variable as categorical or quantitative.
- Medical study variables** Data from a medical study contain values of many variables for each of the people who were the subjects of the study. Here are some of the variables recorded: gender (female or male); age (years); race (Asian, black, white, or other); smoker (yes or no); systolic blood pressure (millimeters of mercury); level of calcium in the blood (micrograms per milliliter). Identify each as categorical or quantitative.
- A class survey** Here is a small part of the data set that describes the students in an AP Statistics class. The data come from anonymous responses to a questionnaire filled out on the first day of class.

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Gender	Hand	Height (in)	Homework time (min)	Favorite music	Pocket change (cents)
F	L	65	200	Hip-hop	50
M	L	72	30	Country	35
M	R	62	95	Rock	35
F	L	64	120	Alternative	0
M	R	63	220	Hip-hop	0
F	R	58	60	Alternative	76
F	R	67	150	Rock	215

- What individuals does this data set describe?
- Clearly identify each of the variables. Which are quantitative? In what units are they measured?
- Describe the individual in the highlighted row.

- Coaster craze** Many people like to ride roller coasters. Amusement parks try to increase attendance by building exciting new coasters. The table below displays data on several roller coasters that were opened in 2009.²

Roller coaster	Type	Height (ft)	Design	Speed (mph)	Duration (s)
Wild mouse	Steel	49.3	Sit down	28	70
Terminator	Wood	95	Sit down	50.1	180
Manta	Steel	140	Flying	56	155
Prowler	Wood	102.3	Sit down	51.2	190
Diamondback	Steel	230	Sit down	80	180

- What individuals does this data set describe?
 - Clearly identify each of the variables. Which are quantitative? In what units are they measured?
 - Describe the individual in the highlighted row.
- Ranking colleges** Popular magazines rank colleges and universities on their "academic quality" in serving undergraduate students. Describe two categorical variables and two quantitative variables that you might record for each institution. Give the units of measurement for the quantitative variables.
 - Students and TV** You are preparing to study the television-viewing habits of high school students. Describe two categorical variables and two quantitative variables that you might record for each student. Give the units of measurement for the quantitative variables.

Multiple choice: Select the best answer.

Exercises 7 and 8 refer to the following setting. At the Census Bureau Web site, you can view detailed data collected by the American Community Survey. The table below includes data for 10 people chosen at random from the more than one million people in households contacted by the survey. "School" gives the highest level of education completed.

Weight (lb)	Age (yr)	Travel to work (min)	School	Gender	Income last year (\$)
187	66	0	Ninth grade	1	24,000
158	66	n/a	High school grad	2	0
176	54	10	Assoc. degree	2	11,900
339	37	10	Assoc. degree	1	6,000
91	27	10	Some college	2	30,000
155	18	n/a	High school grad	2	0
213	38	15	Master's degree	2	125,000
194	40	0	High school grad	1	800
221	18	20	High school grad	1	2,500
193	11	n/a	Fifth grade	1	0