

4. The first and third quartiles

- a. The location of the median is  $\frac{n}{2}$ , the first quartile's location is  $\frac{n}{4}$ , and the third quartile's location is  $\frac{3n}{4}$ .
- b. Sample size divided by four equals  $15/4 = 3.75$ . Counting down the frequency distribution on the previous page reveals that the first quartile is near the middle of the second class.
- c.  $\frac{3n}{4} = \frac{3 \times 15}{4} = \frac{45}{4} = 11.25$  Counting down reveals the third quartile is in the fourth class.

$$Q_1 = L + \frac{\frac{n}{4} - CF_b}{f}(i)$$

$$= 59.5 + \frac{\frac{15}{4} - 2}{3}(10)$$

$$= 59.5 + \frac{3.75 - 2}{3}(10)$$

$$Q_1 = 59.5 + 5.8 = 65.3$$

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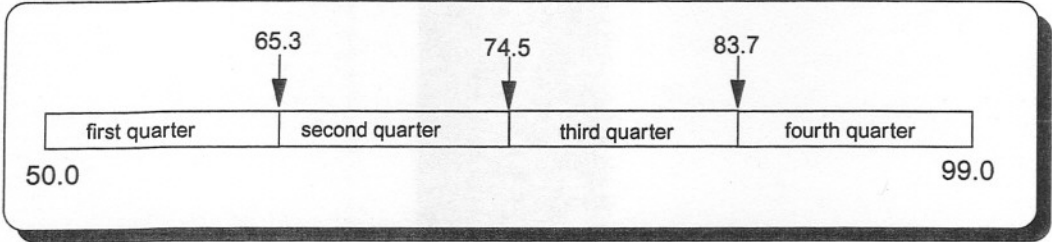
$$Q_2 = 74.5$$

$$Q_3 = L + \frac{\frac{3n}{4} - CF_b}{f}(i)$$

$$= 79.5 + \frac{\frac{45}{4} - 10}{3}(10)$$

$$= 79.5 + \frac{11.25 - 10}{3}(10)$$

$$Q_3 = 79.5 + 4.2 = 83.7$$



C. Interquartile range

- 1. The interquartile range is the difference between  $Q_3$  and  $Q_1$ .

$$Q_3 - Q_1 = 83.7 - 65.3 = 18.4$$

D. Percentiles

- 1. Percentiles separate data into 100 parts.
- 2. Let  $x$  equal the percentile of interest.
- 3. Here, the 90th percentile of daily rentals beginning 1/2/98 is of interest.
- 4. The location of the 90th percentile is found using this expression.

$$\frac{xn}{100}$$

$$\frac{xn}{100} = \frac{90(15)}{100} = 13.5$$

Counting down the frequencies reveals the 90th percentile is in the bottom class.

$$P_x = L + \frac{\frac{xn}{100} - CF_b}{f}(i)$$

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$$P_{90} = 89.5 + \frac{\frac{90(15)}{100} - 13}{2}(10)$$

$$= 89.5 + \frac{13.5 - 13}{2}(10)$$

$$= 92.0$$

VI. Kurtosis describes the peak of a curve.

