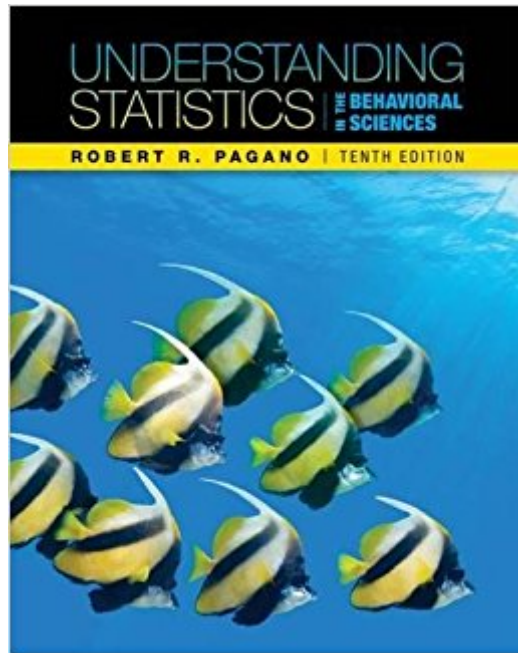




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# Understanding Statistics In The Behavioral Sciences, 10th Edition



## Synopsis

Based on over 30 years of successful teaching experience in this course, Robert Pagano's introductory text takes an intuitive, concepts-based approach to descriptive and inferential statistics. He uses the sign test to introduce inferential statistics, empirically derived sampling distributions, many visual aids, and lots of interesting examples to promote reader understanding. One of the hallmarks of this text is the positive feedback from users--even those not mathematically inclined praise the text for its clarity, detailed presentation, and use of humor to help make concepts accessible and memorable. Thorough explanations precede the introduction of every formula, and the exercises that immediately follow include a step-by-step model that lets readers compare their work against fully solved examples. This combination makes the text perfect for anyone building their foundation of knowledge for analyzing statistics in psychology or other social and behavioral sciences.

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"Yes, I have used Pagano's text in its different editions for many years primarily because the writing style is accessible and appropriate for students and the graphics illustrate the concepts well."Mollie Herman, Towson University

"In my opinion this is one of the strong areas for Pagano. I like how he steps students through the problem process, this is very valuable to students. I would like to see him add "common errors" or "things to watch out for" as he works the problems through, so often I find students make the same errors (within the class and from year to year)."Ronald A. Craig, University of Pennsylvania

"It's a plain jane textbook that's extremely clear. It covers things very thoroughly so

that you can easily pick and chose what you want to use. It's well written and easy for students to understand. It doesn't skimp on the math, but provides enough explanations so that people can follow what goes on. It has a ton of examples that are very useful."David R. Dunaetz, Azusa Pacific University

Robert R. Pagano received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1956 and a Ph.D. in Biological Psychology from Yale University in 1965. He was Assistant Professor and Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Washington, Seattle, from 1965 to 1989. He was Associate Chairman of the Department of Neuroscience at the University of Pittsburgh, from 1990 to June 2000. While there, in addition to his other duties, he served as Director of Undergraduate Studies, was the departmental adviser for undergraduate majors, taught both undergraduates and graduate statistics courses, and served as a statistical consultant for departmental faculty. Pagano was also Director of the Statistical Cores for two NIH center grants in schizophrenia and Parkinson's disease. He retired from the University of Pittsburgh in June 2000. Pagano taught introductory statistics courses at the University of Washington and at the University of Pittsburgh for over thirty years combined. While at the University of Washington, he was a finalist for the Outstanding Teaching award for his instruction of introductory statistics.

This book was very helpful for my methods and statistics class. The step by step explanations were understandable and easy to follow. I was even able to explain how to solve problems to my mom, who also took Methods and Statistics later in the year. I was able to relate back to this book and visually show and explain to her each step she must follow. The literature that supported the visual explanations were also simple and comprehensive, not too technical. I would say this is a great book for beginning learners into the field of Psychology Research Methods and Statistics.

If this is a class that is needed for graduation, then this is a good one. It accurately describes formulas to the extent that often I refer to the book over what the professor is speaking. Too frequently the prof can deviate from the actual material that a good sense of grounding is needed. Pagano effortlessly provides this backbone from which to base all statistics. I can only speak from a psychology student's perspective, but despite my loathing for statistics, I still find this book somewhat endearing (as far as textbooks go). There are several sections that I would not have been able to pass had it not been for this books descriptions and breakdowns of problems and

examples. Though I wish there were more problems per chapter (at the end of the chapter questions and practice problems), this book provides a comprehensive introduction into statistics.

This has been a fantastic textbook for learning statistics. It is well-written and has great examples throughout each chapter. I've heard many other students say the same thing, as well. As a side-note, I will say that I have not cared for the Aplia access homework card, that is not included with the book---some instructors choose to use this and some don't, for an additional purchase. If you are already doing homework problems from the book, requiring Aplia adds too much work, and you have to deal with restricted time and date limits for when you can access it. It is helpful as an additional tool, for further explanation, if you need it. Otherwise, I don't like it. Again, the book is great, and I highly recommend it.

This book claims that the mathematical language has been simplified so the lay person will understand it. I passed my statistics class with an A, but I couldn't explain  $3/4$ . The book did well giving examples, I just have no idea what the point of the formulas actually were or how everything is interconnected because the math jargon was extensive.

Easiest statistics book. ORGANIZED WELL. DON'T TAKE STATISTICS ONLINE. IT IS MUCH EASIER TO LEARN IN PERSON WITH SOMEONE ACTUALLY TEACHING YOU.

Well first of all it wasn't a hardcover as described. Second, it was the University of Maryland edition not the picture shown. That was a fun surprise to get in the mail. Regardless the three hole punched version of the textbook seems to be doing the trick. By the way, I have scanned the contents, anyone want to buy my book?

Â My book is used and it came torn and such. Now this book is falling apart y'all. And I'm afraid I'm gone have to pay for it!!

This book was a little hard to follow for me because it teaches different concepts than the typical stats book. My course actually used the newer version but my professor said to get this one because it wasn't really much different.

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