

Figure 2.1

Symmetric distribution of blood pressure readings. This distribution of made-up systolic blood pressure readings is symmetric, meaning the left side of the distribution is a mirror image of the right side of the distribution. There is no skewness.

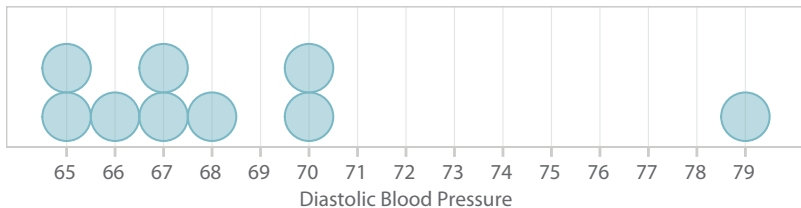


Figure 2.2

Positively skewed distribution of blood pressure readings. This distribution of made-up diastolic blood pressure readings is not symmetric. In fact, it is skewed to the right or positively skewed. The location of a *few* extreme scores identifies the kind of skewness.

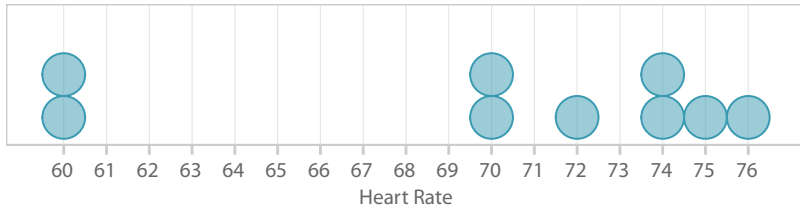


Figure 2.3

Negatively skewed distribution of heart rates. The *few* extreme scores on the left side of the number line tell us that this distribution is skewed to the left or negatively skewed.