

CHAPTER 9

ESTIMATION FROM SAMPLE DATA

SECTION EXERCISES

9.1 d/p/e A point estimate is a single number that estimates the value of the population parameter, while an interval estimate includes a range of possible values which are likely to include the population parameter.

9.2 d/p/e Inferential statistics is when we use sample information to draw conclusions about the population. We can use the sample information to estimate the population parameter.

9.3 d/p/m When the interval estimate is associated with a degree of confidence that it actually includes the population parameter, it is referred to as a confidence interval.

9.4 d/p/m A sample statistic is an "unbiased estimator" if the expected value of the sample statistic is the same as the actual value of the population parameter it is intended to estimate.

9.5 d/p/m In order for s^2 to be an unbiased estimator of σ^2 , we must use $(n - 1)$ as the divisor when we calculate the variance of the sample. However, s will not be an unbiased estimator of σ .

9.6 d/p/m This is a point estimate, since $p = 0.38$ is a single number that estimates the value of the population parameter, π = the true proportion who vacation out of state for at least one week.

9.7 c/a/m

a. $\bar{x} = \frac{\sum x}{n} = \frac{21}{8} = 2.625$ b. $s^2 = \sum \frac{(x - \bar{x})^2}{n - 1} = \frac{31.875}{7} = 4.554$

9.8 d/p/d Both of these values could be considered point estimates since they are single numbers that estimate the value of the population parameter, μ = the population average annual U.S. per capita consumption of iceberg lettuce. The difference between the two consumption figures could not be considered an interval estimate since the two point estimates come from different years.

9.9 d/p/e The accuracy of a point estimate is the difference between the observed sample statistic and the actual value of the population parameter being estimated.

9.10 d/p/m A key consideration in determining whether or not to use the standard normal distribution in constructing the confidence interval for the population mean is whether or not we know the actual value of the population standard deviation, σ . If σ is known, we will use the standard normal distribution. Otherwise, we will use the t distribution.

9.11 c/a/m

- a. point estimate of π : $p = \frac{450}{1000} = 0.45$ b. confidence interval for π : 0.419 to 0.481
- c. confidence level: 95%; confidence coefficient: 0.95
- d. accuracy: for 95% of such intervals, the sample proportion would not differ from the actual population proportion by more than $(0.481 - 0.419)/2 = 0.031$.

9.12 d/p/m If the population cannot be assumed to be normally distributed, when the sample size is at least 30 we can apply the central limit theorem in order for the sampling distribution of the sample mean to be approximately normal.

9.13 d/p/m In this case, we need to assume that the population is normally distributed and the population standard deviation is known.

9.14 c/a/m First, compute the mean of the sample. $\bar{x} = \frac{\sum x}{n} = \frac{240}{6} = 40$

- a. For a confidence level of 95%, $z = 1.96$. (In the normal distribution, 95% of the area falls between $z = -1.96$ and $z = 1.96$.) The 95% confidence interval for μ is:

$$\bar{x} \pm z \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = 40 \pm 1.96 \frac{\sqrt{25}}{\sqrt{6}} = 40 \pm 4.001, \text{ or between } 35.999 \text{ and } 44.001.$$

We have 95% confidence that the population mean is between 35.999 and 44.001.

- b. For a confidence level of 99%, $z = 2.58$. (In the normal distribution, 99% of the area falls between $z = -2.58$ and $z = 2.58$.) The 99% confidence interval for μ is:

$$\bar{x} \pm z \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = 40 \pm 2.58 \frac{\sqrt{25}}{\sqrt{6}} = 40 \pm 5.266, \text{ or between } 34.734 \text{ and } 45.266.$$

We have 99% confidence that the population mean is between 34.734 and 45.266.

9.15 c/a/m

- a. For a confidence level of 90%, $z = 1.645$. (In the normal distribution, 90% of the area falls between $z = -1.645$ and $z = 1.645$.) The 90% confidence interval for μ is:

$$\bar{x} \pm z \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = 240 \pm 1.645 \frac{10}{\sqrt{30}} = 240 \pm 3.003, \text{ or between } 236.997 \text{ and } 243.003$$

- b. For a confidence level of 95%, $z = 1.96$. (In the normal distribution, 95% of the area falls between $z = -1.96$ and $z = 1.96$.) The 95% confidence interval for μ is:

$$\bar{x} \pm z \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = 240 \pm 1.96 \frac{10}{\sqrt{30}} = 240 \pm 3.578, \text{ or between } 236.422 \text{ and } 243.578$$

We could also obtain these confidence intervals by using Excel worksheet template tmzint. Just enter the values for \bar{x} (240), n (30), σ (0.10), and the confidence level desired (0.90 for 90%, 0.95 for 95%). Excel provides the lower and upper confidence limits:

	A	B	C	D
1	Confidence interval for the population mean,			
2	using the z distribution and known			
3	(or assumed) pop. std. deviation, sigma:			
4				
5	Sample size, n:			30
6	Sample mean, xbar:			240.000
7	Known or assumed pop. sigma:			10.0000
8	Standard error of xbar:			1.82574
9				
10	Confidence level desired:			0.90
11	alpha = (1 - conf. level desired):			0.10
12	z value for desired conf. int.:			1.6449
13	z times standard error of xbar:			3.003
14				
15	Lower confidence limit:			236.997
16	Upper confidence limit:			243.003

	A	B	C	D
1	Confidence interval for the population mean,			
2	using the z distribution and known			
3	(or assumed) pop. std. deviation, sigma:			
4				
5	Sample size, n:			30
6	Sample mean, xbar:			240.000
7	Known or assumed pop. sigma:			10.0000
8	Standard error of xbar:			1.82574
9				
10	Confidence level desired:			0.95
11	alpha = (1 - conf. level desired):			0.05
12	z value for desired conf. int.:			1.9600
13	z times standard error of xbar:			3.578
14				
15	Lower confidence limit:			236.422
16	Upper confidence limit:			243.578

9.16 c/a/m

a. For a confidence level of 95%, $z = 1.96$. The 95% confidence interval for μ is:

$$\bar{x} \pm z \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = 342 \pm 1.96 \frac{17}{\sqrt{25}} = 342 \pm 6.664, \text{ or between } 335.336 \text{ and } 348.664$$

b. For a confidence level of 99%, $z = 2.58$. The 99% confidence interval for μ is:

$$\bar{x} \pm z \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = 342 \pm 2.58 \frac{17}{\sqrt{25}} = 342 \pm 8.772, \text{ or between } 333.228 \text{ and } 350.772$$

9.17 p/a/m Using Minitab:

One-Sample Z: score

The assumed sigma = 4

Variable	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean	90.0% CI
score	10	85.00	14.79	1.26	(82.92, 87.08)

One-Sample Z: score

The assumed sigma = 4

Variable	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean	95.0% CI
score	10	85.00	14.79	1.26	(82.52, 87.48)

9.18 p/a/m Using summary statistics and Excel template tmzint:

	A	B	C	D
1	Confidence interval for the population mean,			
2	using the z distribution and known			
3	(or assumed) pop. std. deviation, sigma:			
4				
5	Sample size, n:			40
6	Sample mean, xbar:			35.5
7	Known or assumed pop. sigma:			6.4
8	Standard error of xbar:			1.012
9				
10	Confidence level desired:			0.99
11	alpha = (1 - conf. level desired):			0.01
12	z value for desired conf. int.:			2.58
13	z times standard error of xbar:			2.61
14				
15	Lower confidence limit:			32.893
16	Upper confidence limit:			38.107

9.19 p/a/m For a confidence level of 95%, $z = 1.96$. The 95% confidence interval for μ is:

$$\bar{x} \pm z \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = 150 \pm 1.96 \frac{3}{\sqrt{35}} = 150 \pm 0.994, \text{ or between } 149.006 \text{ and } 150.994$$

The confidence level is 95% that the population average torque being applied during the assembly process is between 149.006 and 150.994 lbs.-ft.

9.20 p/a/m For a confidence level of 95%, $z = 1.96$. The 95% confidence interval for μ is:

$$\bar{x} \pm z \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = 3.5 \pm 1.96 \frac{0.25}{\sqrt{30}} = 3.5 \pm 0.089, \text{ or between } 3.411 \text{ and } 3.589$$

We could also obtain this confidence interval by using Excel worksheet template tmzint. Just enter the values for \bar{x} (3.5), n (30), σ (0.25), and the confidence level desired (0.95 for 95%), and Excel provides the lower and upper confidence limits:

	A	B	C	D
1	Confidence interval for the population mean,			
2	using the z distribution and known			
3	(or assumed) pop. std. deviation, sigma:			
4				
5	Sample size, n:			30
6	Sample mean, xbar:			3.500
7	Known or assumed pop. sigma:			0.2500
8	Standard error of xbar:			0.04564
9				
10	Confidence level desired:			0.95
11	alpha = (1 - conf. level desired):			0.05
12	z value for desired conf. int.:			1.9600
13	z times standard error of xbar:			0.089
14				
15	Lower confidence limit:			3.411
16	Upper confidence limit:			3.589

9.21 d/p/m If the sample size had been $n = 5$, the central limit theorem would not apply. Therefore, in order for the sampling distribution of the sample mean to be approximately normally distributed, we would have to assume that the population is normally distributed.

