

The **arithmetic mean** , also known as **arithmetic average** , is the sum of all the values in a list of numerical values divided by the number of items in the list. For example, if we have the two values, eight and six, then their arithmetic average is: $8 + 6 / 2 = 7$.

In common daily usage, the term 'average' usually refers to the arithmetic mean rather than to the other types of [average](#) , such as the [geometric mean](#) , harmonic mean, [median](#) or [mode](#) .

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