

# How do you find the area to the right of a given Z-score? Can you provide examples?

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To find the area to the right of a given Z-score, one must use a Z-score table or a statistical software. The Z-score represents the number of standard deviations a data point is above or below the mean in a normal distribution. To find the area to the right of a Z-score, one must first determine the corresponding cumulative probability from the Z-score table or software. This represents the area under the curve to the right of the Z-score. A simple example would be if a Z-score of 1.5 has a cumulative probability of 0.9332, then the area to the right of 1.5 is 0.9332. This can also be visualized on a normal distribution curve.

## Find Area to the Right of Z-Score (With Examples)

In statistics, a tells us how many standard deviations away a given value lies from a population mean.

We use the following formula to calculate a z-score for a given value:

$$z = (x - \mu) / \sigma$$

where:

**x:** Individual data value  **$\mu$ :** Mean of population  **$\sigma$ :** Standard deviation of population

To find the area under a normal distribution that lies to the right of a given z-score, we can use one of two methods:

1. Use the .

## 2. Use the .

The following examples show how to use each of these methods in practice.

### Example 1: Area to the Right of Negative Z-Score

The weight of a certain species of dolphins is normally distributed with mean  $\mu = 300$  pounds and standard deviation  $\sigma = 15$  pounds. Approximately what percentage of dolphins weigh more than 284 pounds?

The z-score for a weight of 284 pounds would be calculated as  $z = (284 - 300) / 15 = -1.07$

We can use one of two methods to find the area to the right of this z-score:

**Method 1: Use z table.**

To find the area to the right of the z-score, we can simply look up the value -1.07 in the :

z	0	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09
-3.0	0.0013	0.0013	0.0013	0.0012	0.0012	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011	0.0010	0.0010
-2.9	0.0019	0.0018	0.0018	0.0017	0.0016	0.0016	0.0015	0.0015	0.0014	0.0014
-2.8	0.0026	0.0025	0.0024	0.0023	0.0023	0.0022	0.0021	0.0021	0.0020	0.0019
-2.7	0.0035	0.0034	0.0033	0.0032	0.0031	0.0030	0.0029	0.0028	0.0027	0.0026
-2.6	0.0047	0.0045	0.0044	0.0043	0.0041	0.0040	0.0039	0.0038	0.0037	0.0036
-2.5	0.0062	0.0060	0.0059	0.0057	0.0055	0.0054	0.0052	0.0051	0.0049	0.0048
-2.4	0.0082	0.0080	0.0078	0.0075	0.0073	0.0071	0.0069	0.0068	0.0066	0.0064
-2.3	0.0107	0.0104	0.0102	0.0099	0.0096	0.0094	0.0091	0.0089	0.0087	0.0084
-2.2	0.0139	0.0136	0.0132	0.0129	0.0125	0.0122	0.0119	0.0116	0.0113	0.0110
-2.1	0.0179	0.0174	0.0170	0.0166	0.0162	0.0158	0.0154	0.0150	0.0146	0.0143
-2.0	0.0228	0.0222	0.0217	0.0212	0.0207	0.0202	0.0197	0.0192	0.0188	0.0183
-1.9	0.0287	0.0281	0.0274	0.0268	0.0262	0.0256	0.0250	0.0244	0.0239	0.0233
-1.8	0.0359	0.0351	0.0344	0.0336	0.0329	0.0322	0.0314	0.0307	0.0301	0.0294
-1.7	0.0446	0.0436	0.0427	0.0418	0.0409	0.0401	0.0392	0.0384	0.0375	0.0367
-1.6	0.0548	0.0537	0.0526	0.0516	0.0505	0.0495	0.0485	0.0475	0.0465	0.0455
-1.5	0.0668	0.0655	0.0643	0.0630	0.0618	0.0606	0.0594	0.0582	0.0571	0.0559
-1.4	0.0808	0.0793	0.0778	0.0764	0.0749	0.0735	0.0721	0.0708	0.0694	0.0681
-1.3	0.0968	0.0951	0.0934	0.0918	0.0901	0.0885	0.0869	0.0853	0.0838	0.0823
-1.2	0.1151	0.1131	0.1112	0.1093	0.1075	0.1056	0.1038	0.1020	0.1003	0.0985
-1.1	0.1357	0.1335	0.1314	0.1292	0.1271	0.1251	0.1230	0.1210	0.1190	0.1170
-1.0	0.1587	0.1562	0.1539	0.1515	0.1492	0.1469	0.1446	0.1423	0.1401	0.1379
-0.9	0.1841	0.1814	0.1788	0.1762	0.1736	0.1711	0.1685	0.1660	0.1635	0.1611
-0.8	0.2119	0.2090	0.2061	0.2033	0.2005	0.1977	0.1949	0.1922	0.1894	0.1867
-0.7	0.2420	0.2389	0.2358	0.2327	0.2296	0.2266	0.2236	0.2206	0.2177	0.2148
-0.6	0.2743	0.2709	0.2676	0.2643	0.2611	0.2578	0.2546	0.2514	0.2483	0.2451

