

# Comparability

## Definitions

Comparability of **data values over populations** is the degree to which **data values** representing two or more **populations** have the same definition and are measured in the same way.

Comparability of **data values over time** is the degree to which **data values** over time have the same definition and are measured in the same way.

## Relations

Comparability is a characteristic of **data values**

## Examples

Comparability of sales figures in different areas.  
Comparability of sales figures over the years.

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