

1. **Data** - Any observations that have been collected.
2. **Statistics** - collecting, analyze, summarize, interpret and draw conclusions from data.
3. **Population** - The complete set of elements being studied.
4. **Sample** - Some subset of a population.  
↳ e.g. not asking everyone about their opinion on a presidential poll.
5. **Census** - Collecting from every member of a population.
6. **Random** - I can't pick out who I want to be in my sample. There could be bias. Hence the sample should be random.

### Types of data:-

**Parameter** - A characteristic of population.

**Statistic** - A characteristic of a sample. (sample statistics)

→ **Qualitative / Categorical / Non-numeric** - color, gender, occupation etc.  
Zipcode - has a number but we can't apply mathematical operations on it; phone numbers etc.  
\* Mathematical operations are meaningless.

→ **Quantitative / Numerical** - height / weight, wages, temperature  
\* Mathematical operations are meaningful.

### Types of Quantitative data.

1. **Discrete data** - Countable or finite. Usually a count.  
e.g. number of kids, numbers on a dice. If the die had numbers like 1.5, 2.4 etc. It still would be discrete because the choices are finite.
2. **Continuous data** - Infinite number of possible values (non-countable)  
- temperature.  
"between" every number, there are infinite numbers. Usually a measurement.

### FOUR LEVELS of measurement.

- ① **Nominal** - Categories not ordered.  
e.g. religion, race, gender etc.
- ② **Ordinal** - Can be ordered e.g. rank, colors (spectral scale)  
\* Differences are meaningless.

→ cars running in a race are ranked. But it doesn't tell you about how they drove, speed etc.

③ Interval - can be ordered

\* Differences are meaningful.

\* No "Natural zero" - no quantity present.

eg. Temperature - if its value is zero, it doesn't mean there is no presence of temperature.

④ Ratio - same as interval but with a natural zero.

eg:- money in a bank acc't.

⑤ Ordinal:-