9.22 p/c/m Using Data Analysis Plus, the data file for this exercise, and the specified value for σ (2.5 minutes), the 95% confidence interval for the population mean is shown as from 36.282 to 37.261 minutes. The 35.0 minutes value is not within this interval, so the mean time for the task may have changed.

	A	B	C
1	z-Estimate: Mean		
2			minutes
3	Mean		36.77
4	Standard Deviation		2.64
5	Observations		100
6	SIGMA		2.5
7	LCL		36.282
8	UCL		37.261

9.23 p/c/m Using Data Analysis Plus, the data file for this exercise, and the specified value for σ (0.25 fluid ounces), the 90% confidence interval for the population mean is shown as from 99.897 to 100.027. The 100.0 fluid ounces value is within this interval, so the mean content could be 100.0 fluid ounces. Also shown is the corresponding Minitab printout.

	A	B	C
1	z-Estimate: Mean		
2			Fl_Oz
3	Mean		99.962
4	Standard Deviation		0.233
5	Observations		40
6	SIGMA		0.25
7	LCL		99.897
8	UCL		100.027

One-Sample Z: Fl_Oz

The assumed sigma = 0.25

Variable	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean	90.0% CI
Fl_Oz	40	99.9618	0.2325	0.0395	(99.8967, 100.0268)

9.24 d/p/e When $n < 30$, we must assume that the population is approximately normally distributed.

9.25 d/p/e As the sample size increases, the t distribution converges on the standard normal distribution. The two distributions are identical as the sample size approaches infinity.

9.26 c/p/e Referring to the 0.025 column and the d.f. = 19 row of the t table, the value of t corresponding to an upper tail area of 0.025 is $t = 2.093$.

9.27 c/p/e Referring to the 0.10 column and the d.f. = 28 row of the t table, the value of t corresponding to an upper tail area of 0.10 is $t = 1.313$.

9.28 c/a/m For d.f. = 25:

- $P(t \geq A) = 0.025$. From the 0.025 column and the d.f. = 25 row of the t table, $A = 2.060$.
- $P(t \leq A) = 0.10$. Referring to the 0.10 column and the d.f. = 25 row of the t table, the value of t corresponding to a right-tail area of 0.10 is $t = 1.316$. Since the curve is symmetrical, the value of t for a left-tail area of 0.10 is $A = -1.316$.
- $P(-A \leq t \leq A) = 0.99$. In this case, each tail will have an area of $(1 - 0.99)/2 = 0.005$. Referring to the 0.005 column and the d.f. = 25 row of the t table, $A = 2.787$.

9.29 c/a/m For d.f. = 85:

- $P(t \geq A) = 0.10$. Referring to the 0.10 column and the d.f. = 85 row of the t table, $A = 1.292$.
- $P(t \leq A) = 0.025$. Referring to the 0.025 column and the d.f. = 85 row of the t table, the value of t corresponding to a right-tail area of 0.025 is $t = 1.988$. Since the curve is symmetrical, the value of t for a left-tail area of 0.025 is $A = -1.988$.
- $P(-A \leq t \leq A) = 0.98$. In this case, each tail will have an area of $(1 - 0.98)/2 = 0.01$. Referring to the 0.01 column and the d.f. = 85 row of the t table, $A = 2.371$.

9.30 c/a/m First, compute the sample mean and standard deviation: $\bar{x} = \frac{\sum x}{n} = \frac{808}{10} = 80.8$

$$s^2 = \sum \frac{(x - \bar{x})^2}{n - 1} = \frac{2029.6}{9} = 225.511, \text{ and } s = \sqrt{225.511} = 15.017$$

- For a confidence level of 90%, the right-tail area of interest is $(1 - 0.90)/2 = 0.05$ with d.f. = $n - 1 = 10 - 1 = 9$. Referring to the 0.05 column and the d.f. = 9 row of the t table, $t = 1.833$.

$$\text{The 90\% confidence interval for } \mu \text{ is: } \bar{x} \pm t \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} = 80.8 \pm 1.833 \frac{15.017}{\sqrt{10}} = 80.8 \pm 8.705,$$

or between 72.095 and 89.505.

- For a confidence level of 95%, the right-tail area of interest is $(1 - 0.95)/2 = 0.025$ with d.f. = 9. Referring to the 0.025 column and the d.f. = 9 row of the t table, $t = 2.262$. The 95% confidence

$$\text{interval for } \mu \text{ is: } \bar{x} \pm t \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} = 80.8 \pm 2.262 \frac{15.017}{\sqrt{10}} = 80.8 \pm 10.742, \text{ or between 70.058 and 91.542.}$$

We could also obtain the confidence intervals in parts (a) and (b) by using Excel worksheet template `tmtint`. Just enter the sample size, the sample mean, and the standard deviation values, then enter the confidence level desired (0.90 for 90%, 0.95 for 95%). Excel provides the lower and upper confidence limits. (Note: The results may differ very slightly because our formula calculations rely on the t values in our t table, which are rounded to three decimal places.)

	A	B	C	D
1	Confidence interval for the population mean,			
2	using the t distribution:			
3				
4	Sample size, n:			10
5	Sample mean, xbar:			80.800
6	Sample standard deviation, s:			15.0170
7	Standard error of xbar:			4.749
8				
9	Confidence level desired:			0.90
10	alpha = (1 - conf. level desired):			0.10
11	degrees of freedom (n - 1):			9
12	t value for desired conf. int:			1.8331
13	t times standard error of xbar:			8.705
14				
15	Lower confidence limit:			72.095
16	Upper confidence limit:			89.505

	A	B	C	D
1	Confidence interval for the population mean,			
2	using the t distribution:			
3				
4	Sample size, n:			10
5	Sample mean, xbar:			80.800
6	Sample standard deviation, s:			15.0170
7	Standard error of xbar:			4.749
8				
9	Confidence level desired:			0.95
10	alpha = (1 - conf. level desired):			0.05
11	degrees of freedom (n - 1):			9
12	t value for desired conf. int:			2.2622
13	t times standard error of xbar:			10.743
14				
15	Lower confidence limit:			70.057
16	Upper confidence limit:			91.543

Shown below are Minitab printouts with the 90% and 95% confidence intervals for the population mean.

One-Sample T: x

Variable	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean	90.0% CI
x	10	80.80	15.02	4.75	(72.09, 89.51)

One-Sample T: x

Variable	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean	95.0% CI
x	10	80.80	15.02	4.75	(70.06, 91.54)

9.31 c/a/m First, compute the sample mean and standard deviation: $\bar{x} = \frac{\sum x}{n} = \frac{1007}{20} = 50.35$

$$s^2 = \frac{\sum (x - \bar{x})^2}{n - 1} = \frac{1396.55}{19} = 73.5026, \text{ and } s = \sqrt{73.5026} = 8.5734$$

- a. For a confidence level of 95%, the right-tail area of interest is $(1 - 0.95)/2 = 0.025$ with d.f. = $n - 1 = 20 - 1 = 19$. From the 0.025 column and the d.f. = 19 row of the t table, $t = 2.093$.

$$\text{The 95\% confidence interval for } \mu \text{ is: } \bar{x} \pm t \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} = 50.35 \pm 2.093 \frac{8.5734}{\sqrt{20}} = 50.35 \pm 4.012,$$

or between 46.338 and 54.362.

- b. For a confidence level of 99%, the right-tail area of interest is $(1 - 0.99)/2 = 0.005$ with d.f. = 19. Referring to the 0.005 column and the d.f. = 19 row of the t table, $t = 2.861$. The 99% confidence

$$\text{interval for } \mu \text{ is: } \bar{x} \pm t \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} = 50.35 \pm 2.861 \frac{8.5734}{\sqrt{20}} = 50.35 \pm 5.485, \text{ or from 44.865 to 55.835.}$$

Shown below are Minitab printouts with the 95% and 99% confidence intervals for the population mean.

One-Sample T: x

Variable	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean	95.0% CI
x	20	50.35	8.57	1.92	(46.34, 54.36)

One-Sample T: x

Variable	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean	99.0% CI
x	20	50.35	8.57	1.92	(44.87, 55.83)

9.32 p/a/m

- a. For a confidence level of 95%, the right-tail area of interest is $(1 - 0.95)/2 = 0.025$ with d.f. = $n - 1 = 33 - 1 = 32$. Referring to the 0.025 column and the d.f. = 32 row of the t table, $t = 2.037$.

The 95% confidence interval for μ is: $\bar{x} \pm t \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} = 3.7 \pm 2.037 \frac{1.8}{\sqrt{33}} = 3.7 \pm 0.638$,

or between 3.062 and 4.338.

- b. For a confidence level of 95%, $z = 1.96$ (in the standard normal distribution, 95% of the area is between $z = -1.96$ and $z = 1.96$). The 95% confidence interval for μ is:

$$\bar{x} \pm z \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} = 3.7 \pm 1.96 \frac{1.8}{\sqrt{33}} = 3.7 \pm 0.614, \text{ or between 3.086 and 4.314.}$$

- c. If σ is not known, the t distribution should be used in constructing a 95% confidence interval for μ . Therefore, the confidence interval found in part a is the correct one.

9.33 p/a/m Given $n = 50$, $\bar{x} = 25$, and $s = 10$, d.f. = $n - 1 = 49$.

- a. The 95% confidence level for μ is: $\bar{x} \pm t \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} = 25 \pm 2.010 \frac{10}{\sqrt{50}} = 25 \pm 2.84$, or 22.16 to 27.84.

Using Excel worksheet template tmtint, we obtain a comparable result:

	A	B	C	D
1	Confidence interval for the population mean,			
2	using the t distribution:			
3				
4	Sample size, n:			50
5	Sample mean, xbar:			25.000
6	Sample standard deviation, s:			10.0000
7	Standard error of xbar:			1.414
8				
9	Confidence level desired:			0.95
10	alpha = (1 - conf. level desired):			0.05
11	degrees of freedom (n - 1):			49
12	t value for desired conf. int:			2.0096
13	t times standard error of xbar:			2.842
14				
15	Lower confidence limit:			22.158
16	Upper confidence limit:			27.842

- b. The interval constructed in part (a) would still be appropriate, as the distribution of the sample means approximates a t-distribution regardless of the distribution of the original population.

9.34 p/a/m Given $n = 20$, and using the appropriate formulas for \bar{x} and s , we find the following.

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum x}{n} = \frac{1158}{20} = 57.90, \quad s^2 = \frac{\sum (x - \bar{x})^2}{n - 1} = \frac{5741.8}{19} = 302.2, \text{ and } s = 17.38$$

With d.f. = 19, the 90% confidence interval for μ is: $\bar{x} \pm t \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} = 57.90 \pm 1.729 \frac{17.38}{\sqrt{20}} = 57.90 \pm 6.72$

or between 51.18 and 64.62 thousand miles. Shown below is the Minitab 90% confidence interval for the mean.

One-Sample T: miles

Variable	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean	90.0% CI
miles	20	57.90	17.38	3.89	(51.18, 64.62)

9.35 p/a/m Using Minitab:

One-Sample T: amps

Variable	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean	95.0% CI
amps	16	29.131	1.080	0.270	(28.556, 29.707)

We are 95% confident that the population mean amperage is within the interval shown above.

9.36 p/a/m Using the Excel tmtint template:

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Confidence interval for the population mean,				
2	using the t distribution:				
3					
4	Sample size, n:			35	
5	Sample mean, xbar:			105	
6	Sample standard deviation, s:			20	
7	Standard error of xbar:			3.381	
8					
9	Confidence level desired:			0.90	
10	alpha = (1 - conf. level desired):			0.10	
11	degrees of freedom (n - 1):			34	
12	t value for desired conf. int:			1.691	
13	t times standard error of xbar:			5.716	
14					
15	Lower confidence limit:			99.284	
16	Upper confidence limit:			110.716	

We are 90% confident that the population mean time falls within the interval shown above.

9.37 p/a/m Given $n = 20$, $\bar{x} = 1535$ and $s = 30$. Degrees of freedom, d.f. = $n - 1 = 19$.

The 95% confidence interval for μ is: $\bar{x} \pm t \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} = 1535 \pm 2.093 \frac{30}{\sqrt{20}} = 1535 \pm 14.04$,

or between 1520.96 and 1549.04. Using Excel worksheet template tmtint, the computer-assisted 95% confidence interval is shown below.

	A	B	C	D
1	Confidence interval for the population mean,			
2	using the t distribution:			
3				
4	Sample size, n:			20
5	Sample mean, xbar:			1535.0
6	Sample standard deviation, s:			30.0
7	Standard error of xbar:			6.708
8				
9	Confidence level desired:			0.95
10	alpha = (1 - conf. level desired):			0.05
11	degrees of freedom (n - 1):			19
12	t value for desired conf. int:			2.093
13	t times standard error of xbar:			14.040
14				
15	Lower confidence limit:			1520.96
16	Upper confidence limit:			1549.04

9.38 p/a/m Although the exercise can be done with the pocket calculator and formulas, we will use

the computer and the Estimators workbook that accompanies Data Analysis Plus. As shown below, the 95% confidence interval for the population mean is from 379.97 to 420.03 megabytes per month. We are 95% confident that the population mean is within this interval and, since 350.0 is not within the interval, we would conclude that the population mean could not be 350.0. To that extent, a sample of the same size as this one might seem a little unusual if it had a mean of 350.0.

	A	B	C	D	E
1	t-Estimate of a Mean				
2					
3	Sample mean	400	Confidence Interval Estimate		
4	Sample standard deviation	90	400	±	20.03
5	Sample size	80	Lower confidence limit		379.97
6	Confidence level	0.95	Upper confidence limit		420.03

9.39 p/a/m Although the exercise can be done with the pocket calculator and formulas, we will use the computer and the Estimators workbook that accompanies Data Analysis Plus. As shown below, the 98% confidence interval for the population mean is from 17.43 to 21.97 minutes. We are 98% confident that the population mean is within this interval and, since 18.5 minutes is within the interval, we would conclude that the population mean might be 18.5. To that extent, a sample of the same size as this one would not seem unusual if it had a mean of 18.5.

	A	B	C	D	E
1	t-Estimate of a Mean				
2					
3	Sample mean	19.7	Confidence Interval Estimate		
4	Sample standard deviation	4.0	20	±	2.27
5	Sample size	20	Lower confidence limit		17.43
6	Confidence level	0.98	Upper confidence limit		21.97

9.40 p/c/m As shown in the Minitab printout below, the 99% confidence interval for the population mean is from \$2827.2 to \$2996.8. We are 99% confident that the population mean is within this interval and, since \$3150 is not within the interval, we would conclude that the population mean could not be \$3150. To that extent, a sample of the same size as this one would seem unusual if it had a mean of \$3150.

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One-Sample T: card_debt
Variable    N    Mean  StDev  SE Mean      99% CI
card_debt  200  2912.0  461.3    32.6  (2827.2, 2996.8)
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9.41 p/c/m As shown in the Minitab printout below, the 95% confidence interval for the population mean is from 14.646 to 15.354 pairs of shoes. We are 95% confident that the population mean is within this interval and, since 13.2 pairs is not within the interval, we would conclude that the population mean could not be 13.2. To that extent, a sample of the same size as this one might seem unusual if it had a mean of 13.2.

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One-Sample T: pairs
Variable    N    Mean  StDev  SE Mean      95% CI
pairs       500  15.000  4.030    0.180  (14.646, 15.354)
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9.42 d/p/e The approximation is satisfactory whenever np and $n(1 - p)$ are both ≥ 5 . However, the approximation is better for large values of n and whenever p is closer to 0.5.

9.43 p/a/m For a confidence level of 95%, $z = 1.96$. The 95% confidence interval for π is:

$$p \pm z \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} = 0.46 \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{0.46(1-0.46)}{1000}} = 0.46 \pm 0.031, \text{ or from } 0.429 \text{ to } 0.491$$

Using the computer and the Estimators workbook that accompanies Data Analysis Plus:

	A	B	C	D	E
1	z-Estimate of a Proportion				
2					
3	Sample proportion	0.46	Confidence Interval Estimate		
4	Sample size	1000	0.460	\pm	0.031
5	Confidence level	0.95	Lower confidence limit		0.429
6			Upper confidence limit		0.491

9.44 p/a/m Using the Estimators workbook that accompanies Data Analysis Plus:

	A	B	C	D	E
1	z-Estimate of a Proportion				
2					
3	Sample proportion	0.20	Confidence Interval Estimate		
4	Sample size	400	0.200	\pm	0.039
5	Confidence level	0.95	Lower confidence limit		0.161
6			Upper confidence limit		0.239

9.45 p/a/m Using the Estimators workbook that accompanies Data Analysis Plus:

	A	B	C	D	E
1	z-Estimate of a Proportion				
2					
3	Sample proportion	0.20	Confidence Interval Estimate		
4	Sample size	200	0.200	\pm	0.047
5	Confidence level	0.90	Lower confidence limit		0.153
6			Upper confidence limit		0.247

Based on this confidence interval, the 0.50 value falls far above the upper limit, and it would not seem credible that “over 50% of the students would like a new mascot.”

