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# **Topics to be Covered**

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- Statistical Analysis
- Population
- Sample
- Sampling
- Types of Population

#### Problems to be solved



## Suppose, you are interested in finding

- Mean height of all male students of all the universities in India. OR
- Average marks of all female students of PES University. OR
- Relationship between the time a student spends on studying and the grades that he gets.
- Impact of rise in number of student assignments on their grades.

# **Statistical Analysis**



Statistical analysis is the science of collecting data and uncovering patterns and trends.



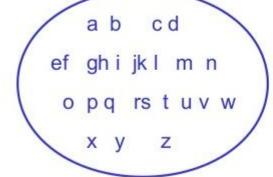


# First step in Statistical Analysis



# Identify whether the data set is a Population or a Sample.





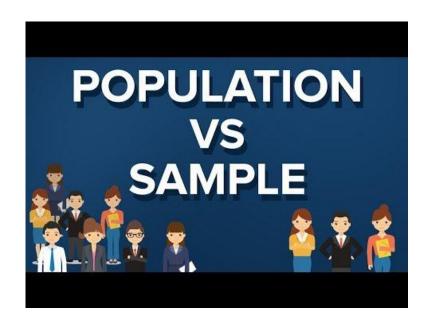
#### Sample



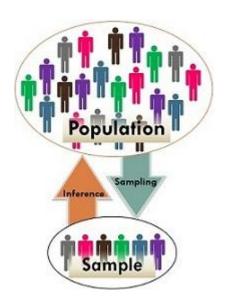
# **Population vs. Sample**



A **population** is the entire collection of all items(or objects) of interest to our study.



A **sample** is a subset of a population.



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Is it population or sample?



Study: Survey of the job prospects of the students studying in a university.

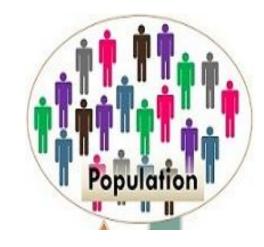
Meeting every student in the university to take a survey – Population or Sample?



# **Population vs. Sample**

So, population is hard to define and hard to observe in real life.





A sample, however, is much easier to contact.



Samples are:

Easier to contact Less time consuming Less costly

# Why Sample?



# **Get information about large populations**

- Lower cost
- More accuracy of results
- High speed of data collection
- Availability of population elements
- Less field time
- When it is impossible to study the whole population

# What Type of Sample?



Study: Survey of the job prospects of the students studying in a university.

Taking survey from the students who are in Canteen.

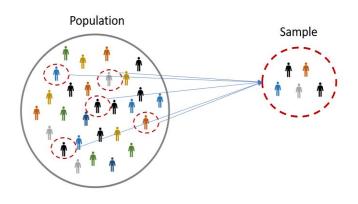


# What is Good Sample?



# The sample must be:

- representative of the population
- appropriately sized(larger the better)
- random(selections occur by chance)
- unbiased



# Is it a Good Sample?

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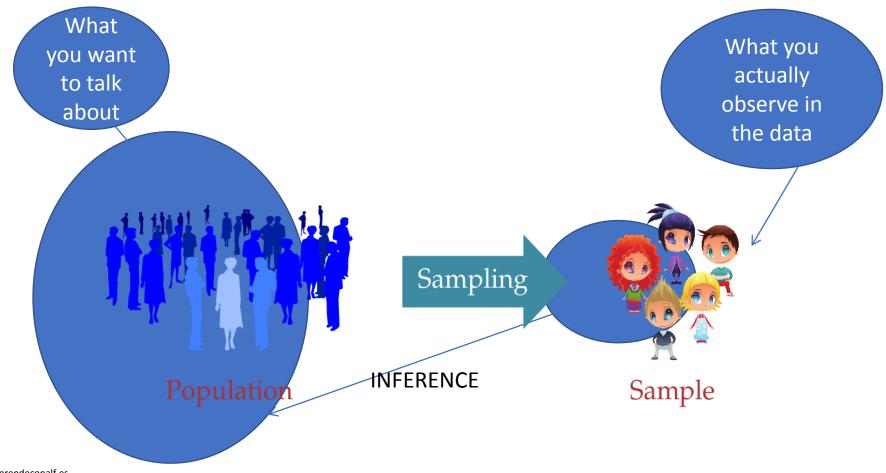
- Is this a representative of population?
- Is this a random sample?



