## Simple Linear Regression

Used to characterize the relationship between two variables, usually called the independent variable ( x ) and the dependent variable ( y )


## Linear Regression Example

- Women's winning times in the New York Marathon, 1978-2019

| Parameter | Estimate <br> (Est.) | Std. Error <br> (SE) | t value <br> (=Est./SE) | P-Value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{b}_{0}$ | 379 | 49.78 | 7.613 | $3.13 \mathrm{E}-09$ |
| $\mathrm{~b}_{1}$ | -0.1165 | 0.02491 | -4.674 | $3.48 \mathrm{E}-05$ |

- The P-Values are: $=0.000000000313$ and 0.00000348
- Overwhelming evidence of a downward trend


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## R2 ("R-squared")

is a common measure of how close the regression is to a straight line


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NYC Marathon $R^{2}=0.36$


NBA Players $\mathrm{R}^{2}=0.999$


## Tobacco Road Marathon (2024)

Linear fit: R-squared $=0.9994$


Residuals from Linear Fit


Quadratic fit: R-squared $=0.99998$


