

population: the entire group of individuals

sample: the part of population that we actually collect information.

sampling design: how to choose a sample from the population

planning a sample survey:

1. what population we want to describe.
2. what we want to measure \Rightarrow give exact definitions of variables.

census: a survey that test the entire population.

advantage of Sample survey:

1. census is not feasible if the measurement destroy the unit being tested.
2. faster to collect a sample.
3. get the most accurate information.

Random Sampling: use of chance to get a sample.

Simple Random Sample (SRS):

random number table

picking numbers from table of random digits

inference: the process of drawing conclusion about a population on the basis of sample data

Benefit of random sampling:

1. eliminate bias
2. get trustworthy inference

Stratified Random Sampling: divide population into groups, simple random sample on each group.

Cluster Sampling: divide population into clusters and take a SRS of clusters and measure only the units of selected clusters.

Systematic Sampling: divide population list into consecutive segments, randomly choose a starting point in the first segment, then sample at the same point in each segment.

Multistage Sampling: Sampling plan that uses a combination of sampling methods in various stages.

Errors of sampling:

Under-coverage: some samples are left out

Nonresponse: the individual chosen for the sample can't be contacted.

Response bias: in correct response.

Wording effect: have influence on the answer given to a sample survey.

Bad Sample:

convenience sample: taking the member of the population that are easiest to reach
bias:

voluntary response: people can choose themselves by responding to general appeal