# What is sampling?

The process of selecting observations(a sample) in order to make an inference that can be generalized to the population.





# What is sampling?

- The process of selecting the representative sample units from the population to study the characteristics of the population is called sampling.
- In many empirical studies, data are to be collected from a population under study.
- A population consist number of units usually very large and sometimes infinitely large.
- In many cases, it is not practically possible to include all units of the population for the investigation.
- Therefore a few units of the population have to be selected as a representative of the whole population.
- So sampling is needed in this situation to draw the representative sample of the population.



# Why do we need sampling?



Sampling is done to draw conclusions about populations from samples, and it enables us to determine a population's characteristics by directly observing only a portion (or sample) of the population.

- Selecting a sample requires less time than selecting every item in a population
- Sample selection is a cost-efficient method
- Analysis of the sample is less cumbersome and more practical than an analysis of the entire population

# Features of good sampling

- Result in a truly representative sample.
- Sample design can have small sampling error.
- Systematic bias can be controlled.
- Results of the sample study can be applied, in general, for the universe with a reasonable level of confidence.

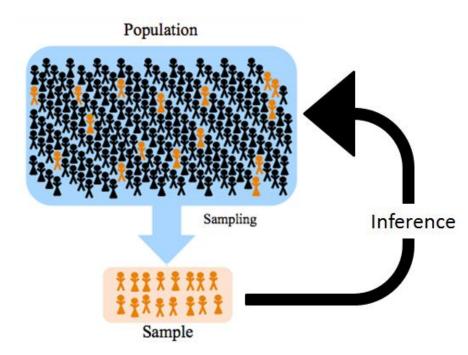


# **Population**



## Whom do you want to generalize your results?

- Students aged 20 to 25 years
- Men aged 40 to 50 years
- All Five Star Hotels
- All students of a university
- All customers of a Restaurant



# **Types of population**



- Tangible or Concrete Population
- Conceptual Population

# **Tangible population**

Populations where the members are physical objects, such as persons, calculators, cars, apples, bolts etc. are called Tangible or Concrete populations.

Such populations are assumed to be always finite and therefore involves counting.





# **Tangible population**

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# **Examples:**

Population of people with brown eye.

Collection of laptops(to check defective or not).

Shipment of calculators(to check defective or not).

# **Conceptual population**



Populations that do not consists of physical or actual are objects called Conceptual populations.

A conceptual population is a population that consists of a **not** well-defined group of which all elements are not available at the time the sample is collected(because the population increases every day).

The size of a conceptual population is usually large.

Conceptual populations are mostly the result of a measurement.

# **Conceptual population**

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### **Examples:**

The population that consists of all the readings that a scale can produce – collection of lengths of nails, collection of weights of items.

Geologist weighs a rock several times on a sensitive scale.

The population of patients who take aspirin to reduce blood clotting.

Often the result of an experiment.

Corn yield after applying fertilizer.

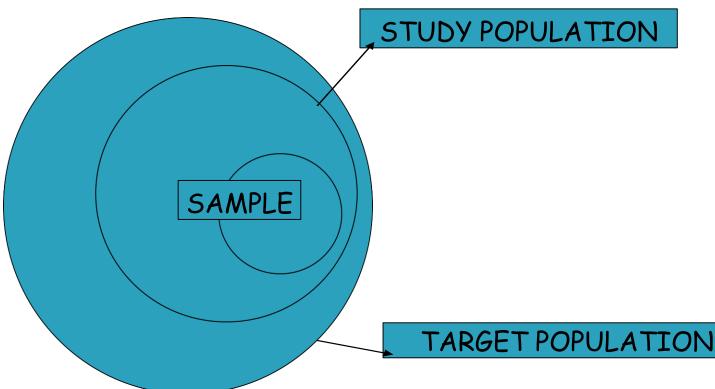
Corrosion level after applying a protective coating.

## Target and study population



**Target** or **Theoretical population** refers to the entire group of individuals or objects to which researchers are interested in generalizing the conclusions.

