Welcome to *Elementary Statistics: Picturing the World*, Seventh Edition. You will find that this textbook is written with a balance of rigor and simplicity. It combines step-by-step instruction, real-life examples and exercises, carefully developed features, and technology that makes statistics accessible to all.

I am grateful for the overwhelming acceptance of the first six editions. It is gratifying to know that my vision of combining theory, pedagogy, and design to exemplify how statistics is used to picture and describe the world has helped students learn about statistics and make informed decisions.

**What’s New in this Edition**

The goal of the Seventh Edition was a thorough update of the key features, examples, and exercises:

- **Examples** This edition has 213 examples, over 60% of which are new or revised. Also, several of the examples now show an alternate solution or a check using technology.

- **Technology Examples** In addition to showing screen displays from Minitab®, Excel®, and the TI-84 Plus, this edition also shows screen displays from StatCrunch®.

- **Try It Yourself** Over 40% of the 213 Try It Yourself exercises are new or revised.

- **Picturing the World** Over 50% of these are new or revised.

- **Tech Tips** New to this edition are technology tips that appear in most sections. These tips show how to use Minitab, Excel, the TI-84 Plus, or StatCrunch to solve a problem.

- **Exercises** Over 40% of the more than 2300 exercises are new or revised.

**Extensive Chapter Feature Updates** Over 60% of the following key features are new or revised, making this edition fresh and relevant to today’s students:

- Where You’ve Been and Where You’re Going
- Uses and Abuses: Statistics in the Real World
- Real Statistics–Real Decisions: Putting it all together
- Chapter Technology Project

**Revised Content** Here is a summary of the content changes.

- **Section 1.1** now has more discussion about populations and samples, how to identify them, and their relationships to parameters and statistics. Also, the Venn Diagrams have been redrawn to use clearer labeling to help students distinguish between a population and a sample.

- **In Section 1.3**, the figure depicting systemic sampling has been redrawn to more clearly depict the sampling process.

- **Section 2.1** now has more discussion of class widths and open-ended classes. Also, a figure showing a histogram and its corresponding frequency polygon was added after Example 4.

- **In Section 2.4**, Example 9 was rewritten to explain the use of an open-ended class.

- **Section 2.5** now has a Study Tip discussing outliers and modified box-and-whisker plots. On pages 124 and 125, students are shown how to create modified box-and-whisker plots using technology.

- **In Section 3.1**, the solutions to the examples were rewritten to explain why a formula was chosen to find a probability.

- **In Chapter 5**, in addition to using a table, examples were revised and Tech Tips were added to show how to find areas or probabilities using technology.

- **In Chapter 6**, in addition to using a table, examples were revised and Tech Tips were added to show how to find critical values using technology. Also, the exercises in this chapter were revised to ask more conceptual questions.

- **Section 6.2** now has more explanation about why the t-distribution is needed when \( \sigma \) is unknown. Also, the flowchart on page 314 was revised to illustrate when it is not possible to use the normal distribution or the t-distribution to construct a confidence interval.

- **In Chapters 7–9**, in addition to using a table, examples were revised and Tech Tips were added to show how to find P-values and critical values using technology.

- **Section 8.2** now shows the formula for the number of degrees of freedom for the t-test often used by technology.

- **In Section 9.1**, the requirements to use a correlation coefficient \( r \) to make an inference about a population have been revised.

**Features of the Seventh Edition**

**Guiding Student Learning**


*What You Should Learn* Each section is organized by learning objectives, presented in everyday language in *What You Should Learn*. The same objectives are then used as subsection titles throughout the section.

*Definitions and Formulas* are clearly presented in easy-to-locate boxes. They are often followed by *Guidelines*, which explain *In Words* and *In Symbols* how to apply the formula or understand the definition.

*Margin Features* help reinforce understanding:

- **Study Tips** show how to read a table, interpret a result, help drive home an important interpretation, or connect different concepts.

- **Tech Tips** show how to use Minitab, Excel, the TI-84 Plus, or StatCrunch to solve a problem.

- **Picturing the World** is a “mini case study” in each section that illustrates the important concept or concepts of the section. Each Picturing the World concludes with a question and can be used for general class discussion or group work. The answers to these questions are included in the *Annotated Instructor’s Edition.*
Examples and Exercises

Examples Every concept in the text is clearly illustrated with one or more step-by-step examples. Most examples have an interpretation step that shows the student how the solution may be interpreted within the real-life context of the example and promotes critical thinking and writing skills. Each example, which is numbered and titled for easy reference, is followed by a similar exercise called Try It Yourself so students can immediately practice the skill learned. The answers to these exercises are in the back of the book, and the worked-out solutions are in the Student's Solutions Manual.

