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1  * --- Query 1: The variable fincbtax is annual family income before tax. What are its mean,
2  * median, and standard deviation? Draw a histogram. Does it look normal (i.e., like a bell curve)?
3  * Does this distribution look skewed? Compute the standard error of the sample mean. What is the
  margin of error for this estimate of the population mean? ---
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5  * Summarize fincbtax
6  summarize fincbtax
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8  * Calculate the median of fincbtax
9  centile fincbtax, centile(50)
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11 * Draw a histogram of fincbtax
12 histogram fincbtax, normal title("Histogram of Family Income Before Tax (fincbtax)")
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14 summarize fincbtax
15
16 * Calculate standard error of the sample mean (SE)
17 display "Standard Error of the Mean (SE): " r(sd) / sqrt(r(N))
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19 * Calculate margin of error for 95% confidence interval
20 display "Margin of Error (95% CI): " 1.96 * (r(sd) / sqrt(r(N)))
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22 * --- Query 2: Create a new variable called log_fincbtax that is equal to the natural log of
  fincbtax.
23 * What is its mean, median, and standard deviation? Does its histogram look normal?
24 * Compute the standard error of the sample mean of this variable. What is the margin of error? ---
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26 * Create the log_fincbtax variable
27 generate log_fincbtax = ln(fincbtax) if fincbtax > 0
28 label variable log_fincbtax "Log of annual family income before tax"
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30 * Summarize log_fincbtax
31 summarize log_fincbtax
32 centile log_fincbtax, centile(50)
33
34 * Draw a histogram of log_fincbtax
35 histogram log_fincbtax, normal title("Histogram of Log(Family Income Before Tax)")
36
37 summarize log_fincbtax
38
39 * Calculate standard error of the sample mean for log_fincbtax
40 display "Standard Error of the Mean (SE) for log_fincbtax: " r(sd) / sqrt(r(N))
41
42 * Calculate margin of error for 95% confidence interval for log_fincbtax
43 display "Margin of Error (95% CI) for log_fincbtax: " 1.96 * (r(sd) / sqrt(r(N)))
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45 * --- Query 3: Assuming log_fincbtax is normal, use the methods we learned in class to compute the
  fraction
46 * of the sample that makes more than $100,000. That is, what is the probability that a normal random
  variable
47 * with the mean and variance of log_fincbtax is greater than log(100000)? Compare this to the
  fraction of the sample
48 * that has income higher than 100000. Did the normal approximation do a good job? ---
49
50 * Compute log(100000)
51 generate log_100000 = ln(100000)
52
53 * Compute the probability of log_fincbtax being greater than log(100000)
54 generate prob_gt_100000 = normal(r(mean) - log_100000) // Normal CDF for log_fincbtax
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56 * Calculate the actual fraction of the sample that has income greater than 100000
57 generate income_gt_100000 = fincbtax > 100000
58 summarize income_gt_100000

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59 display "Fraction of sample with income > 100,000: " r(mean)
60
61 * Display normal approximation probability
62 display "Probability of log_fincbtax > log(100,000) (Normal Approximation): " 1 - normal(r(mean) -
log_100000)
63
64 * --- Query 4: vehq is the number of vehicles owned by the household. What are its mean,
65 * median, and standard deviation? Draw a histogram. How would you describe the distribution?
66 * If it is a Poisson, what has to be true of the mean and variance? ---
67
68 * Summarize vehq and calculate the mean and variance
69 summarize vehq
70 display "Mean of vehq: " r(mean)
71 display "Variance of vehq (SD^2): " r(sd)^2
72
73 * Draw a histogram of vehq
74 histogram vehq, width(1) frequency title("Histogram of Number of Vehicles Owned (vehq)")
75
76 * Poisson condition: Mean ≈ Variance
77 display "For Poisson: Mean and Variance should be approximately equal."
78
79 * --- Query 5: Assume the distribution is a Poisson with lambda equal to the average of the observed
80 * mean and variance. Stata's poisson function takes two arguments (the lambda parameter and a value
k)
81 * and computes the probability of a Poisson random variable being less than or equal to k.
82 * Use this function to compute the probability of a Poisson random variable with the lambda assumed
83 * above being 3 or fewer. How does this compare to the actual fraction of the sample that has 3 or
fewer vehicles? ---
84
85 * Summarize vehq to get mean and variance
86 summarize vehq
87 scalar mean_vehq = r(mean)
88 scalar variance_vehq = r(sd)^2
89
90 * Calculate lambda as the average of mean and variance
91 scalar lambda = (mean_vehq + variance_vehq) / 2
92 display "Lambda (Poisson parameter): " lambda
93
94 * Compute the Poisson probability for k ≤ 3
95 scalar poisson_prob = poisson(lambda, 3)
96 display "Poisson Probability (k ≤ 3): " poisson_prob
97
98 * Calculate actual fraction of sample with vehq ≤ 3
99 generate vehq_leq3 = vehq ≤ 3
100 summarize vehq_leq3
101 scalar actual_fraction = r(mean)
102 display "Actual Fraction of Sample with vehq ≤ 3: " actual_fraction
103
104 * Compare Poisson probability and actual fraction
105 display "Comparison:"
106 display "Poisson Probability (k ≤ 3): " poisson_prob
107 display "Actual Fraction of Sample (vehq ≤ 3): " actual_fraction

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