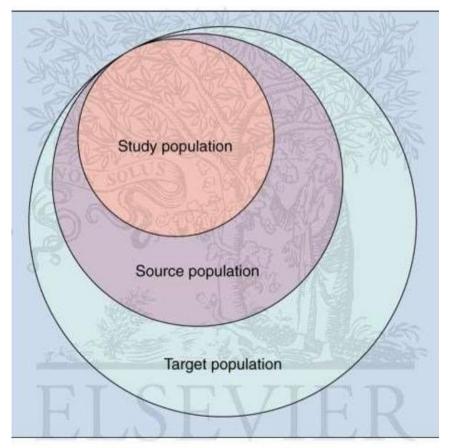
The accessible population is the population in research to which the researchers can apply their conclusions.



# **Target population**

A set of elements larger than or different from the population sampled and to which the researcher would like to generalize study findings.





# Terminologies in sampling



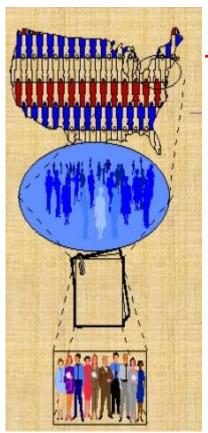
# Study: Find the mean weight of all students of all universities in India.

Whom to you want to generalize results?
All universities in India

What population can you get access to?
All universities in Karnataka

How can you get access to them? List of Universities in Karnataka

Who is in your study?
Two Universities from Karnataka



Theoretical Population

**Study Population** 

**Sampling Frame** 

Sample

# Terminologies in sampling



**Target or Theoretical Population**: The population to which the investigator wants to generalize his results.

**Sampling Frame**: The sampling frame is the list from which the potential respondents are drawn.

List of Universities, List of Students, List of Airline Companies, Telephone Directory

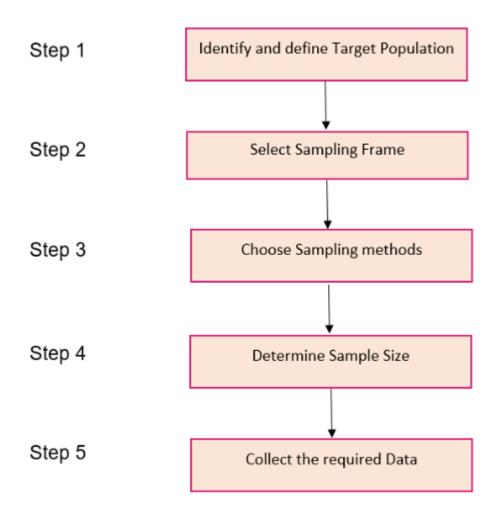
Sampling Unit: Smallest Unit from which sample can be selected.

Sampling Scheme: Method of selecting sampling units from sampling frame.

Sample: All selected respondent are sample.

# **Steps in sampling**





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# **Step 1: Identify and Define the population:**

- Population must be defined in terms of elements, sampling units,
   extent and time.
- Because there is very rarely enough time or money to gather information from everyone or everything in a population, the goal becomes finding a representative sample (or subset) of that population.

## **Steps in Sampling**

# **Step 2: Select sampling frame:**

- A decision has to be taken concerning a sample unit before selecting sample.
- Sampling unit can be geographic unit such as state, district,
   or Construction unit such as flat, house, or social unit.
- The list of sampling unit is called as Sampling Frame



# **Steps in Sampling**

# **Step 3: Choose Sampling methods:**

There are several methods of selecting population units to be included in the sample. Broadly they are classified as.

- •Probability sampling/Random sampling: Under this method, each unit of the population has the certain probability of being included in the sample.
- •Non -probability sampling/ non-random sampling: Under this method, there is no pre-assigned probability of selection of sample units to be included in the sample.



# **Steps in Sampling**

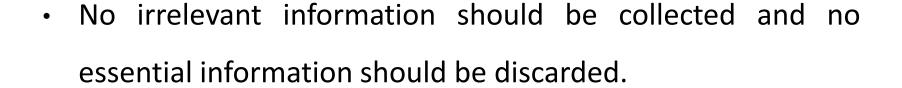
# **Step 4: Determine Sample Size:**

- This refers to the number of units/items to be selected from the universe to constitute a sample.
- The Size of sample should be neither too large / too small
- An optimum sample is one which satisfies the requirements of efficiency, flexibility and reliability.



# **Steps in Sampling**

# **Step 5: Data Collection:**





**Example- steps in sampling** 



Sampling Example :Click on this link