9.46 p/a/m For a confidence level of 90%, $z = 1.645$. Since 65 of the 100 invoices sampled were for customers buying less than \$2000 worth of merchandise during the year, $p = 0.65$. The 90% confidence interval for π = proportion of all sales invoices that were for customers buying less than \$2000 worth of merchandise during the year is:

$$p \pm z \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} = 0.65 \pm 1.645 \sqrt{\frac{0.65(1-0.65)}{100}} = 0.65 \pm 0.078, \text{ or from } 0.572 \text{ to } 0.728$$

Using the computer and the Estimators workbook that accompanies Data Analysis Plus:

	A	B	C	D	E
1	z-Estimate of a Proportion				
2					
3	Sample proportion	0.65	Confidence Interval Estimate		
4	Sample size	100	0.650	\pm	0.078
5	Confidence level	0.90	Lower confidence limit		0.572
6			Upper confidence limit		0.728

9.47 p/a/m The 95% confidence interval for π is:

$$p \pm z \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} = 0.48 \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{0.48(1-0.48)}{1000}} = 0.48 \pm 0.031, \text{ or from } 0.449 \text{ to } 0.511$$

Using the computer and the Estimators workbook that accompanies Data Analysis Plus:

	A	B	C	D	E
1	z-Estimate of a Proportion				
2					
3	Sample proportion	0.48	Confidence Interval Estimate		
4	Sample size	1000	0.480	\pm	0.031
5	Confidence level	0.95	Lower confidence limit		0.449
6			Upper confidence limit		0.511

9.48 p/a/m The 90% confidence interval for π is:

$$p \pm z \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} = 0.20 \pm 1.645 \sqrt{\frac{0.20(1-0.20)}{1200}} = 0.20 \pm 0.019, \text{ or from } 0.181 \text{ to } 0.219$$

Using the computer and the Estimators workbook that accompanies Data Analysis Plus:

	A	B	C	D	E
1	z-Estimate of a Proportion				
2					
3	Sample proportion	0.20	Confidence Interval Estimate		
4	Sample size	1200	0.200	\pm	0.019
5	Confidence level	0.90	Lower confidence limit		0.181
6			Upper confidence limit		0.219

9.49 p/a/m The 95% confidence interval for π is:

$$p \pm z \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} = 0.602 \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{0.602(1-0.602)}{1800}} = 0.602 \pm 0.023, \text{ or from } 0.579 \text{ to } 0.625$$

Using the computer and the Estimators workbook that accompanies Data Analysis Plus:

	A	B	C	D	E
1	z-Estimate of a Proportion				
2					
3	Sample proportion	0.602	Confidence Interval Estimate		
4	Sample size	1800	0.602	\pm	0.023
5	Confidence level	0.95	Lower confidence limit		0.579
6			Upper confidence limit		0.625

9.50 p/a/d

a. The 99% confidence interval for π is:

$$p \pm z \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} = 0.57 \pm 2.58 \sqrt{\frac{0.57(1-0.57)}{100}} = 0.57 \pm 0.128, \text{ or from } 0.442 \text{ to } 0.698$$

Using the computer and the Estimators workbook that accompanies Data Analysis Plus:

	A	B	C	D	E
1	z-Estimate of a Proportion				
2					
3	Sample proportion	0.57	Confidence Interval Estimate		
4	Sample size	100	0.570	\pm	0.128
5	Confidence level	0.99	Lower confidence limit		0.442
6			Upper confidence limit		0.698

- b. It does not appear to be a "sure thing" that the contract will be approved by the union since the 99% confidence interval in part (a) contains values under 0.50. Therefore, less than half of the employees could vote for the contract.

9.51 p/a/d

- a. The 99% confidence interval for π is:

$$p \pm z \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} = 0.57 \pm 2.58 \sqrt{\frac{0.57(1-0.57)}{900}} = 0.57 \pm 0.043, \text{ or from } 0.527 \text{ to } 0.613$$

Using the computer and the Estimators workbook that accompanies Data Analysis Plus:

	A	B	C	D	E
1	z-Estimate of a Proportion				
2					
3	Sample proportion	0.57	Confidence Interval Estimate		
4	Sample size	900	0.570	\pm	0.043
5	Confidence level	0.99	Lower confidence limit		0.527
6			Upper confidence limit		0.613

- b. It does appear to be a "sure thing" that the contract will be approved by the union since the 99% confidence interval in part (a) only contains values over 0.50. Therefore, it seems that more than half of the employees will be voting for the contract.

9.52 p/a/m The exercise can be done with a pocket calculator and formulas, but we will use the computer and the Estimators workbook that accompanies Data Analysis Plus.

The 90% confidence interval for π is from 0.674 to 0.706.

	A	B	C	D	E
1	z-Estimate of a Proportion				
2					
3	Sample proportion	0.69	Confidence Interval Estimate		
4	Sample size	2253	0.690	\pm	0.016
5	Confidence level	0.90	Lower confidence limit		0.674
6			Upper confidence limit		0.706

9.53 p/a/m The exercise can be done with a pocket calculator and formulas, but we will use the computer and the Estimators workbook that accompanies Data Analysis Plus.

The 90% confidence interval for π is from 0.649 to 0.711.

	A	B	C	D	E
1	z-Estimate of a Proportion				
2					
3	Sample proportion	0.68	Confidence Interval Estimate		
4	Sample size	605	0.680	\pm	0.031
5	Confidence level	0.90	Lower confidence limit		0.649
6			Upper confidence limit		0.711

9.54 p/a/m The exercise can be done with a pocket calculator and formulas, but we will use the computer and the Estimators workbook that accompanies Data Analysis Plus.

The 95% confidence interval for π is from 0.726 to 0.774.

	A	B	C	D	E
1	z-Estimate of a Proportion				
2					
3	Sample proportion	0.75	Confidence Interval Estimate		
4	Sample size	1200	0.750	\pm	0.024
5	Confidence level	0.95	Lower confidence limit		0.726
6			Upper confidence limit		0.774

9.55 p/a/m The exercise can be done with a pocket calculator and formulas, but we will use the computer and the Estimators workbook that accompanies Data Analysis Plus.

The 95% confidence interval for π is from 0.566 to 0.634. Ms. McCarthy must get at least 65% of the union vote, but 0.65 exceeds the range of values in the confidence interval. This suggests that she will not obtain the necessary level of union support she needs.

	A	B	C	D	E
1	z-Estimate of a Proportion				
2					
3	Sample proportion	0.60	Confidence Interval Estimate		
4	Sample size	800	0.600	\pm	0.034
5	Confidence level	0.95	Lower confidence limit		0.566
6			Upper confidence limit		0.634

9.56 p/a/m Using Data Analysis Plus, we find that 37.3% of the 300 returns in this sample are because the product “doesn’t work.” The 95% confidence interval for π is from 0.319 to 0.428.

	A	B
1	z-Estimate: Proportion	
2		<i>RetCode</i>
3	Sample Proportion	0.373
4	Observations	300
5	LCL	0.319
6	UCL	0.428

9.57 p/a/m Using Data Analysis Plus, we find that 40.0% of the 200 potential investors in this sample consider themselves to be “someone who enjoys taking risks.” The 99% confidence interval for π is from 0.311 to 0.489.

	A	B
1	z-Estimate: Proportion	
2		<i>RespCode</i>
3	Sample Proportion	0.400
4	Observations	200
5	LCL	0.311
6	UCL	0.489

9.58 d/p/m This statement is not correct. The maximum likely error is $e = z \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$. To cut e in half, we need to quadruple the sample size since we take the square root of n .

9.59 d/p/e One way of estimating the population standard deviation is to use a relatively small-scale pilot study from which the sample standard deviation is used as a point estimate. A second approach is to use

the results of a similar study done in the past. We can also estimate σ as 1/6 the approximate range of data values.

9.60 p/a/m For the 95% level of confidence, $z = 1.96$. The maximum likely error is $e = 0.10$ and the estimated process standard deviation is $\sigma = 0.65$. The required sample size is:

$$n = \frac{z^2 \sigma^2}{e^2} = \frac{1.96^2 (0.65)^2}{0.10^2} = 162.31, \text{ rounded up to } 163$$

9.61 p/a/m For the 99% level of confidence, $z = 2.58$. The maximum likely error is $e = 1.0$ and the estimated population standard deviation is $\sigma = 3.7$. The sample size needed is:

$$n = \frac{z^2 \sigma^2}{e^2} = \frac{2.58^2 (3.7)^2}{1.0^2} = 91.13, \text{ rounded up to } 92$$

9.62 p/a/m For the 95% level of confidence, $z = 1.96$. The maximum likely error is $e = 3.0$ and the estimated population standard deviation is $\sigma = 11.2$. The number of sets that must be tested is:

$$n = \frac{z^2 \sigma^2}{e^2} = \frac{1.96^2 (11.2)^2}{3.0^2} = 53.54, \text{ rounded up to } 54$$

We could also obtain the necessary sample size by using Excel worksheet template tmnformu.

Just enter the desired maximum likely error ($e = 3.0$), estimate of σ (11.2), and the confidence level desired (0.95 for 95%). Excel provides the necessary sample size:

	A	B	C	D
1	Sample size required for estimating a			
2	population mean:			
3				
4	Estimate for sigma:			11.20
5	Maximum likely error, e:			3.00
6				
7	Confidence level desired:			0.95
8	alpha = (1 - conf. level desired):			0.05
9	The corresponding z value is:			1.960
10				
11	The required sample size is n =			53.5

9.63 p/a/m For the 95% level of confidence, $z = 1.96$. The maximum likely error is $e = 0.03$, or 3 percentage points. Assuming the candidate has no idea regarding the actual value of the population proportion, we will use $p = 0.5$ to calculate the necessary sample size.

$$n = \frac{z^2 p(1-p)}{e^2} = \frac{1.96^2 (0.5)(1-0.5)}{0.03^2} = 1067.11, \text{ rounded up to } 1068$$

9.64 p/a/d For the 95% level of confidence, $z = 1.96$. The maximum likely error is $e = 0.03$.

a. Estimating the population proportion with $p = 0.5$, the necessary sample size is:

$$n = \frac{z^2 p(1-p)}{e^2} = \frac{1.96^2 (0.5)(1-0.5)}{0.03^2} = 1067.11, \text{ rounded up to } 1068$$

b. The population proportion would probably be no more than 0.2. Estimating the population proportion with $p = 0.2$, the necessary sample size is:

$$n = \frac{z^2 p(1-p)}{e^2} = \frac{1.96^2 (0.2)(1-0.2)}{0.03^2} = 682.95, \text{ rounded up to } 683$$

