## OVERALL PATTERN OF A DISTRIBUTION

Distribution:

When describing all distributions, you must include the following:
SHAPE:
a) Symmetric:
b) Skewed right:
c) Skewed left:

OUTLIERS:

CENTER:

SPREAD:

## Example: Are You Driving a Gas Guzzler?

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is in charge of determining and reporting fuel economy rating for cars (think of those large window stickers on a new car). For years, consumers complained that their actual gas mileages were noticeably lower than all the values reported by the EPA. It seems that the EPA's tests - all of which are done on computerized devices to ensure consistency - did not consider things like outdoor temperature, use of the air conditioner, or realistic acceleration and braking by drivers. In 2008, the EPA changed the method for measuring a vehicle's fuel economy to try to give more accurate estimates. The table below displays the EPA estimates of highway gas mileage in miles per gallon (mpg) for a sample of 24 model year 2009 midsize cars.

| Model | MPG | Model | MPG | Model | MPG |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| Acura RL | 22 | Dodge Avenger | 30 | Mercury Milan | 29 |
| Audi A6 Quattro | 23 | Hyundai Elantra | 33 | Mitsubishi Galant | 27 |
| Bentley Arnage | 14 | Jaguar XF | 25 | Nissan Maxima | 26 |
| BMW 528I | 28 | Kia Optima | 32 | Rolls Royce Phantom | 18 |
| Buick Lacrosse | 28 | Lexus GS 350 | 26 | Saturn Aura | 33 |
| Cadillac CTS | 25 | Lincoln MKZ | 28 | Toyota Camry | 31 |
| Chevrolet Malibu | 33 | Mazda 6 | 29 | Volkswagen Passat | 29 |
| Chrysler Sebring | 30 | Mercedes-Benz E350 | 24 | Volvo S80 | 25 |

Create a dot plot with the given information and then describe the distribution.

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## HISTOGRAMS

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## Example: Born Outside the US

What percent of your home state's residents were born outside the United States? The country as a whole has $12.9 \%$ foreign-born residents, but the states vary from $1.2 \%$ in West Virginia to $27.2 \%$ in California. The table below presents the data for all 50 states. It is much easier to see from a graph than from the table how your state compares with other states.

| State | Percent | State | Percent | State | Percent |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| Alabama | 2.8 | Louisiana | 2.9 | Ohio | 3.6 |
| Alaska | 7.0 | Maine | 3.2 | Oklahoma | 4.9 |
| Arizona | 15.1 | Maryland | 12.2 | Oregon | 9.7 |
| Arkansas | 3.8 | Massachusetts | 14.1 | Pennsylvania | 5.1 |
| California | 27.2 | Michigan | 5.9 | Rhode Island | 12.6 |
| Colorado | 10.3 | Minnesota | 6.6 | South Caroline | 4.1 |
| Connecticut | 12.9 | Mississippi | 1.8 | South Dakota | 2.2 |
| Delaware | 8.1 | Missouri | 3.3 | Tennessee | 3.9 |
| Florida | 18.9 | Montana | 1.9 | Texas | 15.9 |
| Georgia | 9.2 | Nebraska | 5.6 | Utah | 8.3 |
| Hawaii | 16.3 | Nevada | 19.1 | Vermont | 3.9 |
| Idaho | 5.6 | New Hampshire | 5.4 | Virginia | 10.1 |
| Illinois | 13.8 | New Jersey | 20.1 | Washington | 12.4 |
| Indiana | 4.2 | New Mexico | 10.1 | West Virginia | 1.2 |
| Iowa | 3.8 | New York | 21.6 | Wisconsin | 4.4 |
| Kansas | 6.3 | North Carolina | 6.9 | Wyoming | 2.7 |
| Kentucky | 2.7 | North Dakota | 2.1 |  |  |

The individuals in this data set are $\qquad$ .

The variable is $\qquad$ .

Create a histogram by hand, then describe the distribution.

Note: You cannot be in the $100^{\text {th }}$ percentile.

## Example:

The test scores for 25 students are shown below.

| 79 | 81 | 80 | 77 | 73 | 83 | 74 | 93 | 78 | 80 | 75 | 67 | 73 |
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| 77 | 83 | 86 | 90 | 79 | 85 | 83 | 89 | 84 | 82 | 77 | 72 |  |

1. Use the scores to find the percentiles for the following students a) a score of 72
b) a score of 93
c) the 2 students who scored an 80

## Cumulative Relative Frequency Graphs (O-GIVE)

## Example:

Here is a frequency table that summarizes the ages of the first 44 US presidents when they were inaugurated:

| Age | Frequency |
| :---: | :---: |
| $40-44$ | 2 |
| $45-49$ | 7 |
| $50-54$ | 13 |
| $55-59$ | 12 |
| $60-64$ | 7 |
| $65-69$ | 3 |

Steps to create an O-GIVE:
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In what percentile was Bill Clinton's age at inauguration? He was 46 when he took office.

In what percentile was Ronald Reagan's age at inauguration? He was 69 when he took office.

What age at inauguration corresponds to the $50^{\text {th }}$ percentile?

What is the range of ages at inauguration for the middle $50 \%$ of presidents?

Time Plots

Trend:

Seasonal variation:

