

Collection of Primary and Secondary data

* WHAT IS STATISTICAL ENQUIRY? *

- Statistical enquiry means statistical investigation or statistical survey. The person who conducts this type of enquiry is called investigator.
- Respondents are those from whom the statistical information is collected.
- Survey is a method of collecting information from individuals.

* SOURCES OF DATA *

Internal Source

A large number of individual organisations generate data as their regular function.

Internal data may be available in the organisation about sales, production, salary, profit, etc.

External source

Information collected from outside agencies is called external data which can be obtained from primary source or secondary source.

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Basis

PRIMARY DATA

SECONDARY DATA

Originality

Primary data is original because it is collected by investigator from the source of origin.

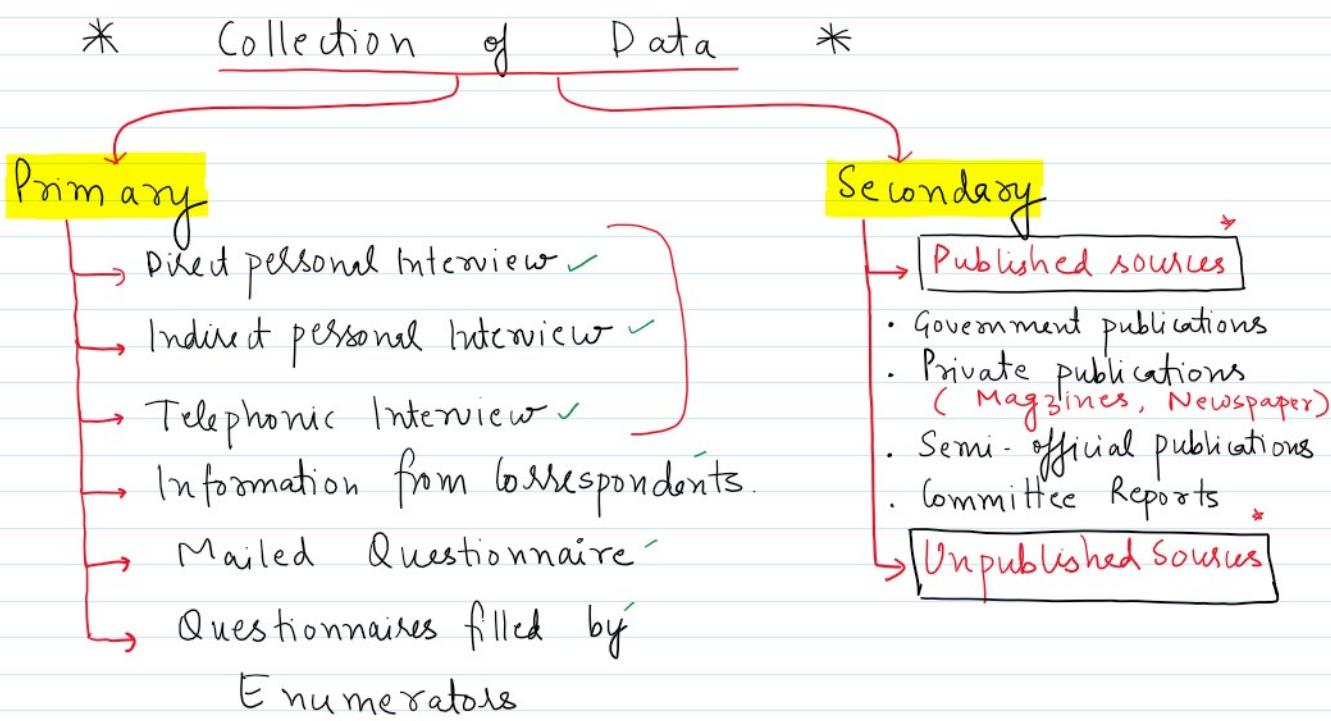
Secondary data is not original as the investigator uses the data collected by some other person.

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COST	Primary data is costly + more efforts are involved	Secondary data is cheaper + very less efforts are involved.
Suitability	Primary data is reliable and suitable as investigator himself collects the data for specific purpose.	Secondary data may not suit the specific purpose of investigator.



I. DIRECT PERSONAL INTERVIEW

→ According to this method, data is collected by the investigator personally from persons who are the subject of enquiry.

