

**Estimation** is the process by which the numerical value of unknown population values are inferred from incomplete [data](#) , such as a sample.

If a single figure is calculated for each unknown parameter, the process is called **point estimation** . If an interval is calculated within which the parameter is likely to occur, in some sense, the process is called **interval estimation** .

## Further information

- [Handbook on Data Quality - Assessment Methods and Tools](#)

## Related concepts

- [Estimate](#)
- [Estimator](#)