

Grouped Data



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What is grouped data?

- Grouped data is a way of organising raw data into categories or intervals to make it easier to analyse and interpret
- Instead of listing individual values, the data is grouped into classes or ranges, often displayed in a frequency table.

Grade %	Frequency
0 – 9	3
10 – 19	4
20 – 29	2
30 – 39	0
40 – 49	6
50 – 59	4
60 – 69	7
70 – 79	2
80 – 89	1
90 – 100	3

Understanding a frequency table

	Grade %	Frequency	
	0 – 9	3	
	10 – 19	4	
	20 – 29	2	
	30 – 39	0	
These are the groups →	40 – 49	6	← These are the frequencies (the number of things in this group)
	50 – 59	4	
	60 – 69	7	
	70 – 79	2	
	80 – 89	1	
	90 – 100	3	

Calculating the Mean

- We cannot work out an exact mean for grouped data because we don't know the individual data values in the dataset
- We can however estimate the mean
- We know that the mean of a group of data is:

- $$\frac{\textit{Sum}}{\textit{No. of items}}$$

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90 – 100	3

Calculating the Mean

- For grouped data we calculate the mean using midpoints of groups
- We use this equation for the mean of grouped data:

- $$\frac{\sum[f*m]}{\sum f}$$

- Where f is the frequencies and m is the midpoints

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0 – 9	3
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90 – 100	3

Calculating midpoints

- We can work out the midpoint of a group of data by taking the maximum value, adding the minimum value then dividing by 2
- $m = \frac{\text{maximum} + \text{minimum}}{2}$
- When working with a frequency table we put this in a third column to make it easier to track

Grade %	Frequency	Midpoint
0 – 9	3	4.5
10 – 19	4	14.5
20 – 29	2	24.5
30 – 39	0	34.5
40 – 49	6	44.5
50 – 59	4	54.5
60 – 69	7	64.5
70 – 79	2	74.5
80 – 89	1	84.5
90 – 100	3	95

Calculating the Mean

- The next step towards calculating our mean is to total up our frequency
- For our example we can write this out as:
 - $\sum f = 3 + 4 + 2 + 0 + 6 + 4 + 7 + 2 + 1 + 3$
- We can put this at the bottom of the table
- We can also think about what this means in the scenario, so in this example there must be 32 students in the class.

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80 – 89	1	84.5
90 – 100	3	95
	32	

Calculating the Mean

- Next, we need to work out the top part of our fraction:
 - $\sum[f * m]$
- It's best to again add another column to our table to keep track of our values

Grade %	Frequency	Midpoint	F*M
0 – 9	3	4.5	13.5
10 – 19	4	14.5	58
20 – 29	2	24.5	49
30 – 39	0	34.5	0
40 – 49	6	44.5	267
50 – 59	4	54.5	218
60 – 69	7	64.5	451.5
70 – 79	2	74.5	149
80 – 89	1	84.5	84.5
90 – 100	3	95	285
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Calculating the Mean

- Finally, we can work out the sum of our F*M column ($\sum[f * m]$)
- $\sum[f * m] = 13.5 + 58 + 49 + 0 + 267 + 218 + 451.5 + 149 + 84.5 + 285$
- $\sum[f * m] = 1575.5$
- Finally, we can put this at the bottom of our table

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80 – 89	1	84.5	84.5
90 – 100	3	95	285
	32		1575.5

Calculating the Mean

- Now we have both the top and bottom of our fraction we can calculate the mean

- Mean = $\frac{\sum[f*m]}{\sum f} = \frac{1575.5}{32} = 49.23$

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Finding the mode

- Finding a mode is super easy, we just look for the highest frequency
- So, for our example our highest frequency is 7 which is for the group 60-69%
- So, the mode must exist between 60% and 69%

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Finding the median

- The first step in finding the median is to expand our table again to have a cumulative frequency column
- The cumulative frequency is a running total of frequencies

Grade %	Frequency	Midpoint	F*M	cf
0 – 9	3	4.5	13.5	3
10 – 19	4	14.5	58	7
20 – 29	2	24.5	49	9
30 – 39	0	34.5	0	9
40 – 49	6	44.5	267	15
50 – 59	4	54.5	218	19
60 – 69	7	64.5	451.5	26
70 – 79	2	74.5	149	28
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Finding the median

- Finally, we do $\frac{1}{2} (\sum f)$ which is $\frac{1}{2} (32)$
- So we know the median value must be the 16th value
- We know 16 is between 15 and 19
- As the row 50-59 covers the values between 15 and 19 then that must be our median
- So, our median is in the range 50-59

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Standard Deviation

- Standard Deviation is a method used to measure how spread-out data is
- It measures how far data points are from the average (mean)
- The standard formula is:

- $$s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum(x-\bar{x})^2}{n-1}}$$

- Where:
- x = the data values
- \bar{x} = the mean
- n = the number of items

Calculating Standard Deviation

- The first step towards finding the standard deviation of grouped data is to rearrange the formula for standard deviation

- $$s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum f(m-\bar{x})^2}{n-1}}$$

- Where:
 - m = the midpoint of a range
 - \bar{x} = the mean
 - n = the number of items
 - f = the frequency of that range

