# Unit 6: Describing Data



### Mean

The average of a set of data. All values are added and then divided by the total number of data points



The middle value of a set of data. Once values are in numerical order it is the middle value. If there are two values in the middle, the average of the two number is taken



The value (or values) that appear most commonly in a set of data. There can be 0, 1, or multiple modes

# Range

The highest value minus the lowest value in a series of data

### Interquartile Range

The range of the Upper Quartile (Q3) and Lower Quartile (Q1). This represents the middle 50% of all the data

# **Mean-Absolute Deviation**

A way to measure how far away most of the data is from the mean. Each data point is subtracted from the mean. Then the average is found from these differences

# 5-number summary

The numbers needed to create a box plot
X Minimum
X Lower Quartile (Q1)
X Median (Q2)
X Upper Quartile (Q3)
X Maximum

# Quartiles

A quartile is a median of a specific part of the data. The data is split in half, the median of the lower set of numbers is called Q1 (lower quartile) and the median of the upper set of numbers is called Q3 (upper quartile)



A visual representation of data using bars to show frequency of data values. The x-axis is broken up into "bins", or ranges, for each bar



# **Box Plots**

Also known as box-and-whisker plots. Uses the 5-number summary to represent the data in sets of 25%.



## **Measures of Central Tendency**

Mean, Median, and Mode are numbers that can be used to give an overall impression of the data. Depending on the data set, one may be more fitting than another



#### A value that is very different than the rest of the data set





Another word for range (how far apart are the data from minimum to maximum)

## Center

#### Another word for median



The overall picture of the data when represented as a dot plot or histogram

# Normal Distribution

# When the majority of data is around the mean



# **Skew Left**

# When the majority of data is higher than the mean





# When the majority of data is less then the mean

