

TABLE 8.2

A Review of the Key Differences Between Population, Sample, and Sampling Distributions

	Population Distribution	Sample Distribution	Distribution of Sample Means
What is it?	Scores of all persons in a population	Scores of a select portion of persons from the population	All possible sample means that can be selected, given a certain sample size
Is it accessible?	Typically, no	Yes	Yes
What is the shape?	Could be any shape	Could be any shape	Normal distribution