

# How to Use an F Distribution Table for F-Tests

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The F Distribution Table, also known as the **F-table**, plays a crucial role in statistical analysis for conducting F-tests. These tests help compare variances between two or more groups, making them valuable tools in various fields like research and engineering. Here's an explanation of the table and its usage:

### What it shows:

The F-table lists critical values for the F-statistic, which is calculated based on the variances in your data. It has two main sections:

**One-tailed:** Used for one-sided tests, where we are interested in the probability of a value falling in one tail of the distribution (e.g., higher than a certain value).

**Two-tailed:** Used for two-sided tests, where we consider both tails of the distribution (e.g., significantly different between groups).

Within each section, you'll find:

**Numerator degrees of freedom (df1):** Represents the number of groups minus 1 in the numerator of the F-statistic.

**Denominator degrees of freedom (df2):** Represents the total number of observations minus the number of groups in the denominator of the F-statistic.

**Significance level ( $\alpha$ ):** Represents the probability of rejecting the null hypothesis ( $H_0$ ) when it's actually true, typically 0.05 (5%) or 0.01 (1%).

**Critical values:** These are specific thresholds for your calculated F-statistic based on df1, df2, and  $\alpha$ .

### How to use it:

**Calculate your F-statistic:** This involves using your sample data and the formula for the F-statistic based on the specific F-test you're conducting (e.g., one-way ANOVA, two-way ANOVA).

**Identify the appropriate section:** One-tailed for one-sided tests, two-tailed for two-sided tests.

**Locate the row with your numerator degrees of freedom (df1).**

**Find the column with your denominator degrees of freedom (df2).**

**Compare your calculated F-statistic to the critical value:**

**Reject  $H_0$  if your F-statistic is greater than or equal to the critical value.** This indicates a statistically significant difference in variances between the groups.

**Fail to reject  $H_0$  if your F-statistic falls below the critical value.** This suggests insufficient

evidence for a significant difference in variances.