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Original data is collected There is uniformity There is flexibility in enquiry since investigator 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> This method can be used only when the field of enquiry is small It is "time consuming" & costly

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| 3. There is flexibility in enquiry since investigator is personally present. | 2. It is "time consuming" & costly |
| 4. Results obtained are reliable & accurate | 3. Investigators need to be trained.
4. Personal Bias can be there |

2. INDIRECT PERSONAL INTERVIEW

- Direct personal enquiry cannot be used in the case of refusal or reluctance of the persons who are to be interviewed. In such situations, indirect personal interview can be conducted to get necessary information.
- For eg :- In case of Accident

IMP * In this method a **selection** is necessary in Selecting the informants.

I Informant should **not be biased**.

I He must **know the facts** of a problem.

I He must be **capable** of answering wrongly

MERITS	DEMERITS
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This method covers wide area of investigation. 2. It is more or less free from bias 3. It saves labour, time and money 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The DATA lacks <u>Originality</u> 2. The information collected is comparatively less accurate.

3. Telephonic Interview

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Telephonic Interviews save time, money & labour. 2. This method covers large area. 3. Sometimes respondents are reluctant to answer the question in personal interview in such cases telephonic interviews are better. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information cannot be obtained from the people "who do not have phones." 2. Reactions of respondents on certain issues cannot be judged.

4.

Information from Correspondents

→ In this method, local agents or correspondents are trained and appointed in different parts of the investigation area.

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This method is economical in terms of time, money and resources involved. 2. It gives result easily and on regular basis. 3. It covers wide area under investigation. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In this method, data is not original. 2. The data collected by this method is less accurate. 3. Correspondents need training & there can be bias as well.

5.

MAILED QUESTIONNAIRES

- A list of questions relating to an inquiry is called Questionnaire.
- Questionnaire (pl. -s) with cover letter > no int +

Questionnaire

→ Questionnaire (along with cover letter) are sent to informants by email and requests them to answer by the same within specified time.

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This method is economical i.e. saves time, money & efforts. 2. We can obtain original data. 3. It is free from Bias. 4. It covers wide area. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The informants must be educated. 2. There may be non responses or delay in responses. 3. Data acquired cannot be verified.

6.

Questionnaire sent by enumerators

- The investigator helps the informants to understand the questions and record their answers.
- The investigator should be honest, well trained, unbiased, polite & diligent.

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It covers wide area. 2. True & reliable answers can be obtained. 3. Results obtained are free from bias. 4. This method can be adopted even if informants are illiterate. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is an expensive method. 2. This method is time consuming. 3. Enumerators need to be trained.



HOW TO DRAFT QUESTIONNAIRE ?? (IMP.)

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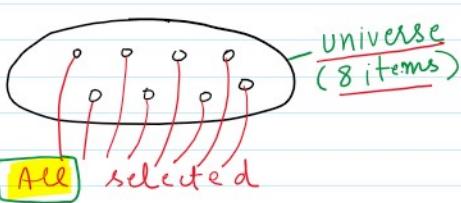
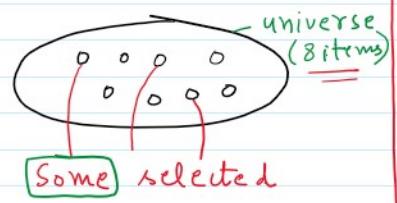
- (i) **Covering letter.** - The person conducting Survey must introduce himself and make objectives of the enquiry clear to informants.
- (ii) **Number of Questions** - The informants should be made comfortable by asking minimum number of questions related to objectives & scope of enquiry
- (iii) **Personal Questions should be avoided.**
- (iv) The questions should be simple & clear
- (v) The questions should be arranged logically
- (vi) Give instructions to the informants
- (vii) Use multiple choice Questions
- (viii) Open question should be minimum
- (ix) Avoid leading questions
→ Do you like Nescafe coffee? X

