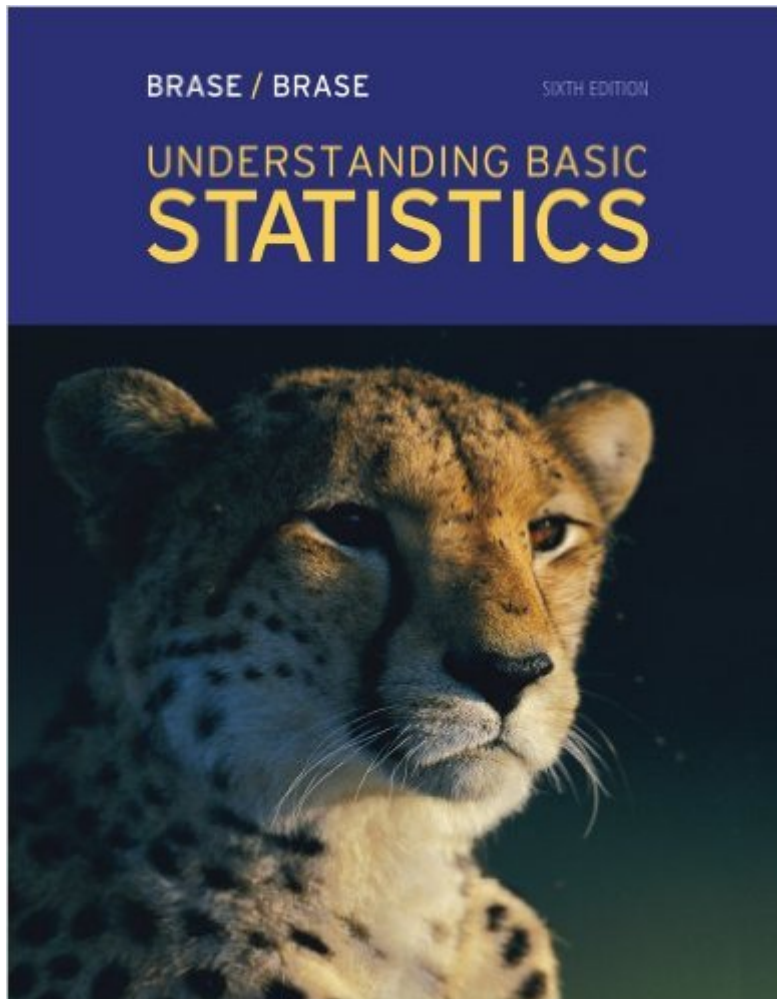


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# Understanding Basic Statistics, 6th Edition



## Synopsis

A condensed and more streamlined version of Brase and Brase's bestselling UNDERSTANDABLE STATISTICS, Tenth Edition, this book offers an effective way to learn the essentials of statistics, including early coverage of regression, within a more limited time frame. Designed to help learners overcome their apprehension about statistics, UNDERSTANDING BASIC STATISTICS, Sixth Edition, provides plenty of guidance and informal advice demonstrating the links between statistics and the real world. Thorough yet abbreviated, the text offers a reader-friendly style and a new, complete technology package to supplement learning. The use of the graphing calculator, Microsoft Excel, MINITAB, and SPSS is covered but not required.

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The 2 (and maybe 3) editions before it are EXACTLY THE SAME. Some of the HW problems are different numbers but its identical... what a friggen waste.

The authors' logistics in this book is as confusing as their language used to try to teach this simple math subject. Often, they forget to introduce essential formulas and concepts, or relegate them to parts of the book long after they should have been mentioned. The main example of this is the empirical rule. They substitute lengthy processes in lieu of essential formulas, such as the confidence interval formula, and the formulas used in hypothesis testing. Examples of problems are sparse, and the authors' work is generally not shown, but rather they imply that the student already knows what they are doing (kind of like moving across four lanes with no turn signal, "Everyone

knew what I was doing!") This book got two stars because, since it is a paperback, it is cheap.

The text really mirrors prior editions. However, when you are taking a class, you have to purchase the edition that the instructor is currently using. The only difference that I could note in this version and an earlier version is the homework problems. Statistics is statistics and not much will change in one elementary version to the next. I did find the text overall very helpful with the guided exercises.

I am using this book for my first statistics class. It is one of the most confusing and poorly structured books I have used in any college class. Explanations are not thorough enough as the authors just love to jump into example after example. I had my brother who majored in Statistics look at the book and confirmed how bad it is. If you have to use this book go to the Khan Academy website to properly teach the material. It will save you a lot of time and frustration.

I rented this book for my Statistics class at my community college, and it was super helpful! However, my professor typically tweaked the formulas in the book, because the formulas in the book are usually the longer and more complicated methods. Never the less, I used it very often in the class and it helped!

I bought this book because it was a requirement for my economics statistics class. I am also taking another math statistics class that uses the book Statistics by Freedman. That book is 1000% better than this. When it comes to receiving the book, it was good, took a long time but good. When it comes to the quality of the book for learning, it sucks. I don't know why it was written the way it is because the concepts are not hard to understand but the way it is written makes it seem a lot more difficult than necessary.

I especially liked the question-answer format designed to make you really think about what he presented. I always made sure I formulated an answer before I continued, and I was often surprised as to whether I was right or wrong.

I ordered this used textbook and to my surprise it is practically new. There are a few scratches on the cover, but none of the pages were bent or dog eared. The book arrived earlier than I expected and I am very pleased with my new book :)

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