

Reteaching 12-2 Box-and-Whisker Plots

Make a box-and-whisker plot for the data set.

Step 1: First list the data in order from least to greatest. Find the median.

24 28 34 36 42 | 45 48 52 61 63

Since there is an even number of percents (10), there are two middle numbers. Add them and divide by 2.

$$\frac{42 + 45}{2} = \frac{87}{2} = 43.5 \quad \text{The median is 43.5.}$$

Percent of Federally Owned Land in Ten Western States				
45%	24%	52%	61%	28%
42%	34%	48%	63%	36%

Step 2: Find the upper and lower quartiles.

The lower quartile is the median of the lower half.

24 28 34 36 42

The lower quartile is 34.

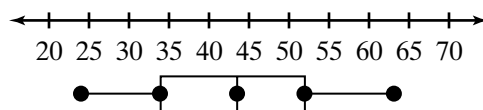
The upper quartile is the median of the upper half.

45 48 52 61 63

The upper quartile is 52.

Step 3: Draw a number line. Mark the least and greatest values, the median, and the quartiles. Draw a box from the first to the third quartiles. Draw whiskers from the least and greatest values to the box.

The data range from 24 to 63. A scale of 5 from 20 to 70 would have 11 marks.



Make a box-and-whisker plot for each data set.

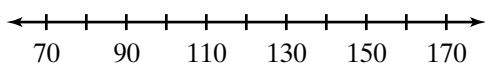
1. Area in 1,000 mi² of 13 western states

122	164	71	98	84	147	114
111	98	85	104	71	77	

median: _____

lower quartile: _____

upper quartile: _____



2. Percent of area that is inland water for 11 northeastern states.

13%	4%	26%	4%	32%	13%
15%	3%	21%	7%	21%	

median: _____

lower quartile: _____

upper quartile: _____