Technology Examples Many sections contain an example that shows how technology can be used to calculate formulas, perform tests, or display data. Screen displays from Minitab, Excel, the TI-84 Plus, and StatCrunch are shown. Additional screen displays are presented at the ends of selected chapters, and detailed instructions are given in separate technology manuals available with the book.

Exercises The exercises give students practice in performing calculations, making decisions, providing explanations, and applying results to a real-life setting. The section exercises are divided into three parts:

- **Building Basic Skills and Vocabulary** are short answer, true or false, and vocabulary exercises carefully written to nurture student understanding.
- **Using and Interpreting Concepts** are skill or word problems that move from basic skill development to more challenging and interpretive problems.
- **Extending Concepts** go beyond the material presented in the section. They tend to be more challenging and are not required as prerequisites for subsequent sections.

Technology Answers Answers in the back of the book are found using calculations by hand and by tables. Answers found using technology (usually the TI-84 Plus) are also included when there are discrepancies due to rounding.

Review and Assessment

Chapter Summary Each chapter concludes with a Chapter Summary that answers the question What did you learn? The objectives listed are correlated to Examples in the section as well as to the Review Exercises.

Chapter Review Exercises A set of Review Exercises follows each Chapter Summary. The order of the exercises follows the chapter organization. Answers to all odd-numbered exercises are given in the back of the book.

Chapter Quizzes Each chapter has a Chapter Quiz. The answers to all quiz questions are provided in the back of the book. For additional help, see the step-by-step video solutions available in MyLab Statistics.

Chapter Tests Each chapter has a Chapter Test. The questions are in random order. The answers to all test questions are provided in the Annotated Instructor’s Edition.

Cumulative Review There is a Cumulative Review after Chapters 2, 5, 8, and 10. Exercises in the Cumulative Review are in random order and may incorporate multiple ideas. Answers to all odd-numbered exercises are given in the back of the book.

Statistics in the Real World

Uses and Abuses: Statistics in the Real World Each chapter discusses how statistical techniques should be used, while cautioning students about common abuses. The discussion includes ethics, where appropriate. Exercises help students apply their knowledge.

Applet Activities Selected sections contain activities that encourage interactive investigation of concepts in the lesson with exercises that ask students to draw conclusions. The applets are available in MyLab Statistics and at www.pearson.com/math-statistics-resources.

Chapter Case Study Each chapter has a full-page Case Study featuring actual data from a real-world context and questions that illustrate the important concepts of the chapter.

Real Statistics—Real Decisions: Putting it all together This feature encourages students to think critically and make informed decisions about real-world data. Exercises guide students from interpretation to drawing of conclusions.

Chapter Technology Project Each chapter has a Technology project using Minitab, Excel, and the TI-84 Plus that gives students insight into how technology is used to handle large data sets or real-life questions.

Continued Strong Pedagogy from the Sixth Edition

Versatile Course Coverage The table of contents was developed to give instructors many options. For instance, the Extending Concepts exercises, applet activities, Real Statistics—Real Decisions, and Uses and Abuses provide sufficient content for the text to be used in a two-semester course. More commonly, I expect the text to be used in a three-credit semester course or a four-credit semester course that includes a lab component. In such cases, instructors will have to pare down the text’s 46 sections.

Graphical Approach As with most introductory statistics texts, this text begins the descriptive statistics chapter (Chapter 2) with a discussion of different ways to display data graphically. A difference between this text and many others is that it continues to incorporate the graphical display of data throughout the text. For example, see the use of stem-and-leaf plots to display data on page 387. This emphasis on graphical displays is beneficial to all students, especially those utilizing visual learning strategies.

Balanced Approach The text strikes a balance among computation, decision making, and conceptual understanding. I have provided many Examples, Exercises, and Try It Yourself exercises that go beyond mere computation.

Variety of Real-Life Applications I have chosen real-life applications that are representative of the majors of students taking introductory statistics courses. I want statistics to come alive and appear relevant to students so they understand the importance of and rationale for studying statistics. I wanted the applications to be authentic—but they also need to be accessible. See the Index of Applications on page xvi.

