



Planning and collecting multivariate data

Mana Maths

Te reo Māori terms



tauirā

plan/model

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raraunga

data

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kohikohi

collect/gather

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sample

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Planning and collecting multivariate data — Foundation

- 1.** Is 'height' a categorical or numerical variable?
- 2.** Is 'favourite colour' a categorical or numerical variable?
- 3.** What is multivariate data?
- 4.** What is a sample?
- 5.** Give an example of a statistical question.
- 6.** In a study about student study habits, identify one categorical variable.
- 7.** In the same study, identify one numerical variable.
- 8.** What is a sampling method?
- 9.** Name one sampling method.
- 10.** What is bias in data collection?
- 11.** Give an example of bias.
- 12.** Why is random sampling important?

13. What is a population?

14. What makes a question a 'statistical question'?

Planning and collecting multivariate data — Proficient

1. Design a statistical question that involves at least one categorical and one numerical variable.
2. For your statistical question, identify the population.
3. Describe a simple random sampling method for your study.
4. Describe a stratified sampling method for your study.
5. What is sampling variation?
6. Explain why a convenience sample might be biased.
7. Give an example of a sampling method that reduces bias.
8. What is the difference between a sample and a census?
9. Identify a potential source of bias in a survey about smartphone usage.

10. How could you reduce bias in that survey?

11. What is the purpose of a pilot study?

12. Why is it important to pre-test a survey questionnaire?

Planning and collecting multivariate data — Excellence

- 1.** Design a study to investigate the relationship between two variables (e.g., study time and test scores). Include a statistical question, population, and sampling method.
- 2.** For your study, identify at least one categorical and one numerical variable.
- 3.** Explain how you would ensure your sample is representative of the population.
- 4.** Describe a stratified sampling plan that accounts for a relevant categorical variable.
- 5.** What is sampling variation and how does sample size affect it?
- 6.** Explain the concept of 'bias' in the context of your study.
- 7.** How could non-response bias affect your results?
- 8.** What is the difference between random sampling and random allocation?
- 9.** Discuss ethical considerations when collecting data from people.

- 10.** How would you pilot your data-collection instrument?
- 11.** What is the purpose of a control group in an experiment?
- 12.** Explain the difference between observational study and experiment.
- 13.** How might confounding variables affect your study?
- 14.** Describe how you would use a random number generator to select a simple random sample.
- 15.** What is the 'margin of error' and how is it related to sample size?
- 16.** Why is it important to clearly define variables before collecting data?