

***Grading Rubric: Data Analysis Papers (5 points possible)***

**[1] Writing quality (2 points possible)**

Excellent writing skills: paragraphs have points; sentences well constructed; argument is clear from beginning to end = 2 points

Very good writing: most paragraphs have points; most sentences well constructed; but occasional lapses = 1½ points

Passable writing: paragraphs have one or more or no point, but occasionally are clear; sentences are often well constructed but sometimes not; argument is difficult if impossible to discern = ½ - 1 point

Not passable writing: spelling errors; incomplete sentences; unclear points; no argument = 0 points

**[2] Data Analysis (content) quality (3 points possible)**

*a) Description of data set (1 point possible)*

Excellent job describing data set: what are the data; who compiled the data set; who is covered in the data set, etc. Answers every reasonable question someone could have about the data set itself = 1 points

Passable job describing data set: answers some of those questions, but only about half = ½ point

Not passable job: doesn't clearly tell reader where the data are from, who compiled it, etc = 0 points

*b) Analysis (1 point possible)*

Excellent: well thought out analysis; reasonable and thoughtful; well done analysis = 1 point

Passable : ok but not great = ½ point

Not passable: no analysis, or no clear analysis = 0 points

*c) Presentation of analysis (table or graph) (1 point possible)*

Table is easy to follow, clearly presented = 1 point

Table is missing, or is presented in a very jumbled way = 0 points