F Table for  $\alpha = 0.05$

DF2	$\alpha = 0.05$																	Inf	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	15	20	24	30	40	60		120
1	161.45	199.5	215.71	224.58	230.16	233.99	236.77	238.88	240.54	241.88	243.91	245.95	248.01	249.05	250.1	251.14	252.2	253.25	254.31
2	18.513	19	19.164	19.247	19.296	19.33	19.353	19.371	19.385	19.396	19.413	19.429	19.446	19.454	19.462	19.471	19.479	19.487	19.496
3	10.128	9.5521	9.2766	9.1172	9.0135	8.9406	8.8867	8.8452	8.8123	8.7855	8.7446	8.7029	8.6602	8.6385	8.6166	8.5944	8.572	8.5494	8.5264
4	7.7086	6.9443	6.5914	6.3882	6.2561	6.1631	6.0942	6.041	5.9988	5.9644	5.9117	5.8578	5.8025	5.7744	5.7459	5.717	5.6877	5.6581	5.6281
5	6.6079	5.7861	5.4095	5.1922	5.0503	4.9503	4.8759	4.8183	4.7725	4.7351	4.6777	4.6188	4.5581	4.5272	4.4957	4.4638	4.4314	4.3985	4.365
6	5.9874	5.1433	4.7571	4.5337	4.3874	4.2839	4.2067	4.1468	4.099	4.06	3.9999	3.9381	3.8742	3.8415	3.8082	3.7743	3.7398	3.7047	3.6689
7	5.5914	4.7374	4.3468	4.1203	3.9715	3.866	3.787	3.7257	3.6767	3.6365	3.5747	3.5107	3.4445	3.4105	3.3758	3.3404	3.3043	3.2674	3.2298
8	5.3177	4.459	4.0662	3.8379	3.6875	3.5806	3.5005	3.4381	3.3881	3.3472	3.2839	3.2184	3.1503	3.1152	3.0794	3.0428	3.0053	2.9669	2.9276
9	5.1174	4.2565	3.8625	3.6331	3.4817	3.3738	3.2927	3.2296	3.1789	3.1373	3.0729	3.0061	2.9365	2.9005	2.8637	2.8259	2.7872	2.7475	2.7067
10	4.9646	4.1028	3.7083	3.478	3.3258	3.2172	3.1355	3.0717	3.0204	2.9782	2.913	2.845	2.774	2.7372	2.6996	2.6609	2.6211	2.5801	2.5379
11	4.8443	3.9823	3.5874	3.3567	3.2039	3.0946	3.0123	2.948	2.8962	2.8536	2.7876	2.7186	2.6464	2.609	2.5705	2.5309	2.4901	2.448	2.4045
12	4.7472	3.8853	3.4903	3.2592	3.1059	2.9961	2.9134	2.8486	2.7964	2.7534	2.6866	2.6169	2.5436	2.5055	2.4663	2.4259	2.3842	2.341	2.2962
13	4.6672	3.8056	3.4105	3.1791	3.0254	2.9153	2.8321	2.7669	2.7144	2.671	2.6037	2.5331	2.4589	2.4202	2.3803	2.3392	2.2966	2.2524	2.2064
14	4.6001	3.7389	3.3439	3.1122	2.9582	2.8477	2.7642	2.6987	2.6458	2.6022	2.5342	2.463	2.3879	2.3487	2.3082	2.2664	2.2229	2.1778	2.1307
15	4.5431	3.6823	3.2874	3.0556	2.9013	2.7905	2.7066	2.6408	2.5876	2.5437	2.4753	2.4034	2.3275	2.2878	2.2468	2.2043	2.1601	2.1141	2.0658
16	4.494	3.6337	3.2389	3.0069	2.8524	2.7413	2.6572	2.5911	2.5377	2.4935	2.4247	2.3522	2.2756	2.2354	2.1938	2.1507	2.1058	2.0589	2.0096
