Measures of location

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Maternal ages



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Maternal ages ø density (% per year) 4 N 0 15 20 35 40 45 25 30

maternal age (years)

Birthweights of their babies



Income in USA



Formal definition of **percentile**

The p^{th} percentile of a list of numbers is the smallest number that is at least as large as p % of the list.

P-tý percentyl z řady čísel je takové nejmenší číslo, které je nejméně tak velké jako p % čísel v řadě.

Mechanism for median finding:

- order the list
- $\bullet\,$ identify the place that is p % of the away from the bottom of the list
- if that's a place on the list, take the number in that place, if not, take the next one up



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When comparing averages first think:

- I How are the groups related to each other?
- ② Take a look on the numerical averages.

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If a list has only non-negative entries, then the proportion of entries that are at least as large as k times the average is at most 1/k.

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Jestliže řada obsahuje pouze kladné členy, pak poměr členů, které jsou nejméně tak velké jako k-krát průměr, je nejvýše roven 1/k.

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