

understate

[,ʌndə'steɪt] *v*

1. преуменьшать; занижать

they exaggerated the enemy losses and understated their own - они преувеличивали потери противника и занижали свои собственные

she understated her age on the census form - на бланке переписи она убавила себе года

2. высказываться сдержанно; недоговаривать

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

under·state [understate understates understated understating] *BrE* [,ʌndə'steɪt]

NAme [,ʌndər'steɪt] *verb* ~ **sth**

to state that sth is smaller, less important or less serious than it really is

- It would be a mistake to understate the seriousness of the problem.
- The figures probably understate the real unemployment rate.

Opp: ↑overstate

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	understate
	<i>BrE</i> /,ʌndə'steɪt/
	<i>NAme</i> /,ʌndər'steɪt/
he / she / it	understates
	<i>BrE</i> /,ʌndə'steɪts/
	<i>NAme</i> /,ʌndər'steɪts/
past simple, past participle	understated
	<i>BrE</i> /,ʌndə'steɪtɪd/
	<i>NAme</i> /,ʌndər'steɪtɪd/
-ing form	understating
	<i>BrE</i> /,ʌndə'steɪtɪŋ/
	<i>NAme</i> /,ʌndər'steɪtɪŋ/

Example Bank:

- To say that the reviews were mixed is to understate the case — the cons far outweighed the pros.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

un·der·state /,ʌndə'steɪt \$ -ər-/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb* [transitive]

[Word Family: *verb*: ↑state, ↑understate ≠ ↑overstate; *noun*: ↑statement, ↑understatement ≠ ↑overstatement; *adjective*:

↑understated ≠ **OVERSTATED**]

to describe something in a way that makes it seem less important or serious than it really is **OPP overstate:**

- The press have tended to understate the extent of the problem.

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83 **80551**⁸⁹ *vv0*

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