We could also obtain the sample sizes in parts (a) and (b) by using Excel worksheet template tmnforpi. Just enter the desired maximum likely error ($e = 0.03$), estimate of π (0.5 in part a, 0.2 in part b), and the confidence level desired (0.95 for 95%). Excel provides the necessary sample sizes:

	A	B	C	D
1	Sample size required for estimating a			
2	population proportion:			
3				
4	Estimate for pi:			0.50
5	Maximum likely error, e:			0.03
6				
7	Confidence level desired:			0.95
8	alpha = (1 - conf. level desired):			0.05
9	The corresponding z value is:			1.960
10				
11	The required sample size is n =			1067.1

	A	B	C	D
1	Sample size required for estimating a			
2	population proportion:			
3				
4	Estimate for pi:			0.20
5	Maximum likely error, e:			0.03
6				
7	Confidence level desired:			0.95
8	alpha = (1 - conf. level desired):			0.05
9	The corresponding z value is:			1.960
10				
11	The required sample size is n =			682.9

9.65 p/a/m For the 90% level of confidence, $z = 1.645$. The maximum likely error is $e = 0.02$ and we will estimate the population proportion with $p = 0.15$. The number of owners who must be included in the sample is:

$$n = \frac{z^2 p(1-p)}{e^2} = \frac{1.645^2 (0.15)(1-0.15)}{0.02^2} = 862.55, \text{ rounded up to } 863$$

9.66 p/a/d The maximum likely error will be greater than 0.02. This is because when $p = 0.35$ a larger sample size is needed than when $p = 0.15$.

$$e = z \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} = 1.645 \sqrt{\frac{0.35(1-0.35)}{863}} = 0.027, \text{ the new maximum likely error}$$

9.67 p/a/d For the 95% level of confidence, $z = 1.96$. The maximum acceptable error is $e = 0.04$, or 4 percentage points. Using $p = 0.5$ (the most conservative value to use when determining sample size), the sample size used was:

$$n = \frac{z^2 p(1-p)}{e^2} = \frac{1.96^2 (0.5)(1-0.5)}{0.04^2} = 600.25, \text{ rounded up to } 601$$

9.68 d/p/e The finite population correction should be employed whenever n is at least 5% as large as the population ($n \geq 0.05N$).

9.69 d/p/e

- The finite population correction will lead to a narrower confidence interval than if an infinite population had been assumed, since the standard error is reduced.
- The finite population correction will lead to a smaller required sample size than if an infinite population had been assumed, since the standard error is reduced.

9.70 c/a/m The population in this case is finite with σ unknown. Given $N = 200$, $n = 40$, $\bar{x} = 260$, and $s = 80$. The 95% confidence interval for μ , with d.f. = $n - 1 = 40 - 1 = 39$:

$$\bar{x} \pm t \left(\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} \sqrt{\frac{N-n}{N-1}} \right) = 260 \pm 2.023 \frac{80}{\sqrt{40}} * \sqrt{\frac{200-40}{200-1}} = 260 \pm 22.945, \text{ or from } 237.055 \text{ to } 282.945.$$

9.71 c/a/m The population is finite with $N = 1200$, $n = 600$, $p = 0.55$.

The 95% confidence level for the population proportion, π , is given below.

$$p \pm z\left(\sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} * \sqrt{\frac{N-n}{N-1}}\right) = 0.55 \pm 1.96\sqrt{\frac{0.55(1-0.55)}{600}} * \sqrt{\frac{1200-600}{1200-1}} = 0.55 \pm 0.028,$$

or from 0.522 to 0.578.

The 99% confidence level for the population proportion, π , is given below.

$$p \pm z\left(\sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} * \sqrt{\frac{N-n}{N-1}}\right) = 0.55 \pm 2.58\sqrt{\frac{0.55(1-0.55)}{600}} * \sqrt{\frac{1200-600}{1200-1}} = 0.55 \pm 0.037,$$

or from 0.513 to 0.587.

Each interval includes only values that are greater than 0.500, so it seems likely that the fee increase will be passed.

9.72 c/a/m The given population is finite. To find a 95% confidence interval for the population mean with $N = 100$, $n = 16$, $\bar{x} = 12$, and $s = 4$, use the formula below where d.f. = $n - 1 = 15$:

$$\bar{x} \pm t\left(\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} \sqrt{\frac{N-n}{N-1}}\right) = 12 \pm 2.131\left(\frac{4}{\sqrt{16}} * \sqrt{\frac{100-16}{100-1}}\right) = 12 \pm 1.96, \text{ or from 10.04 to 13.96.}$$

Based on the results above, the possibility of exceeding the EPA's recommended limit of 15 parts per billion appears to be rather small. Note that 15 ppb is not within the confidence interval.

9.73 c/a/m Given a population size $N = 800$, and $e = 0.03$. Since no estimate has been made regarding the actual population proportion, we will be conservative and use $p = 0.5$. The sample size necessary to have a 95% confidence level is given below with $z = 1.96$:

$$n = \frac{p(1-p)}{\frac{e^2}{z^2} + \frac{p(1-p)}{N}} = \frac{0.5(1-0.5)}{\frac{0.03^2}{1.96^2} + \frac{0.5(0.5)}{800}} = 457.22, \text{ rounded up to 458}$$

9.74 c/a/m For the 99% confidence level, $z = 2.58$. The maximum likely error is $e = 5$. The population standard deviation has been estimated as being $\sigma = 40$. Applying the finite population formula with $N = 2000$, the necessary sample size is:

$$n = \frac{\sigma^2}{\frac{e^2}{z^2} + \frac{\sigma^2}{N}} = \frac{40^2}{\frac{5^2}{2.58^2} + \frac{40^2}{2000}} = 351.2, \text{ rounded up to 352}$$

9.75 c/a/m For a 95% confidence interval for the population proportion, $z = 1.96$. Since no estimate has been made regarding the actual population proportion, we will be conservative and use $p = 0.5$ with $e = 0.03$ and $N = 100$.

$$n = \frac{p(1-p)}{\frac{e^2}{z^2} + \frac{p(1-p)}{N}} = \frac{0.5(1-0.5)}{\frac{0.03^2}{1.96^2} + \frac{0.5(0.5)}{100}} = 91.43, \text{ rounded up to 92 senators}$$

9.76 c/a/m For a 90% confidence interval to predict the average maximum speed for a finite population, we are given $N = 200$ and $e = 2$. The z -value is 1.645. In order to use the formula, the standard deviation

of the population must be estimated. The solution to this exercise will vary depending on your estimation of σ . We will conservatively assume the lowest and highest maximum speeds on interstate highways to be from 55 to 85, and that σ is approximately 1/6 of that difference, or $(85 - 55)/6 = 5$ mph.

$$n = \frac{\frac{\sigma^2}{z^2} + \frac{\sigma^2}{N}}{\frac{e^2}{z^2} + \frac{\sigma^2}{N}} = \frac{\frac{5^2}{1.645^2} + \frac{5^2}{200}}{\frac{e^2}{z^2} + \frac{\sigma^2}{N}} = 15.59, \text{ rounded up to } 16$$

9.77 c/a/m To find the number of households surveyed to predict the population proportion of a finite population, we are given $N = 2000$, level of confidence = 95%, and $e = 0.04$. Since the population proportion is not known, we shall use the conservative estimate of $p = 0.5$.

$$n = \frac{\frac{p(1-p)}{z^2} + \frac{p(1-p)}{N}}{\frac{e^2}{z^2} + \frac{p(1-p)}{N}} = \frac{\frac{0.5(1-0.5)}{1.96^2} + \frac{0.5(0.5)}{2,000}}{\frac{e^2}{z^2} + \frac{p(1-p)}{N}} = 461.6864, \text{ rounded up to } 462$$

9.78 c/a/m To find the number of members to sample in order to estimate the average amount spent during the first week of the semester, we are given a 99% level of confidence -- yielding a z-value of 2.58, $N = 300$, and $e = 2$. In order to use the formula for n , we must estimate the population standard deviation. Your answer may vary depending on your estimate of the standard deviation. A guess might be that the minimum and maximum daily amounts might be \$2 and \$8, respectively. This leads to a weekly minimum and maximum of \$14 and \$56, respectively. Estimating σ as 1/6 of this distance, our estimate is $\sigma = (56 - 14)/6 = \$7$.

$$n = \frac{\frac{\sigma^2}{z^2} + \frac{\sigma^2}{N}}{\frac{e^2}{z^2} + \frac{\sigma^2}{N}} = \frac{\frac{7^2}{2.58^2} + \frac{7^2}{300}}{\frac{e^2}{z^2} + \frac{\sigma^2}{N}} = 64.11, \text{ rounded up to } 65$$

9.79 p/a/m For the 99% confidence level, $z = 2.58$. The maximum likely error is $e = 0.01$, or 1 percentage point, and we will estimate the population proportion with $p = 0.05$. Applying the finite population formula with $N = 2000$, the necessary sample size is:

$$n = \frac{\frac{p(1-p)}{z^2} + \frac{p(1-p)}{N}}{\frac{e^2}{z^2} + \frac{p(1-p)}{N}} = \frac{\frac{0.05(1-0.05)}{2.58^2} + \frac{0.05(0.95)}{2000}}{\frac{e^2}{z^2} + \frac{p(1-p)}{N}} = 1225.08, \text{ rounded up to } 1226$$

CHAPTER EXERCISES

9.80 p/a/m Since σ is known, we will use the standard normal distribution. For a confidence level of 99%, $z = 2.58$. The 99% confidence interval for μ is:

$$\bar{x} \pm z \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = 341 \pm 2.58 \frac{21.5}{\sqrt{35}} \Rightarrow 341 \pm 9.376, \text{ or from } 331.624 \text{ to } 350.376$$

We have 99% confidence that the true mean breaking strength of briefcases produced today is between 331.624 and 350.376 pounds. We can also obtain this confidence interval by using Excel worksheet template tmzint. Enter the values for n, \bar{x} , σ , and the desired confidence level (0.99 for 99%).

