Common Statistical Tests

Type of Test:	**Use:**
Correlational	These tests look for an association between variables
Pearson correlation	Tests for the strength of the association between two continuous variables
Spearman correlation	Tests for the strength of the association between two ordinal variables (does not rely on the assumption of normal distributed data)
Chi-square	Tests for the strength of the association between two categorical variables
Comparison of Means:	***look for the difference between the means of variables***
Paired T-test	Tests for difference between two related variables
Independent T-test	Tests for difference between two independent variables
ANOVA	Tests the difference between group means after any other variance in the outcome variable is accounted for
Regression:	***assess if change in one variable predicts change in another variable***
Simple regression	Tests how change in the predictor variable predicts the level of change in the outcome variable
Multiple regression	Tests how change in the combination of two or more predictor variables predict the level of change in the outcome variable
Non-parametric:	***are used when the data does not meet assumptions required for parametric tests***
Wilcoxon rank-sum test	Tests for difference between two independent variables - takes into account magnitude and direction of difference
Wilcoxon sign-rank test	Tests for difference between two related variables - takes into account magnitude and direction of difference
Sign test	Tests if two related variables are different – ignores magnitude of change, only takes into account direction