

Comparison of Statistical Software for Six Sigma

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	Statgraphics Centurion XV www.statgraphics.com	Minitab 15 www.minitab.com
Basic Tools		
Descriptive Statistics	✓	✓
Probability Plots	✓	✓
Statistical Tolerance Limits	✓	
Outlier Tests (Grubbs, Dixon, MAD scores)	✓	
Spherical Coordinates Plot	✓	
Splines	✓	
Visualization		
Box-and-Whisker Plots	✓	✓
Multi-Vari Charts	✓	✓
Bubble Charts	✓	
Radar/Spider Plots	✓	
Contoured Surface Plots	✓	
Distribution Fitting		
Probability Distributions	45	16
Tests for Normality	✓	✓
Automatic Box-Cox Transformations	✓	✓
Empirical EDF Goodness-of-Fit Statistics	✓	
Categorical Data		
Barcharts and Piecharts	✓	✓
Crosstabulation	✓	✓
Analysis of Means	✓	✓
Measures of Association	✓	✓
Skycharts	✓	
Mosaic Plots	✓	
Map by State	✓	
Design of Experiments		
Screening (Factorial, Plackett-Burman)	✓	✓
Response Surface (Central Composite, Box-Behnken)	✓	✓
Mixtures (Simplex, Extreme Vertices)	✓	✓
Taguchi Inner/Outer Arrays	✓	✓
Variance Component Designs	✓	✓
Categorical Designs (Latin Squares, BIB)	✓	
Control Charts		
Attributes Charts (p, np, c, u)	✓	✓
Variables Charts (Xbar, R, S, X, MR)	✓	✓
Multivariate Control Charts	✓	✓
EWMA, MA, CuSum charts	✓	✓
ARIMA Charts	✓	✓
Toolwear Charts	✓	
Acceptance Control Charts	✓	
Average Run Length Calculations	✓	
CuScore Control Charts	✓	
Control Chart Design	✓	

Quality Tools			
QFD Matrix	✓	✓	*
Cost-of-Quality Trend Analysis	✓	✓	*
Cause-and-Effect Diagrams	✓	✓	*
Process Maps	✓	✓	*
Multivariate Capability Analysis	✓	✓	
Six Sigma Calculator	✓	✓	
Time Series Analysis			
Time Series Model-Building	✓	✓	✓
Decomposition and Smoothing	✓	✓	✓
Automatic Forecasting	✓	✓	
Validation Statistics	✓	✓	
Regression and Classification			
Simple Regression	✓	✓	✓
Multiple and Stepwise Regression	✓	✓	✓
Best-Subset Regressions	✓	✓	✓
Logistic and Probit Models	✓	✓	✓
Life Data Regression	✓	✓	✓
Ridge Regression	✓	✓	
Negative Binomial & Poisson Regression	✓	✓	
Cox Proportional Hazards	✓	✓	
Automatic Cochrane-Orcutt Transformation	✓	✓	
Comparison of Regression Lines	✓	✓	
Nonlinear Regression	✓	✓	
Calibration Models	✓	✓	
Neural Network Bayesian Classifier	✓	✓	
Analysis of Variance			
Multifactor ANOVA	✓	✓	✓
Fixed and Random Factors	✓	✓	✓
MANOVA	✓	✓	✓
Duncan & Student-Newman-Keuls Methods	✓	✓	
Graphical ANOVA	✓	✓	
Graphics Operations			
Save to image files	✓	✓	✓
Jittering	✓	✓	
Windowing	✓	✓	
Cross-hair cursor location	✓	✓	
General – Special Features			
Integrated report writer	✓	✓	✓
Gallery for overlaying plots	✓	✓	✓
Automatic web publishing with interactivity	✓	✓	
Statistical interpretation of results in multiple languages	✓	✓	
Automatic database polling	✓	✓	✓
Print preview	✓	✓	

* These features are not offered with Minitab 15, but are available in the Minitab Quality Companion for an additional price of \$350.