

Measures of Central Tendencies.

It includes,

Mean.

Median,

Mode.

Mean - Arithmetic mean usually referred to as mean, is the average of all observations value. The observations are denoted by x , values showing $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$, then the mean \bar{x} (pronounced as x bar) for a number of observations is calculated by summing up the observations & dividing the sum by total number of observations (n).

Thus

$$\bar{x} = \frac{x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \dots + x_n}{n}$$

For convenience, all these summed up values ($x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \dots + x_n$) can be represented as Σx (= summations of all x -values where Σ (pronounced as sigma) stands for summations).

then the formula for calculating mean is written as:

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\Sigma x}{n}$$

For example;

If the following data represent the number of flowers per plant, 5, 6, 7, 8, 4, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4 then mean calculated by summing up all these values, and dividing that summed up value by 10 (as 10 represent n: no. of plants taken in to consideration).

Thus

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum x}{n}$$

$$\sum x = (5 + 6 + 7 + 8 + 4 + 8 + 7 + 6 + 5 + 4) = 60$$

$$n = 10$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{60}{10} = 6 \text{ flowers}$$