

statistic

A measure of some characteristic of a *sample*, *population*, or *random variable*. Also used to denote the function generating the statistic. Examples include the *mean*, the *variance* and *standard deviation*, and the *quantiles*, as well as *scores*, such as the *z-score*, *t-score*, or the χ^2 *statistic* (\rightarrow *chi-square statistic*).