

# Section 2.1

**Quantitative data** are measures of values or counts and are expressed as numbers. {Numerical variables}

*Examples: how many; how much; how often*

**Qualitative data** are measures of 'types' and may be represented by a name, symbol, or a number code. {Categorical variables}

*Examples: what type*

$$\text{RELATIVE FREQUENCY} = \frac{\text{FREQUENCY}}{\text{SUM OF ALL FREQUENCIES}}$$

## Relative Frequency

How often something happens divided by all outcomes.

Example: Your team has won 9 games from a total of 12 games played:

- the Frequency of winning is 9
- the Relative Frequency of winning is  $9/12 = 75\%$

All the Relative Frequencies add up to 1 (except for any rounding error).

### Example: Travel Survey

92 people were asked how they got to work:

- 35 used a car
- 42 took public transport
- 8 rode a bicycle
- 7 walked



The Relative Frequencies (to 2 decimal places) are:

- Car:  $35/92 = \mathbf{0.38}$
- Public Transport:  $42/92 = \mathbf{0.46}$
- Bicycle:  $8/92 = \mathbf{0.09}$
- Walking:  $7/92 = \mathbf{0.08}$

$$0.38 + 0.46 + 0.09 + 0.08 = \mathbf{1.01}$$

(It would be exactly 1 if we had used perfect accuracy),