17	4.4513	3.5915	3.1968	2.9647	2.81	2.6987	2.6143	2.548	2.4943	2.4499	2.3807	2.3077	2.2304	2.1898	2.1477	2.104	2.0584	2.0107	1.9604
18	4.4139	3.5546	3.1599	2.9277	2.7729	2.6613	2.5767	2.5102	2.4563	2.4117	2.3421	2.2686	2.1906	2.1497	2.1071	2.0629	2.0166	1.9681	1.9168
19	4.3807	3.5219	3.1274	2.8951	2.7401	2.6283	2.5435	2.4768	2.4227	2.3779	2.308	2.2341	2.1555	2.1141	2.0712	2.0264	1.9795	1.9302	1.878
20	4.3512	3.4928	3.0984	2.8661	2.7109	2.599	2.514	2.4471	2.3928	2.3479	2.2776	2.2033	2.1242	2.0825	2.0391	1.9938	1.9464	1.8963	1.8432
21	4.3248	3.4668	3.0725	2.8401	2.6848	2.5727	2.4876	2.4205	2.366	2.321	2.2504	2.1757	2.096	2.054	2.0102	1.9645	1.9165	1.8657	1.8117
22	4.3009	3.4434	3.0491	2.8167	2.6613	2.5491	2.4638	2.3965	2.3419	2.2967	2.2258	2.1508	2.0707	2.0283	1.9842	1.938	1.8894	1.838	1.7831
23	4.2793	3.4221	3.028	2.7955	2.64	2.5277	2.4422	2.3748	2.3201	2.2747	2.2036	2.1282	2.0476	2.005	1.9605	1.9139	1.8648	1.8128	1.757
24	4.2597	3.4028	3.0088	2.7763	2.6207	2.5082	2.4226	2.3551	2.3002	2.2547	2.1834	2.1077	2.0267	1.9838	1.939	1.892	1.8424	1.7896	1.733
25	4.2417	3.3852	2.9912	2.7587	2.603	2.4904	2.4047	2.3371	2.2821	2.2365	2.1649	2.0889	2.0075	1.9643	1.9192	1.8718	1.8217	1.7684	1.711
26	4.2252	3.369	2.9752	2.7426	2.5868	2.4741	2.3883	2.3205	2.2655	2.2197	2.1479	2.0716	1.9898	1.9464	1.901	1.8533	1.8027	1.7488	1.6906
27	4.21	3.3541	2.9604	2.7278	2.5719	2.4591	2.3732	2.3053	2.2501	2.2043	2.1323	2.0558	1.9736	1.9299	1.8842	1.8361	1.7851	1.7306	1.6717
28	4.196	3.3404	2.9467	2.7141	2.5581	2.4453	2.3593	2.2913	2.236	2.19	2.1179	2.0411	1.9586	1.9147	1.8687	1.8203	1.7689	1.7138	1.6541
29	4.183	3.3277	2.934	2.7014	2.5454	2.4324	2.3463	2.2783	2.2229	2.1768	2.1045	2.0275	1.9446	1.9005	1.8543	1.8055	1.7537	1.6981	1.6376
30	4.1709	3.3158	2.9223	2.6896	2.5336	2.4205	2.3343	2.2662	2.2107	2.1646	2.0921	2.0148	1.9317	1.8874	1.8409	1.7918	1.7396	1.6835	1.6223
40	4.0847	3.2317	2.8387	2.606	2.4495	2.3359	2.249	2.1802	2.124	2.0772	2.0035	1.9245	1.8389	1.7929	1.7444	1.6928	1.6373	1.5766	1.5089
60	4.0012	3.1504	2.7581	2.5252	2.3683	2.2541	2.1665	2.097	2.0401	1.9926	1.9174	1.8364	1.748	1.7001	1.6491	1.5943	1.5343	1.4673	1.3893
120	3.9201	3.0718	2.6802	2.4472	2.2899	2.175	2.0868	2.0164	1.9588	1.9105	1.8337	1.7505	1.6587	1.6084	1.5543	1.4952	1.429	1.3519	1.2539
Inf	3.8415	2.9957	2.6049	2.3719	2.2141	2.0986	2.0096	1.9384	1.8799	1.8307	1.7522	1.6664	1.5705	1.5173	1.4591	1.394	1.318	1.2214	1

