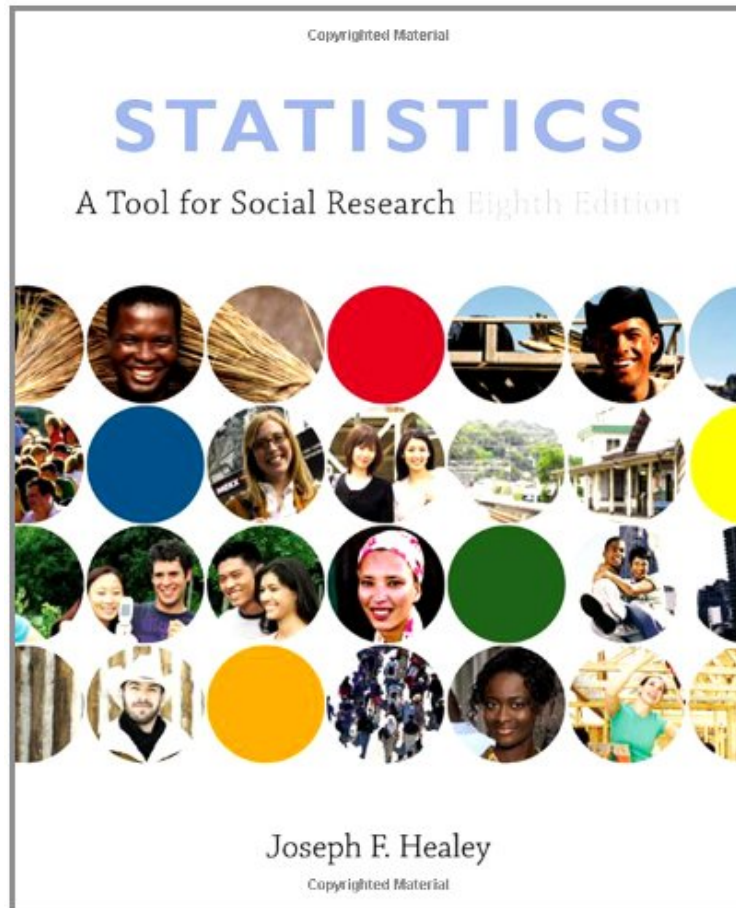


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they tend to skimp on the problem exercises. I would love to have had a CD included with this book that provided more exercises. (I know--only crazy people ask for more math problems). Even though there were enough exercises provided to grasp each concept, it would be nice if readers like myself are absolutely confident when leaving one concept going forward to another. I believe additional problems would help in that regard. I rented this text book for the semester and it was a used book, which may explain why a CD was not included. The lack of a CD is the only reason my rating is 4 versus 5 stars. Really wished I had purchased this one. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Far from the mean By Crusader purchased for a nursing stat course; not the best for illustrating examples for the various statistical topics discussed . . . can easily find/learn concepts from the Web for clarification ...for that a 2 star deduct 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Statistics: A tool for Social Research By J. Stanham Great in terms of clarity and the way it is organized. I was particularly interested in measures of association - of the best I have come across. However I was most disappointed to learn that the companion online materials are almost non-existent. They refer to them throughout the text, but after registering to access the material, you pretty much get nothing. Given the price, I was expecting to a much better quality online support as happened with another introductory book I bought "Basic Business Statistics", Berenson-Levine-Krehbiel, 12 ed. That is a real website with quality materials available for those who bought the book.

STATISTICS: A TOOL FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH, Eighth Edition, is a comprehensive, reader-friendly text that uses real-world examples, engaging exercises, and special features in every chapter to help even the most math-averse students succeed in a required statistics course. At the same time, this versatile text is appropriate for more advanced students in diverse social science disciplines, providing an accessible, well-balanced introduction to fundamental concepts of statistics and their practical application to a wide variety of contemporary social issues. The text covers hand calculations and the use of computers, providing a solid grounding in both traditional formulas and the latest SPSS statistical software package. Healey effectively breaks down even complex material to help students master key concepts and hone the skills they will need to succeed as professionals in a social science field--or simply to become "statistically literate," intelligent consumers of social research.

"demystifies the process of selecting a technique, knowing when to use correction factors, and understanding why closely related techniques will or will not be helpful in a particular situation." "I especially enjoyed the sections on 'Reading Statistics' because they provide an important link between the class and students' other studies and broader lives. I appreciate the efforts of the author to provide problems for students that apply to several social science fields." About the Author Joseph F. Healey, Ph.D., is Professor Emeritus of Sociology Christopher Newport University. He is author of STATISTICS: A TOOL FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH, 10th Edition (Cengage, 2014); RACE, ETHNICITY, GENDER AND CLASS, 7th Edition (Sage, 2015); DIVERSITY AND SOCIETY, 4th Edition (Sage, 2014); and is co-author of several other texts. Healey earned his A.B. and M.A. from The College of William and Mary (sociology and anthropology) and Ph.D. from University of Virginia (sociology and anthropology). In his spare time, he plays and records music for the hammer dulcimer and banjo.