Excel then provides the lower and upper confidence limits.

The Excel limits differ slightly from the ones we calculated. This is because our z value was from the standard normal table in the text and $z = 2.58$ had been rounded to two decimal places.

	A	B	C	D
1	Confidence interval for the population mean,			
2	using the z distribution and known			
3	(or assumed) pop. std. deviation, sigma:			
4				
5	Sample size, n:			35
6	Sample mean, xbar:			341.000
7	Known or assumed pop. sigma:			21.5000
8	Standard error of xbar:			3.63416
9				
10	Confidence level desired:			0.99
11	alpha = (1 - conf. level desired):			0.01
12	z value for desired conf. int.:			2.5758
13	z times standard error of xbar:			9.361
14				
15	Lower confidence limit:			331.639
16	Upper confidence limit:			350.361

9.81 c/a/d Since the researchers are working independently,

$P(\text{neither of the confidence intervals include } \mu) =$

$$P(\text{Researcher 1's interval does not contain } \mu) \times P(\text{Researcher 2's interval does not contain } \mu) \\ = (1 - 0.90)(1 - 0.90) = 0.01$$

9.82 c/c/m Using Minitab, we find the confidence intervals shown below:

One-Sample T: Minutes

Variable	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean	90.0 % CI
Minutes	15	29.87	4.77	1.23	(27.70, 32.04)

One-Sample T: Minutes

Variable	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean	95.0 % CI
Minutes	15	29.87	4.77	1.23	(27.23, 32.52)

9.83 p/a/d Since σ is known, we will use the standard normal distribution. For a confidence level of 95%, $z = 1.96$. The 95% confidence interval for μ is:

$$\bar{x} \pm z \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = 137 \pm 1.96 \frac{5}{\sqrt{30}} = 137 \pm 1.789, \text{ or from } 135.211 \text{ to } 138.789$$

We have 95% confidence that the current process mean is between 135.211 and 138.789 lbs.-ft.

Since the desired process average of 135 lbs.-ft. is not in the 95% confidence interval found above, the machine may be in need of adjustment.

9.84 p/a/m For the 95% level of confidence, $z = 1.96$. The maximum likely error is $e = 0.05$, or 5 percentage points. Since no estimate has been made regarding the actual population proportion, we will be conservative and use $p = 0.5$. The number of TV households needed in the sample is:

$$n = \frac{z^2 p(1-p)}{e^2} = \frac{1.96^2 (0.5)(1-0.5)}{0.05^2} = 384.16, \text{ rounded up to } 385.$$

9.85 p/a/m From exercise 9.84, $z = 1.96$ and $e = 0.05$. We will estimate the population proportion with $p = 0.20$. The number of TV households needed in the sample now is:

$$n = \frac{z^2 p(1-p)}{e^2} = \frac{1.96^2 (0.2)(1-0.2)}{0.05^2} = 245.86, \text{ rounded up to } 246.$$

The sample sizes in exercises 9.84 and 9.85 can also be obtained using Excel worksheet template tmnforpi. Enter the estimate for π , the maximum likely error desired, and the confidence level (0.95 for 95%), and Excel computes the necessary sample size:

	A	B	C	D
1	Sample size required for estimating a			
2	population proportion:			
3				
4	Estimate for pi:			0.50
5	Maximum likely error, e:			0.05
6				
7	Confidence level desired:			0.95
8	alpha = (1 - conf. level desired):			0.05
9	The corresponding z value is:			1.960
10				
11	The required sample size is n =			384.1

	A	B	C	D
1	Sample size required for estimating a			
2	population proportion:			
3				
4	Estimate for pi:			0.20
5	Maximum likely error, e:			0.05
6				
7	Confidence level desired:			0.95
8	alpha = (1 - conf. level desired):			0.05
9	The corresponding z value is:			1.960
10				
11	The required sample size is n =			245.9

9.86 p/a/m

a. For a confidence level of 95%, $z = 1.96$. The 95% confidence interval for π is:

$$p \pm z \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} = 0.45 \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{0.45(1-0.45)}{500}} = 0.45 \pm 0.044, \text{ or from } 0.406 \text{ to } 0.494$$

We have 95% confidence that the proportion of U.S. adults who consider lounging at the beach to be their "dream vacation" is between 0.406 and 0.494.

b. For a confidence level of 99%, $z = 2.58$. The 99% confidence interval for π is:

$$p \pm z \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} = 0.45 \pm 2.58 \sqrt{\frac{0.45(1-0.45)}{500}} = 0.45 \pm 0.057, \text{ or from } 0.393 \text{ to } 0.507$$

We have 99% confidence that the proportion of U.S. adults who consider lounging at the beach to be their "dream vacation" is between 0.393 and 0.507.

These confidence intervals can also be obtained using Excel worksheet template tmpint. Enter the values for p , n , the maximum likely error desired, and the confidence level (0.95 for 95%, 0.99 for 99%), and Excel provides the confidence limits:

	A	B	C	D
1	Confidence interval for the population			
2	proportion (pi), using the z distribution:			
3				
4	Sample size, n:			500
5	Sample proportion, p			0.450
6				
7	Confidence level desired:			0.95
8	alpha = (1 - conf. level desired):			0.05
9				
10	z value for desired conf. int.:			1.960
11	standard error of p:			0.022
12	z times standard error of p:			0.044
13				
14	Lower confidence limit:			0.406
15	Upper confidence limit:			0.494

	A	B	C	D
1	Confidence interval for the population			
2	proportion (pi), using the z distribution:			
3				
4	Sample size, n:			500
5	Sample proportion, p			0.450
6				
7	Confidence level desired:			0.99
8	alpha = (1 - conf. level desired):			0.01
9				
10	z value for desired conf. int.:			2.576
11	standard error of p:			0.022
12	z times standard error of p:			0.057
13				
14	Lower confidence limit:			0.393
15	Upper confidence limit:			0.507

9.87 c/c/m Using Minitab, we find the confidence intervals shown below:

One-Sample T: Income

Variable	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean	90.0 % CI
Income	30	47.43	8.14	1.49	(44.91, 49.96)

One-Sample T: Income

Variable	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean	95.0 % CI
Income	30	47.43	8.14	1.49	(44.39, 50.47)

9.88 p/a/d Let x = number of confidence intervals that do not contain the population mean, x is binomial with $n = 20$ and $\pi = 0.10$. Using the table of cumulative binomial probabilities,
 $P(x \geq 2) = 1 - P(x \leq 1) = 1 - 0.3917 = 0.6083$.

9.89 p/a/m For the 90% confidence level, $z = 1.645$. The maximum likely error is $e = 0.03$, or 3 percentage points. Since no estimate has been made regarding the actual population proportion, we will be conservative and use $p = 0.5$. Applying the finite population formula with $N = 904$, the number of franchises needed in the sample is:

$$n = \frac{p(1-p)}{\frac{e^2}{z^2} + \frac{p(1-p)}{N}} = \frac{0.5(1-0.5)}{\frac{0.03^2}{1.645^2} + \frac{0.5(0.5)}{904}} = 410.41, \text{ rounded up to } 411$$

9.90 p/a/m From exercise 9.89, we will use a sample size of 411. For the 95% level of confidence, $z = 1.96$. Since the sample is more than 5% as large as the population of $N = 904$, the 95% confidence interval for π is:

$$p \pm z \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n} * \frac{N-n}{N-1}} = 0.275 \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{0.275(1-0.275)}{411} * \frac{904-411}{904-1}} = 0.275 \pm 0.032$$

or from 0.243 to 0.307.

9.91 p/a/d For the 90% level of confidence, $z = 1.645$. The maximum likely error is $e = 0.03$.

$$\text{Using } p = 0.5, n = \frac{z^2 p(1-p)}{e^2} = \frac{1.645^2 (0.5)(1-0.5)}{0.03^2} = 751.67, \text{ rounded up to } 752$$

$$\text{Using } p = 0.3, n = \frac{z^2 p(1-p)}{e^2} = \frac{1.645^2 (0.3)(1-0.3)}{0.03^2} = 631.41, \text{ rounded up to } 632$$

The new graduate just saved the company $(752 - 632) \times 10 = \1200 in interview costs.