F Table for  $\alpha = 0.025$

DF2	DF1		$\alpha = 0.025$																
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	15	20	24	30	40	60	120	Inf
1	647.79	799.5	864.16	899.58	921.85	937.11	948.22	956.66	963.28	968.63	976.71	984.87	993.1	997.25	1001.4	1005.6	1009.8	1014	1018.3
2	38.506	39	39.166	39.248	39.298	39.332	39.355	39.373	39.387	39.398	39.415	39.431	39.448	39.456	39.465	39.473	39.481	39.49	39.498
3	17.443	16.044	15.439	15.101	14.885	14.735	14.624	14.54	14.473	14.419	14.337	14.253	14.167	14.124	14.081	14.037	13.992	13.947	13.902
4	12.218	10.649	9.9792	9.6045	9.3645	9.1973	9.0741	8.9796	8.9047	8.8439	8.7512	8.6565	8.5599	8.5109	8.461	8.411	8.36	8.309	8.257
5	10.007	8.4336	7.7636	7.3879	7.1464	6.9777	6.8531	6.7572	6.6811	6.6192	6.5245	6.4277	6.3286	6.278	6.227	6.175	6.123	6.069	6.015
6	8.8131	7.2599	6.5988	6.2272	5.9876	5.8198	5.6955	5.5996	5.5234	5.4613	5.3662	5.2687	5.1684	5.1172	5.065	5.012	4.959	4.904	4.849
7	8.0727	6.5415	5.8898	5.5226	5.2852	5.1186	4.9949	4.8993	4.8232	4.7611	4.6658	4.5678	4.4667	4.415	4.362	4.309	4.254	4.199	4.142
8	7.5709	6.0595	5.416	5.0526	4.8173	4.6517	4.5286	4.4333	4.3572	4.2951	4.1997	4.1012	3.9995	3.9472	3.894	3.84	3.784	3.728	3.67
9	7.2093	5.7147	5.0781	4.7181	4.4844	4.3197	4.197	4.102	4.026	3.9639	3.8682	3.7694	3.6669	3.6142	3.56	3.505	3.449	3.392	3.333
10	6.9367	5.4564	4.8256	4.4683	4.2361	4.0721	3.9498	3.8549	3.779	3.7168	3.6209	3.5217	3.4185	3.3654	3.311	3.255	3.198	3.14	3.08
11	6.7241	5.2559	4.63	4.2751	4.044	3.8807	3.7586	3.6638	3.5879	3.5257	3.4296	3.3299	3.2261	3.1725	3.118	3.061	3.004	2.944	2.883
12	6.5538	5.0959	4.4742	4.1212	3.8911	3.7283	3.6065	3.5118	3.4358	3.3736	3.2773	3.1772	3.0728	3.0187	2.963	2.906	2.848	2.787	2.725
13	6.4143	4.9653	4.3472	3.9959	3.7667	3.6043	3.4827	3.388	3.312	3.2497	3.1532	3.0527	2.9477	2.8932	2.837	2.78	2.72	2.659	2.595
14	6.2979	4.8567	4.2417	3.8919	3.6634	3.5014	3.3799	3.2853	3.2093	3.1469	3.0502	2.9493	2.8437	2.7888	2.732	2.674	2.614	2.552	2.487
15	6.1995	4.765	4.1528	3.8043	3.5764	3.4147	3.2934	3.1987	3.1227	3.0602	2.9633	2.8621	2.7559	2.7006	2.644	2.585	2.524	2.461	2.395
16	6.1151	4.6867	4.0768	3.7294	3.5021	3.3406	3.2194	3.1248	3.0488	2.9862	2.889	2.7875	2.6808	2.6252	2.568	2.509	2.447	2.383	2.316
17	6.042	4.6189	4.0112	3.6648	3.4379	3.2767	3.1556	3.061	2.9849	2.9222	2.8249	2.723	2.6158	2.5598	2.502	2.442	2.38	2.315	2.247
18	5.9781	4.5597	3.9539	3.6083	3.382	3.2209	3.0999	3.0053	2.9291	2.8664	2.7689	2.6667	2.559	2.5027	2.445	2.384	2.321	2.256	2.187
19	5.9216	4.5075	3.9034	3.5578	3.3327	3.1718	3.0509	2.9563	2.8801	2.8172	2.7196	2.6171	2.5099	2.4523	2.394	2.333	2.27	2.203	2.133
20	5.8715	4.4613	3.8587	3.5147	3.2891	3.1283	3.0074	2.9128	2.8365	2.7737	2.6758	2.5731	2.4645	2.4076	2.349	2.287	2.223	2.156	2.085
21	5.8266	4.4199	3.8188	3.4754	3.2501	3.0895	2.9686	2.874	2.7977	2.7348	2.6368	2.5338	2.4247	2.3675	2.308	2.246	2.182	2.114	2.042
22	5.7863	4.3828	3.7829	3.4401	3.2151	3.0546	2.9338	2.8392	2.7628	2.6998	2.6017	2.4984	2.389	2.3315	2.272	2.21	2.145	2.076	2.003
23	5.7498	4.3492	3.7505	3.4083	3.1835	3.0232	2.9023	2.8077	2.7313	2.6682	2.5699	2.4665	2.357	2.2989	2.239	2.176	2.111	2.041	1.968
24	5.7166	4.3187	3.7211	3.3794	3.1548	2.9946	2.8738	2.7791	2.7027	2.6396	2.5411	2.4374	2.3273	2.2693	2.209	2.146	2.08	2.01	1.935
25	5.6864	4.2909	3.6943	3.353	3.1287	2.9685	2.8478	2.7531	2.6766	2.6135	2.5149	2.411	2.3005	2.2422	2.182	2.118	2.052	1.981	1.906
26	5.6586	4.2655	3.6697	3.3289	3.1048	2.9447	2.824	2.7293	2.6528	2.5896	2.4908	2.3867	2.2759	2.2174	2.157	2.093	2.026	1.954	1.878
27	5.6331	4.2421	3.6472	3.3067	3.0828	2.9228	2.8021	2.7074	2.6309	2.5676	2.4688	2.3644	2.2533	2.1946	2.133	2.069	2.002	1.93	1.853
28	5.6096	4.2205	3.6264	3.2863	3.0626	2.9027	2.782	2.6872	2.6106	2.5473	2.4484	2.3438	2.2324	2.1735	2.112	2.048	1.98	1.907	1.829
29	5.5878	4.2006	3.6072	3.2674	3.0438	2.884	2.7638	2.6686	2.5919	2.5286	2.4295	2.3248	2.2131	2.154	2.092	2.028	1.959	1.886	1.807
30	5.5675	4.1821	3.5894	3.2499	3.0265	2.8667	2.746	2.6513	2.5746	2.5112	2.412	2.3072	2.1952	2.1359	2.074	2.009	1.94	1.866	1.787
40	5.4239	4.051	3.4633	3.1261	2.9037	2.7444	2.6238	2.5289	2.4519	2.3882	2.2882	2.1819	2.0677	2.0069	1.943	1.875	1.803	1.724	1.637
60	5.2856	3.9253	3.3425	3.0077	2.7863	2.6274	2.5068	2.4117	2.3344	2.2702	2.1692	2.0613	1.9445	1.8817	1.815	1.744	1.667	1.581	1.482
120	5.1523	3.8046	3.2269	2.8943	2.674	2.5154	2.3948	2.2994	2.2217	2.157	2.0548	1.945	1.8249	1.7597	1.69	1.614	1.53	1.433	1.31
Inf	5.0239	3.6889	3.1161	2.7858	2.5665	2.4082	2.2875	2.1918	2.1136	2.0483	1.9447	1.8326	1.7085	1.6402	1.566	1.484	1.388	1.268	1