Calculating Standard Deviation

- The first step towards finding the standard deviation is to find the mean
- Which starts with finding the midpoint of our data
- We again do this by doing:

- $$\frac{\text{maximum} + \text{minimum}}{2}$$

Length	Frequency	Midpoint
20 – 24	45	22
25 – 29	53	27
30 – 34	99	32
35 – 39	256	37
40 – 44	621	42
45 – 49	34	47
50 – 54	21	52
55 – 60	2	57.5

Calculating Standard Deviation

- Now we have the midpoints do the following things to work out the mean:

- Put in our f*m column
- Put in our totals row at the bottom
- Work out the mean

- Mean = $\frac{43948}{1131} = 38.8576$

Length	Frequency	Midpoint	f*m
20 – 24	45	22	990
25 – 29	53	27	1431
30 – 34	99	32	3168
35 – 39	256	37	9472
40 – 44	621	42	26082
45 – 49	34	47	1598
50 – 54	21	52	1092
55 – 60	2	57.5	115
	1131		43948

Calculating Standard Deviation

- Again, to make the process easier on ourselves we should put the mean into our table
- We can then add a column with $m - \bar{x}$ which we know is important for our equation

Length	Frequency	Midpoint	f*m	\bar{x}	m- \bar{x}
20 – 24	45	22	990	38.8576	-16.8576
25 – 29	53	27	1431	38.8576	-11.8576
30 – 34	99	32	3168	38.8576	-6.8576
35 – 39	256	37	9472	38.8576	-1.8576
40 – 44	621	42	26082	38.8576	3.1424
45 – 49	34	47	1598	38.8576	8.1424
50 – 54	21	52	1092	38.8576	13.1424
55 – 60	2	57.5	115	38.8576	18.6424
	1131		43948		

Calculating Standard Deviation

- Next we can add a column squaring the $m - \bar{x}$ value, getting us closer to the top of the equation

Length	Frequency	Midpoint	f*m	\bar{x}	m- \bar{x}	$(m - \bar{x})^2$
20 – 24	45	22	990	38.8576	-16.8576	284.1787
25 – 29	53	27	1431	38.8576	-11.8576	140.6027
30 – 34	99	32	3168	38.8576	-6.8576	47.0267
35 – 39	256	37	9472	38.8576	-1.8576	3.4507
40 – 44	621	42	26082	38.8576	3.1424	9.8747
45 – 49	34	47	1598	38.8576	8.1424	66.2987
50 – 54	21	52	1092	38.8576	13.1424	172.7227
55 – 60	2	57.5	115	38.8576	18.6424	347.5391
	1131		43948			

Calculating Standard Deviation

- We can add yet another column to work out $f(m - \bar{x})^2$

Length	Frequency	Midpoint	f*m	\bar{x}	m- \bar{x}	$(m - \bar{x})^2$	$f(m - \bar{x})^2$
20 – 24	45	22	990	38.8576	-16.8576	284.1787	12788.0415
25 – 29	53	27	1431	38.8576	-11.8576	140.6027	7451.9431
30 – 34	99	32	3168	38.8576	-6.8576	47.0267	4655.6433
35 – 39	256	37	9472	38.8576	-1.8576	3.4507	883.3792
40 – 44	621	42	26082	38.8576	3.1424	9.8747	6132.1887
45 – 49	34	47	1598	38.8576	8.1424	66.2987	2254.1558
50 – 54	21	52	1092	38.8576	13.1424	172.7227	3627.1767
55 – 60	2	57.5	115	38.8576	18.6424	347.5391	695.0782
	1131		43948				

Calculating Standard Deviation

- For the top of our equation, we need $\sum f(m - \bar{x})^2$ so we should put the total in the total row

Length	Frequency	Midpoint	f*m	\bar{x}	m- \bar{x}	$(m - \bar{x})^2$	$f(m - \bar{x})^2$
20 – 24	45	22	990	38.8576	-16.8576	284.1787	12788.0415
25 – 29	53	27	1431	38.8576	-11.8576	140.6027	7451.9431
30 – 34	99	32	3168	38.8576	-6.8576	47.0267	4655.6433
35 – 39	256	37	9472	38.8576	-1.8576	3.4507	883.3792
40 – 44	621	42	26082	38.8576	3.1424	9.8747	6132.1887
45 – 49	34	47	1598	38.8576	8.1424	66.2987	2254.1558
50 – 54	21	52	1092	38.8576	13.1424	172.7227	3627.1767
55 – 60	2	57.5	115	38.8576	18.6424	347.5391	695.0782
	1131		43948				38487.6065

Calculating Standard Deviation

- Now we have our values we can put them into the equation from earlier:

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum f(m-\bar{x})^2}{n-1}}$$

- We know the top is 38487.6065 and the bottom is 1131 - 1

- So we can write out:

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{38487.6065}{1131-1}} = 5.8361$$

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20 - 24	45	22	990	12788.0415
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35 - 39	256	37	9472	883.3792
40 - 44	621	42	26082	6132.1887
45 - 49	34	47	1598	2254.1558
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55 - 60	2	57.5	115	695.0782
	1131		43948	38487.6065