9.92 p/a/m For a confidence level of 95%, $z = 1.96$. Since the sample of $n = 100$ is less than 5% as large as the population of $N = 10,000$, we don't need to use the finite population correction.

The 95% confidence interval for π is:

$$p \pm z \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} = 0.40 \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{0.40(1-0.40)}{100}} = 0.40 \pm 0.096, \text{ or from } 0.304 \text{ to } 0.496$$

9.93 p/a/m

For a confidence level of 95%, $z = 1.96$. The 95% confidence interval for π is:

$$p \pm z \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} = 0.39 \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{0.39(1-0.39)}{500}} = 0.39 \pm 0.043, \text{ or from } 0.347 \text{ to } 0.433$$

The maximum likely error is $e = z \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} = 0.043$. If we use $p = 0.39$ to estimate π , we will have

95% confidence that we are within 0.043 of the true population proportion.

For a confidence level of 99%, $z = 2.58$. The 99% confidence interval for π is:

$$p \pm z \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} = 0.39 \pm 2.58 \sqrt{\frac{0.39(1-0.39)}{500}} = 0.39 \pm 0.056, \text{ or from } 0.334 \text{ to } 0.446$$

The maximum likely error is $e = z \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} = 0.056$. If we use $p = 0.39$ to estimate π , we will have

99% confidence that we are within 0.056 of the true population proportion.

9.94 d/p/d Since σ is known, we will use the normal distribution. For a confidence level of 95%, $z = 1.96$. For a confidence level of 99%, $z = 2.58$.

The width of a confidence interval for μ is $(\bar{x} + z \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}) - (\bar{x} - z \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}) = \frac{2z\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$, so the width is proportional to the value of z . If the width of a 95% interval is y , then the width of a 99% interval will be $y(2.58/1.96)$, or $1.316y$.

9.95 p/a/d For the 99% level of confidence, $z = 2.58$. The maximum likely error is $e = 0.02$ (2 percentage points). If we make no estimate regarding the actual population proportion, we can be conservative and use $p = 0.5$. The recommended sample size would be:

$$n = \frac{z^2 p(1-p)}{e^2} = \frac{2.58^2 (0.5)(1-0.5)}{0.02^2} = 4160.25, \text{ rounded up to } 4161$$

Persons who are aware that Count Chocula is a kid's cereal, and that senior citizens don't tend to consume the product, might want to use a lower estimate, such as $p = 0.10$. In this case, we would end up with a recommended sample size of just 1498.

9.96 p/a/d For a confidence level of 95%, $z = 1.96$. The sample proportion is $p = 32/121 = 0.264$.

The 95% confidence interval for π is:

$$p \pm z \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} = 0.264 \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{0.264(1-0.264)}{121}} = 0.264 \pm 0.079, \text{ or from } 0.185 \text{ to } 0.343$$

With $8(60) = 480$ minutes in the workday, we are 95% confident the employee spends between $0.185(480) = 88.80$ and $0.343(480) = 164.64$ minutes talking on the phone during an average day.

9.97 p/a/d For the 90% level of confidence, $z = 1.645$. The maximum likely error is $e = 0.03$, or 3 percentage points. We will estimate the population proportion with $p = 0.4$, the part of our range that is closest to the most conservative possible estimate, 0.5. The needed sample size is:

$$n = \frac{z^2 p(1-p)}{e^2} = \frac{1.645^2 (0.4)(1-0.4)}{0.03^2} = 721.61, \text{ rounded up to } 722.$$

9.98 p/a/m With $n = 1320$ and $p = 0.24$, the 90% confidence interval for π is:

$$p \pm z \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} = 0.24 \pm 1.645 \sqrt{\frac{0.24(1-0.24)}{1320}} = 0.24 \pm 0.019, \text{ or from } 0.221 \text{ to } 0.259$$

An alternative approach is to use Excel worksheet template tmpint. Just enter the sample size, the sample proportion, and the desired confidence level:

	A	B	C	D
1	Confidence interval for the population			
2	proportion (pi), using the z distribution:			
3				
4	Sample size, n:			1320
5	Sample proportion, p			0.240
6				
7	Confidence level desired:			0.90
8	alpha = (1 - conf. level desired):			0.10
9				
10	z value for desired conf. int.:			1.645
11	standard error of p:			0.012
12	z times standard error of p:			0.019
13				
14	Lower confidence limit:			0.221
15	Upper confidence limit:			0.259

9.99 p/a/m For the 95% level of confidence, $z = 1.96$. The maximum acceptable error is $e = 0.03$, or 3 percentage points. Since no estimate has been made regarding the actual population proportion, we will be conservative and use $p = 0.5$. The recommended sample size is:

$$n = \frac{z^2 p(1-p)}{e^2} = \frac{1.96^2 (0.5)(1-0.5)}{0.03^2} = 1067.11, \text{ rounded up to } 1068.$$

An alternative approach is to use Excel worksheet template tmnforpi. Just enter the estimate (in this case, 0.5), the maximum likely error desired (0.03), and the desired confidence level (0.95 for 95%):

	A	B	C	D
1	Sample size required for estimating a			
2	population proportion:			
3				
4	Estimate for pi:			0.50
5	Maximum likely error, e:			0.03
6				
7	Confidence level desired:			0.95
8	alpha = (1 - conf. level desired):			0.05
9	The corresponding z value is:			1.960
10				
11	The required sample size is n =			1067.1

9.100 p/a/d To calculate the necessary sample size, the formula used is $n = \frac{z^2 \sigma^2}{e^2}$.

If e is reduced to one-fourth of that originally specified, the new n must be $n = \frac{z^2 \sigma^2}{(e/4)^2}$.

Therefore, the necessary sample size will be 16 times as large as the original calculation.
The sample size needed is $16 \times 100 = 1600$.

9.101 p/a/m For the 95% confidence level, $z = 1.96$. The maximum likely error is $e = 0.01$. Since no estimate has been made regarding the actual population proportion, we will be conservative and use $p = 0.5$. Applying the finite population formula with a population size of $N = 1254$, the number of companies that must be sampled is:

$$n = \frac{p(1-p)}{\frac{e^2}{z^2} + \frac{p(1-p)}{N}} = \frac{0.5(1-0.5)}{\frac{0.01^2}{1.96^2} + \frac{0.5(1-0.5)}{1254}} = 1109.17, \text{ rounded up to } 1110$$

9.102 p/a/m From exercise 9.101, we will use a sample of size 1110. For a level of confidence of 95%, $z = 1.96$. Since the sample is more than 5% as large as the population of $N = 1254$, the 95% confidence interval for π is:

$$p \pm z \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} * \sqrt{\frac{N-n}{N-1}} = 0.39 \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{0.39(1-0.39)}{1110}} * \sqrt{\frac{1254-1110}{1254-1}} = 0.39 \pm 0.0097$$

or from 0.3803 to 0.3997. We are 95% confident that the population proportion is between 0.3803 and 0.3997.

9.103 p/a/m For the 99% confidence level, $z = 2.58$. The maximum likely error is $e = 0.02$. Since no estimate has been made regarding the actual population proportion, we will be conservative and use $p = 0.5$. Applying the finite population formula with $N = 36,600$, the necessary sample size is:

$$n = \frac{p(1-p)}{\frac{e^2}{z^2} + \frac{p(1-p)}{N}} = \frac{0.5(1-0.5)}{\frac{0.02^2}{2.58^2} + \frac{(0.5)(1-0.5)}{36,600}} = 3735.6, \text{ rounded up to } 3736$$

9.104 c/a/m The tensile strength is given to be normal with a standard deviation of 20, and we want to find the size of the sample necessary to compute the 90% confidence interval for the population mean with a maximum likely error, $e = 5$. By formula, the necessary sample size is:

$$n = \frac{z^2 \sigma^2}{e^2} = \frac{(1.645^2)(20^2)}{5^2} = 43.296, \text{ rounded up to } 44$$

As an alternative, we can use Excel worksheet template tmnformu. Just enter the desired confidence level (0.90 for 95%), the maximum likely error desired (5), and our estimate of σ (20):

	A	B	C	D
1	Sample size required for estimating a			
2	population mean:			
3				
4	Estimate for sigma:			20.00
5	Maximum likely error, e:			5.00
6				
7	Confidence level desired:			0.9
8	alpha = (1 - conf. level desired):			0.1
9	The corresponding z value is:			1.645
10				
11	The required sample size is n =			43.3

9.105 p/a/m With $n = 1000$ and $p = 0.40$, the 90% and 95% confidence intervals can be determined by

computing $p \pm z \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}$ with $z = 1.645$ and $z = 1.96$, respectively.

Using the Estimators workbook that accompanies Data Analysis Plus, these confidence intervals are shown below as 0.375 to 0.425 and 0.370 to 0.430, respectively.

	A	B	C	D	E
1	z-Estimate of a Proportion				
2					
3	Sample proportion	0.40	Confidence Interval Estimate		
4	Sample size	1000	0.400	\pm	0.025
5	Confidence level	0.90	Lower confidence limit		0.375
6			Upper confidence limit		0.425
	A	B	C	D	E
1	z-Estimate of a Proportion				
2					
3	Sample proportion	0.40	Confidence Interval Estimate		
4	Sample size	1000	0.400	\pm	0.030
5	Confidence level	0.95	Lower confidence limit		0.370
6			Upper confidence limit		0.430

9.106 d/p/d The maximum likely error is less than that originally specified. The closer the value of π is to 0.5, the larger the sample size that will be needed. Therefore, we took a larger sample than was needed. This would make the maximum likely error smaller than what was specified.