This represents the area to the left of  $z = -1.07$ . Thus, the area to the right is calculated as  $1 - 0.1423 = 0.8577$ .

## Method 2: Use Area to the Right of Z-Score Calculator

We can also use the to find that the area to the right of  $z = -1.07$  is  $0.8577$ .

## Area To The Right of Z-Score Calculator

This calculator finds the area to the right of a certain **z-score** in the normal distribution.

Simply enter the z-score below and then click the "Calculate" button.

Z-Score

CALCULATE

Area to the Right of Z-Score: 0.85769

### Example 2: Area to the Right of Positive Z-Score

The scores on a certain exam are normally distributed with mean  $\mu = 85$  and standard deviation  $\sigma = 8$ . Approximately what percentage of students score greater than 87 on the exam?

The z-score for an exam score of 87 would be calculated as  $z = (87 - 85) / 8 = 0.25$

We can use one of two methods to find the area to the right of this z-score:

#### Method 1: Use z table.

To find the area to the right of the z-score, we can simply look up the value 0.25 in the :

z	0	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09
0.0	0.5000	0.5040	0.5080	0.5120	0.5160	0.5199	0.5239	0.5279	0.5319	0.5359
0.1	0.5398	0.5438	0.5478	0.5517	0.5557	0.5596	0.5636	0.5675	0.5714	0.5753
0.2	0.5793	0.5832	0.5871	0.5910	0.5948	0.5987	0.6026	0.6064	0.6103	0.6141
0.3	0.6179	0.6217	0.6255	0.6293	0.6331	0.6368	0.6406	0.6443	0.6480	0.6517
0.4	0.6554	0.6591	0.6628	0.6664	0.6700	0.6736	0.6772	0.6808	0.6844	0.6879
0.5	0.6915	0.6950	0.6985	0.7019	0.7054	0.7088	0.7123	0.7157	0.7190	0.7224
0.6	0.7257	0.7291	0.7324	0.7357	0.7389	0.7422	0.7454	0.7486	0.7517	0.7549
0.7	0.7580	0.7611	0.7642	0.7673	0.7704	0.7734	0.7764	0.7794	0.7823	0.7852
0.8	0.7881	0.7910	0.7939	0.7967	0.7995	0.8023	0.8051	0.8078	0.8106	0.8133
0.9	0.8159	0.8186	0.8212	0.8238	0.8264	0.8289	0.8315	0.8340	0.8365	0.8389
1.0	0.8413	0.8438	0.8461	0.8485	0.8508	0.8531	0.8554	0.8577	0.8599	0.8621
1.1	0.8643	0.8665	0.8686	0.8708	0.8729	0.8749	0.8770	0.8790	0.8810	0.8830
1.2	0.8849	0.8869	0.8888	0.8907	0.8925	0.8944	0.8962	0.8980	0.8997	0.9015
1.3	0.9032	0.9049	0.9066	0.9082	0.9099	0.9115	0.9131	0.9147	0.9162	0.9177
1.4	0.9192	0.9207	0.9222	0.9236	0.9251	0.9265	0.9279	0.9292	0.9306	0.9319
1.5	0.9332	0.9345	0.9357	0.9370	0.9382	0.9394	0.9406	0.9418	0.9429	0.9441
1.6	0.9452	0.9463	0.9474	0.9484	0.9495	0.9505	0.9515	0.9525	0.9535	0.9545

The represents the area to the left of  $z = 0.25$ . Thus, the area to the right is calculated as  $1 - 0.5987 = 0.4013$ . Applied to our scenario, this means approximately 40.13% of students score greater than 87 on this exam.

**Method 2: Use Area to the Right of Z-Score Calculator**

We can also use the to find that the area to the right of  $z = 0.25$  is 0.4013.

## Area To The Right of Z-Score Calculator

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Z-Score

CALCULATE

Area to the Right of Z-Score: 0.40129

**The following tutorials provide additional information on how to work with z-scores:**