- (x) Attractive layout

- (xi) Cross checks

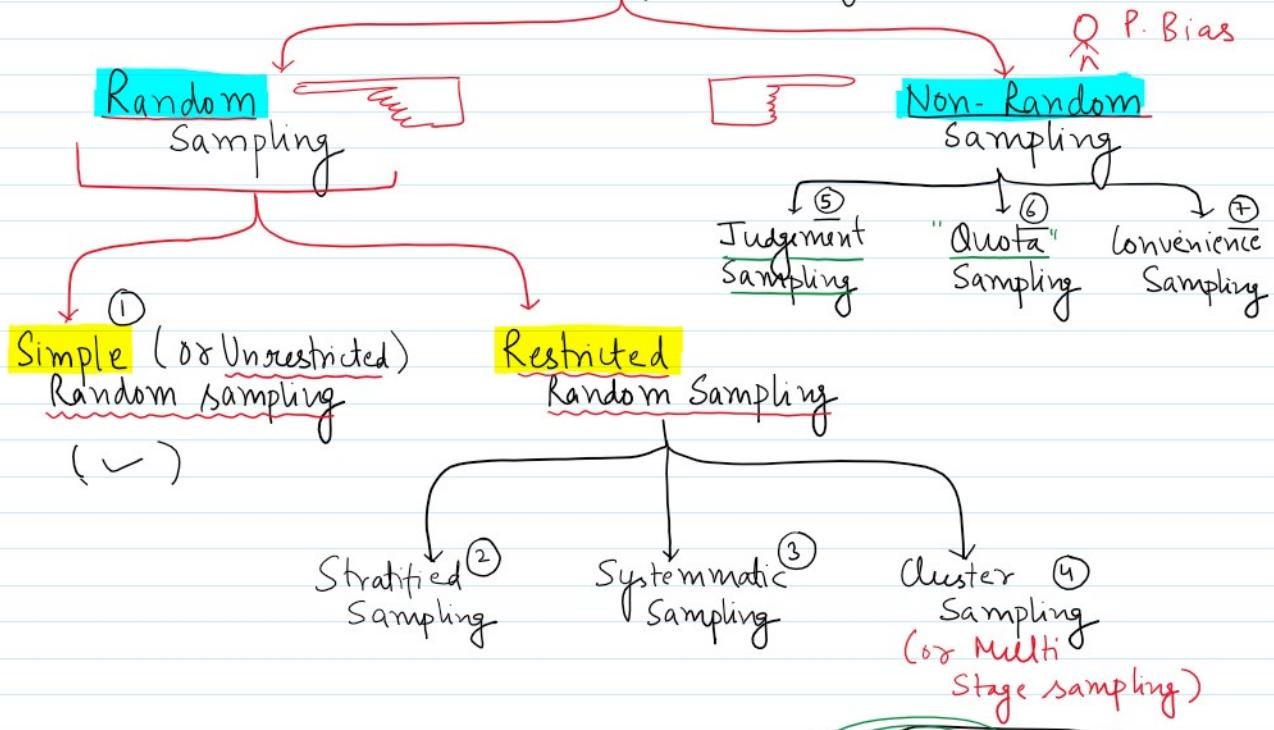
e.g. Age ✓

DOB ✓

* CENSUS VS SAMPLING	
	
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ECONOMICAL	Census method is <u>costlier</u> in terms of time & money	Sampling method requires <u>less</u> time & money.
Reliability	Census method is <u>highly</u> reliable	Sampling method is <u>less</u> reliable.
Accuracy	Census method is <u>highly</u> accurate	Sampling method is <u>less</u> accurate
Suitability	Census method is suitable when area of investigation is <u>small</u>	Sampling method is suitable when area of investigation is <u>large</u>
Verification of information	Verification of information involves <u>huge expense</u> and is generally <u>not possible</u> .	Verification of information can be <u>easily</u> done

* Methods of Sampling *



① SIMPLE Random Sampling

→ In this method, an item is selected at random i.e. each item has equal chance of being selected.