F Table for  $\alpha = 0.01$

DF2	DF1		$\alpha = 0.01$																
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	15	20	24	30	40	60	120	Inf
1	4052.2	4999.5	5403.4	5624.6	5763.7	5859	5928.4	5981.1	6022.5	6055.8	6106.3	6157.3	6208.7	6234.6	6260.6	6286.8	6313	6339.4	6365.9
2	98.503	99	99.166	99.249	99.299	99.333	99.356	99.374	99.388	99.399	99.416	99.433	99.449	99.458	99.466	99.474	99.482	99.491	99.499
3	34.116	30.817	29.457	28.71	28.237	27.911	27.672	27.489	27.345	27.229	27.052	26.872	26.69	26.598	26.505	26.411	26.316	26.221	26.125
4	21.198	18	16.694	15.977	15.522	15.207	14.976	14.799	14.659	14.546	14.374	14.198	14.02	13.929	13.838	13.745	13.652	13.558	13.463
5	16.258	13.274	12.06	11.392	10.967	10.672	10.456	10.289	10.158	10.051	9.888	9.722	9.553	9.466	9.379	9.291	9.202	9.112	9.02
6	13.745	10.925	9.78	9.148	8.746	8.466	8.26	8.102	7.976	7.874	7.718	7.559	7.396	7.313	7.229	7.143	7.057	6.969	6.88
7	12.246	9.547	8.451	7.847	7.46	7.191	6.993	6.84	6.719	6.62	6.469	6.314	6.155	6.074	5.992	5.908	5.824	5.737	5.65
8	11.259	8.649	7.591	7.006	6.632	6.371	6.178	6.029	5.911	5.814	5.667	5.515	5.359	5.279	5.198	5.116	5.032	4.946	4.859
9	10.561	8.022	6.992	6.422	6.057	5.802	5.613	5.467	5.351	5.257	5.111	4.962	4.808	4.729	4.649	4.567	4.483	4.398	4.311
10	10.044	7.559	6.552	5.994	5.636	5.386	5.2	5.057	4.942	4.849	4.706	4.558	4.405	4.327	4.247	4.165	4.082	3.996	3.909
11	9.646	7.206	6.217	5.668	5.316	5.069	4.886	4.744	4.632	4.539	4.397	4.251	4.099	4.021	3.941	3.86	3.776	3.69	3.602
12	9.33	6.927	5.953	5.412	5.064	4.821	4.64	4.499	4.388	4.296	4.155	4.01	3.858	3.78	3.701	3.619	3.535	3.449	3.361
13	9.074	6.701	5.739	5.205	4.862	4.62	4.441	4.302	4.191	4.1	3.96	3.815	3.665	3.587	3.507	3.425	3.341	3.255	3.165
14	8.862	6.515	5.564	5.035	4.695	4.456	4.278	4.14	4.03	3.939	3.8	3.656	3.505	3.427	3.348	3.266	3.181	3.094	3.004
15	8.683	6.359	5.417	4.893	4.556	4.318	4.142	4.004	3.895	3.805	3.666	3.522	3.372	3.294	3.214	3.132	3.047	2.959	2.868
16	8.531	6.226	5.292	4.773	4.437	4.202	4.026	3.89	3.78	3.691	3.553	3.409	3.259	3.181	3.101	3.018	2.933	2.845	2.753
17	8.4	6.112	5.185	4.669	4.336	4.102	3.927	3.791	3.682	3.593	3.455	3.312	3.162	3.084	3.003	2.92	2.835	2.746	2.653
18	8.285	6.013	5.092	4.579	4.248	4.015	3.841	3.705	3.597	3.508	3.371	3.227	3.077	2.999	2.919	2.835	2.749	2.66	2.566
19	8.185	5.926	5.01	4.5	4.171	3.939	3.765	3.631	3.523	3.434	3.297	3.153	3.003	2.925	2.844	2.761	2.674	2.584	2.489
20	8.096	5.849	4.938	4.431	4.103	3.871	3.699	3.564	3.457	3.368	3.231	3.088	2.938	2.859	2.778	2.695	2.608	2.517	2.421
21	8.017	5.78	4.874	4.369	4.042	3.812	3.64	3.506	3.398	3.31	3.173	3.03	2.88	2.801	2.72	2.636	2.548	2.457	2.36
22	7.945	5.719	4.817	4.313	3.988	3.758	3.587	3.453	3.346	3.258	3.121	2.978	2.827	2.749	2.667	2.583	2.495	2.403	2.30