

The Best Measure of Spread to Use

Our main measures of spread are:

	Range	IQR	Standard Deviation
Advantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - easy to calculate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - is not affected by extreme values 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shows how much data is clustered around a mean value - It gives a more accurate idea of how the data is distributed - takes into account all the data values
Disadvantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - can be affected by extreme values - does not take into account the whole data set 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - only takes into account the central 50% of data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - can be affected by extreme values - a long and complex process