Data Sets and Source Lines The data sets in the book were chosen for interest, variety, and their ability to illustrate concepts. Most of the 250-plus data sets contain real data with...
source lines. The remaining data sets contain simulated data that are representative of real-life situations. All data sets containing 20 or more entries are available in a variety of formats in MyLab™ Statistics or at www.pearson.com/math-stats-resources. In the exercise sets, the data sets that are available electronically are indicated by the icon.

**Flexible Technology** Although most formulas in the book are illustrated with “hand” calculations, I assume that most students have access to some form of technology, such as Minitab, Excel, StatCrunch, or the TI-84 Plus. Because technology varies widely, the text is flexible. It can be used in courses with no more technology than a scientific calculator—or it can be used in courses that require sophisticated technology tools. Whatever your use of technology, I am sure you agree with me that the goal of the course is not computation. Rather, it is to help students gain an understanding of the basic concepts and uses of statistics.

**Prerequisites** Algebraic manipulations are kept to a minimum—often I display informal versions of formulas using words in place of or in addition to variables.

**Choice of Tables** My experience has shown that students find a cumulative distribution function (CDF) table easier to use than a “0-to-z” table. Using the CDF table to find the area under the standard normal curve is a topic of Section 5.1 on pages 237–241. Because some teachers prefer to use the “0-to-z” table, an alternative presentation of this topic is provided in Appendix A.

**Page Layout** Statistics instruction is more accessible when it is carefully formatted on each page with a consistent open layout. This text is the first college-level statistics book to be written so that, when possible, its features are not split from one page to the next. Although this process requires extra planning, the result is a presentation that is clean and clear.

**Meeting the Standards**

**MAA, AMATYC, NCTM Standards** This text answers the call for a student-friendly text that emphasizes the uses of statistics. My goal is not to produce statisticians but to produce informed consumers of statistical reports. For this reason, I have included exercises that require students to interpret results, provide written explanations, find patterns, and make decisions.

**GAISE Recommendations** Funded by the American Statistical Association, the Guidelines for Assessment and Instruction in Statistics Education (GAISE) Project developed six recommendations for teaching introductory statistics in a college course. These recommendations are:

- Emphasize statistical literacy and develop statistical thinking.
- Use real data.
- Stress conceptual understanding rather than mere knowledge of procedures.
- Foster active learning in the classroom.
- Use technology for developing conceptual understanding and analyzing data.
- Use assessments to improve and evaluate student learning. The examples, exercises, and features in this text embrace all of these recommendations.

**Technology Resources**

**MyLab Statistics Online Course (access code required)**

Used by nearly one million students a year, MyLab Statistics is the world’s leading online program for teaching and learning statistics. MyLab Statistics delivers assessment, tutorials, and multimedia resources that provide engaging and personalized experiences for each student, so learning can happen in any environment.

**Personalized Learning** Not every student learns the same way or at the same rate. Personalized learning in the MyLab gives instructors the flexibility to incorporate the approach that best suits the needs of their course and students.

- Based on their performance on a quiz or test, personalized homework allows students to focus on just the topics they have not yet mastered.
- With Companion Study Plan Assignments you can assign the Study Plan as a prerequisite to a test or quiz, guiding students through the concepts they need to master.

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**Conceptual Understanding** Successful students have the ability to apply their statistical ideas and knowledge to new concepts and real-world situations. Providing frequent opportunities for data analysis and interpretation helps students develop the 21st century skills that they need in order to be successful in the classroom and workplace.

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- **Modern statistics is practiced with technology**, and MyLab Statistics makes learning and using software programs seamless and intuitive. Instructors can copy data sets from the text and MyLab Statistics exercises directly into software such as StatCrunch or Excel®. Students can also access instructional support tools including tutorial videos, Study Cards, and manuals for a variety of statistical software programs including StatCrunch, Excel, Minitab®, JMP®, R, SPSS, and TI 83/84 calculators.

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- Crunch A full range of numerical and graphical methods allow users to analyze and gain insights from any data set. Interactive graphics help users understand statistical concepts, and are available for export to enrich reports with visual representations of data.

- Communicate Reporting options help users create a wide variety of visually-appealing representations of their data. StatCrunch is integrated into MyLab Statistics, but it is also available by itself to qualified adopters. StatCrunch is also now available on your smartphone or tablet when you visit www.statcrunch.com from the device’s browser. For more information, visit our website at www.statcrunch.com, or contact your Pearson representative.

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Instructor Resources

Annotated Instructor’s Edition
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Instructor’s Solutions Manual (downloadable)
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Student Resources

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