

Chapter 2

Location, Variability and Process

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Numerical Summaries Based on Deviations

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Understanding the concepts of the mean and standard deviation is necessary to understand data analysis.

This demonstration here is an excerpt from the larger slide set that explains both the mean and standard deviation.

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Understanding and computing

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