

Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences

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By RKI'm using this book for a graduate level statistics course in social science. I like that this author uses small data sets to show how statistical tests can be done by hand instead of relying solely on SPSS, this makes the statistics seem much more approachable. This is also the first textbook that I found really clearly explained the reason for the difference in the number of degrees of freedom when calculating standard deviation for a population vs a sample. I appreciate that the author believes the reader is intelligent enough to understand the reason and gives it instead of most textbooks which just say "these formulas are different, just remember that, you don't need to know why." There are a lot of these little explanations within the text and they've really helped me feel confident in not just performing calculations, but understanding why the calculations are structured in the way they are. In addition, the conceptual problems within and at the end of chapter are great for making sure I understand how and when to apply each test. I also love that many of the end of chapter problems are based on published results, this helps me see how actual researchers apply statistics. The only thing I dislike about this text is that some statistical tests have a minimum sample size, which

means the small data sets used for practice are actually violating assumptions. I wish this was more clearly addressed within the text. Overall a great book and one I plan to hold onto after the semester is over. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Terry Rector This is a great book providing a different take on understanding Statistics