→ Eg :- Lottery method, Tippett's Table of Random Numbers like Random sampling numbers



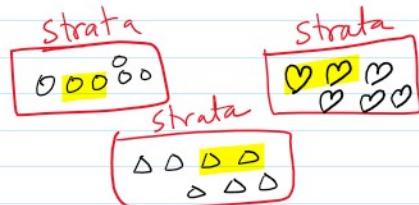
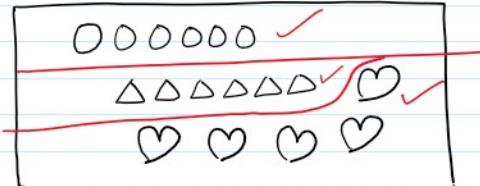
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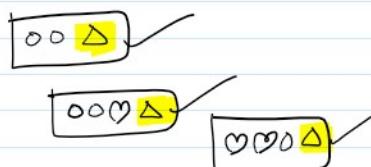
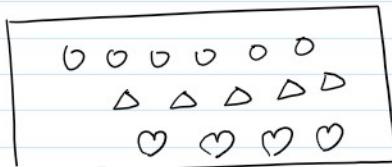
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Less individual Bias More economical It is more representative 	When distribution between items is very large, it becomes difficult to use this method.

(2) STRATIFIED SAMPLING

→ In this method, the universe is divided into strata or homogeneous groups and an equal sample is drawn from each strata at random.

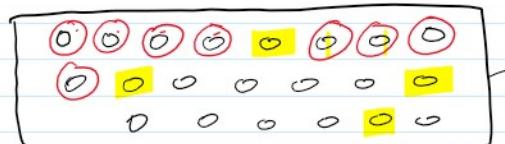


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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The sample taken under this method is more representative. It ensures greater accuracy. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> If proper stratification is not done, the sample will have an effect of Bias.



3. Systemmatic Sampling (or Quasi-Random Sampling)

→ This method is a simpler and more convenient method, in which a complete list of population is available and items are selected in a systematic manner. For eg :- Every n^{th} item



universe Random
every (5th) student



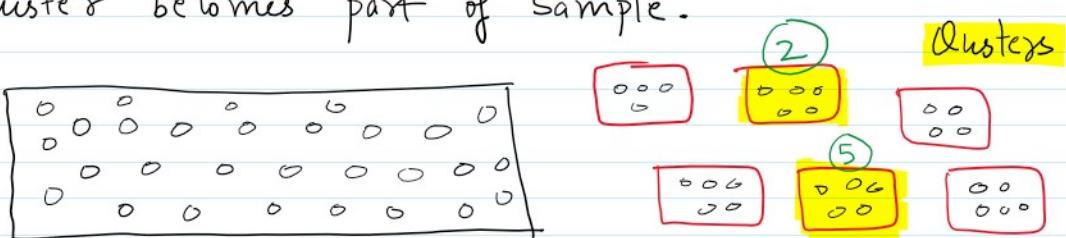
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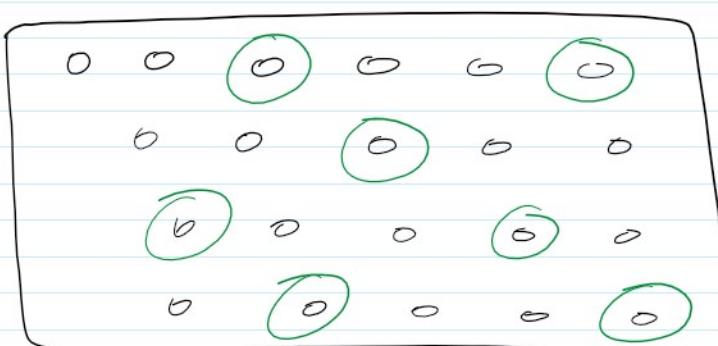
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1. It is simple & quick	1. Only the first item is selected on the basis of random sampling.
2. It is economical in terms of time & labour	2. Results may be misleading.

4. CLUSTER Sampling (or Multi Stage Sampling)

- In this method, the universe is divided into groups or clusters and out of these clusters, a given number of clusters are randomly selected.
- In this method all the items in the selected cluster becomes part of Sample.



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1. This method is very helpful in large scale surveys	1. This method requires trained investigators to structure the clusters.



All selected
Census.

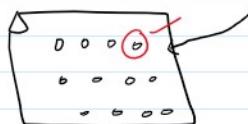
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→ In this method individual items of sampling are selected by investigator using his judgement

→ This is also called purposive or deliberate sampling



→ Judgement Sampling is suitable :-

- When small sized sample is to be drawn
- In case of pilot survey*

MERITS	DEMERITS
<p>1. It is economical</p> <p>2. This method is of great significance where all units of universe are <u>not homogeneous</u></p>	<p>1. Personal Bias</p> <p>2. Lacks <u>accuracy</u></p>

6. Quota Sampling

→ Investigators are allotted definite quotas of the universe and they are required to interview a certain number from their Quota.