9.107 p/a/d For the 95% confidence level, $z = 1.96$. The sample proportion is $p = 12/300 = 0.04$. Since the sample is less than 5% as large as the population of $N = 8000$, we do not need to use the finite population correction. The 95% confidence interval for π is:

$$p \pm z \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} = 0.04 \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{0.04(1-0.04)}{300}} = 0.04 \pm 0.022, \text{ or from } 0.018 \text{ to } 0.062$$

We can also obtain the confidence interval by using the Estimators workbook that accompanies Data Analysis Plus.

	A	B	C	D	E
1	z-Estimate of a Proportion				
2					
3	Sample proportion	0.04	Confidence Interval Estimate		
4	Sample size	300	0.040	±	0.022
5	Confidence level	0.95	Lower confidence limit		0.018
6			Upper confidence limit		0.062

We have 95% confidence that the proportion of the boards that fall outside the specifications is between 0.018 and 0.062. Although 0.03 is in the interval, there are also values in the interval that are more than 0.03. It is possible that the supplier's claim is correct but it is also possible that the supplier's claim is not correct.

9.108 p/a/m The exercise can be done with a pocket calculator and formulas, but we will use the computer and the tmtint worksheet. The 99% confidence interval for the population mean is from 17.038 to 17.362 hours per week.

	A	B	C	D
1	Confidence interval for the population mean,			
2	using the t distribution:			
3				
4	Sample size, n:			500
5	Sample mean, xbar:			17.200
6	Sample standard deviation, s:			1.4000
7	Standard error of xbar:			0.063
8				
9	Confidence level desired:			0.99
10	alpha = (1 - conf. level desired):			0.01
11	degrees of freedom (n - 1):			499
12	t value for desired conf. int:			2.5857
13	t times standard error of xbar:			0.162
14				
15	Lower confidence limit:			17.038
16	Upper confidence limit:			17.362

9.109 p/c/m Using Data Analysis Plus, the 95% confidence interval for the population mean is from \$95.56 to \$98.45. The Minitab counterpart is shown below the Excel printout.

	A	B	C	D
1	t-Estimate: Mean			
2				<i>check</i>
3	Mean			97.00
4	Standard Deviation			20.82
5	LCL			95.56
6	UCL			98.45

One-Sample T: check

Variable	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean	95% CI
check	800	97.000	20.824	0.736	(95.555, 98.446)

9.110 p/c/m Using Data Analysis Plus, the 90% confidence interval for the population mean is from \$4452.86 to \$4697.07. The Minitab counterpart is shown below the Excel printout.

	A	B	C	D
1	t-Estimate: Mean			
2				<i>contrib</i>
3	Mean			4574.97
4	Standard Deviation			1044.92
5	LCL			4452.86
6	UCL			4697.07

One-Sample T: contrib

Variable	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean	90% CI
contrib	200	4575.0	1044.9	73.9	(4452.9, 4697.1)

We find that \$4388 is less than the range of values within the confidence interval for this legislative district. This suggests that the population mean deduction for gifts to charity in this legislative district is some value other than \$4388, and we conclude that this district is not typical of the nation as a whole. These taxpayers seem to be more generous than the national average.

9.111 p/c/m Using Data Analysis Plus, the 95% confidence interval for the population mean is from 64.719 to 68.301 mph. The Minitab counterpart is shown below the Excel printout.

	A	B	C	D
1	t-Estimate: Mean			
2				<i>mph</i>
3	Mean			66.510
4	Standard Deviation			9.028
5	LCL			64.719
6	UCL			68.301

One-Sample T: mph

Variable	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean	95% CI
mph	100	66.510	9.028	0.903	(64.719, 68.301)

We find that 70.0 mph exceeds the range of values described by the confidence interval. This suggests that the population mean mph on this section of highway is some value less than 70 mph. The Federal highway funds are not in danger.

INTEGRATED CASES

THORNDIKE SPORTS EQUIPMENT (THORNDIKE VIDEO UNIT FOUR)

The mean and standard deviation of the sample are $\bar{x} = 222.6$ and $s = 6.621$.

Since σ is unknown, we will use the t distribution. In order to be conservative, we will find a 99% confidence interval for μ . For a confidence level of 99%, the right-tail area of interest is $(1 - 0.99)/2 = 0.005$ with d.f. = $n - 1 = 20 - 1 = 19$. Referring to the 0.005 column and d.f. = 19 row of the t table, $t = 2.861$. The 99% confidence interval for μ is:

$$\bar{x} \pm t \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} = 222.6 \pm 2.861 \frac{6.621}{\sqrt{20}} = 222.6 \pm 4.236, \text{ or from } 218.364 \text{ to } 226.836$$

We have 99% confidence that the population mean breaking strength of the racquets is between 218.364 and 226.836 pounds. If Ted wants to be very conservative in estimating the population mean breaking strengths of the racquets, he might want to use the lower limit of the confidence interval in the ads (218.364 pounds).

Instead of using a pocket calculator and formulas, we can use the computer. The printouts below were obtained using Data Analysis Plus and Minitab. Subject to very small differences due to rounding in the use of the pocket calculator and printed tables, these results correspond closely to those calculated above.

	A	B	C	D
1	t-Estimate: Mean			
2				
3				<i>Pounds</i>
4	Mean			222.6
5	Standard Deviation			6.621
6	LCL			218.365
7	UCL			226.835

One-Sample T: Pounds

Variable	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean	99% CI
Pounds	20	222.600	6.621	1.480	(218.365, 226.835)

SPRINGDALE SHOPPING SURVEY

1. General attitude toward each of the three shopping areas.

a. Point estimate and 95% confidence interval for variable 7, attitude toward Springdale Mall.

	A	B	C	D
1	t-Estimate: Mean			
2				
3				<i>SPRILIKE</i>
4	Mean			4.087
5	Standard Deviation			0.777
6	LCL			3.961
7	UCL			4.212

One-Sample T: SPRILIKE

Variable	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean	95% CI
SPRILIKE	150	4.08667	0.77664	0.06341	(3.96136, 4.21197)

Using Data Analysis Plus, the point estimate of the mean attitude toward Springdale Mall is seen above as 4.087. The maximum likely error in the point estimate of the population mean attitude toward Springdale Mall can be calculated as half the difference between the upper and lower limits of the confidence interval, or $(4.212 - 3.961)/2 = 0.168$.

b. Mean and 95% confidence interval for variable 8, attitude toward Downtown.

	A	B	C	D
1	t-Estimate: Mean			
2				
3				<i>DOWNLIKE</i>
4	Mean			3.520
5	Standard Deviation			0.939
6	LCL			3.368
7	UCL			3.672

One-Sample T: DOWNLIKE

Variable	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean	95% CI
DOWNLIKE	150	3.52000	0.93923	0.07669	(3.36846, 3.67154)

Using Data Analysis Plus, the point estimate of the mean attitude toward Downtown is seen above as 3.520. The maximum likely error in the point estimate of the population mean attitude toward Downtown can be calculated as half the difference between the upper and lower limits of the confidence interval, or $(3.672 - 3.368)/2 = 0.152$.

Mean and 95% confidence interval for variable 9, attitude toward West Mall.

	A	B	C	D
1	t-Estimate: Mean			
2				
3				<i>WESTLIKE</i>
4	Mean			3.247
5	Standard Deviation			1.042
6	LCL			3.079
7	UCL			3.415

One-Sample T: WESTLIKE

Variable	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean	95% CI
WESTLIKE	150	3.24667	1.04230	0.08510	(3.07850, 3.41483)

Using Data Analysis Plus, the point estimate of the mean attitude toward West Mall is seen above as 3.247. The maximum likely error in the point estimate of the population mean attitude toward West

Mall can be calculated as half the difference between the upper and lower limits of the confidence interval, or $(3.415 - 3.079)/2 = 0.168$.

2. Sample proportion and 95% confidence interval for variable 26 (gender of respondent), proportion who are male.

	A	B
1	z-Estimate: Proportion	
2		<i>RESPGEND</i>
3	Sample Proportion	0.3867
4	Observations	150
5	LCL	0.309
6	UCL	0.465

Using Data Analysis Plus, the point estimate of the population proportion who are male is seen above as 0.3867. The maximum likely error in the point estimate of the population proportion of males can be calculated as half the difference between the upper and lower limits of the confidence interval, or $(0.465 - 0.309)/2 = 0.078$.

3. Sample proportion and 95% confidence interval for variable 28 (marital status of respondent), proportion who are “single or other.”

	A	B
1	z-Estimate: Proportion	
2		<i>RESPMARI</i>
3	Sample Proportion	0.5533
4	Observations	150
5	LCL	0.474
6	UCL	0.633

Using Data Analysis Plus, the point estimate of the population proportion who are “single or other” is seen above as 0.5533. The maximum likely error in the point estimate of the population proportion who are “single or other” can be calculated as half the difference between the upper and lower limits of the confidence interval, or $(0.633 - 0.474)/2 = 0.080$.