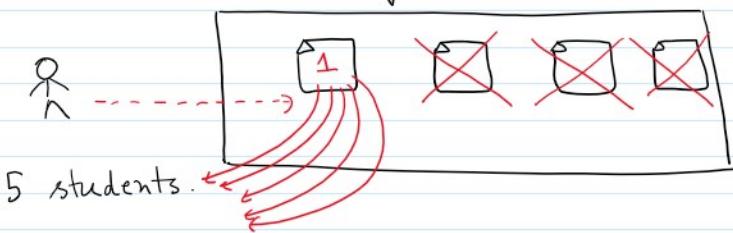
→ This method saves time and cost and is commonly used in "Surveys of political", religious or social opinion.

MERITS	DEMERITS
<p>1. It is not an expensive method</p> <p>2. Results are likely to be <u>reliable</u>.</p>	<p>1. PERSONAL BIAS</p>

7.

CONVENIENCE SAMPLING

→ The portion of universe is selected purely on the basis of convenience.



MERITS	DEMERITS
1. Economical in terms of time, money & effort	1. Personal Bias 2. Results may lack Accuracy

* Misc. Questions *

Q1 :- What are the advantages of Sampling ? (3 Marks)

- Ans :- (i) **Economy of time** - Time is saved not only in the collection of data but also in analysing the data because of its **small size**.
- (ii) **Economy of cost** - Sampling involves **less cost** as compared to census.
- (iii) **Follow up** - Smaller size of data and employment of trained investigators in sampling makes it possible to **cross check** the reliability of data.

Q2 :- What are the limitations of sampling method ? (3 Marks)

- Sol:- (i) **Lack of Accuracy** - The results drawn from sampling **lacks accuracy** because samples sometimes do not represent the population.
- (ii) **Chances of Biased results** - If the investigator is biased, then there are high chances that samples are not representative of population.

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(iii) **Lack of trained investigators** - Sampling requires trained investigators and in case of absence of trained investigators the results may be unsatisfactory.

Q3 - What are the various sources for collection of secondary data? (3 Marks)

Sol:- 1. PUBLISHED SOURCES

- (a) Government publications - Different ministries of State & Central government regularly publishes the information.
- (b) International organisations - Some publications are made by organisations like WHO, UN, World Bank etc.
- (c) Semi Official publications - Local Bodies like District Boards, Municipal Corporations etc also publishes periodical reports.

2. Unpublished

→ Research institutes, universities etc collect data but they are **not published anywhere**.

Q4 - What are the limitations of Secondary data? (3 Marks)

Ans (i) The data **may** have been influenced by **bias of investigator**.

(ii) It **may** be **obsolete** and not suitable for present period.

(iii) It **may** not satisfy a reasonable standard of accuracy & specific purpose.

Q5 - What are the precautions we can make before using secondary data? (3 Marks)

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- a) Are the data reliable ??
- b) Are the data adequate ?
- c) Are the data collected by proper method ?
- d) Who has collected the data ?

Q6

Write short Note on **Census of India** (3 Marks)

- Ans:-
- ① The Census of India provides the most complete and continuous demographic record of population.
 - ② It is published by office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner, India under the ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India
 - ③ Information of **demographic characteristics** include birth, death, sex, age composition, literacy etc
 - ④ **First census** was done in **1881** & thereafter it is done every 10 years. (**Last census in 2011**)

Q7 - Write short note on **NSSO** ? (3 Marks)

- Ans:-
- ① NSSO is a government organisation under the Ministry of Statistics & programme Implementation. It was initiated in **1950** on the basis of proposal by **Prof. P. C. Mahalanobis**
 - ② Functions of NSSO :-
 - a) Collection of data on **Socio-Economic conditions**
 - b) Collection of data relating to **Industrial sector**
 - c) **Supervision** of surveys conducted in agricultural sector.
 - ③ Its **Quarterly Journal** is known as **SARVEKSHANA** (every 3 months)

NATIONAL Sample Survey ORGANISATION

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