

LSHTM. Basic Statistics for PHP students: Exam Formulae, 2018-19

Context	Standard Error	95% CI	z, t, or chi-squared
Single mean (large sample)	$SE(\bar{x}) = \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$	$\bar{x} \pm 1.96SE(\bar{x})$	$z = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{SE(\bar{x})}$
Single mean (small sample)	as above	$\bar{x} \pm t SE(\bar{x})$ ⁽¹⁾	$t = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{SE(\bar{x})}$ ⁽¹⁾
Single proportion (as percentage)	$SE(p) = \sqrt{\frac{p(100-p)}{n}}$	$p \pm 1.96SE(p)$	$z = \frac{p - \pi_0}{SE(p)}$
Comparing two means (large sample)	$SE(diff) = \sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}}$	$(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) \pm 1.96SE(diff)$	$z = \frac{\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2}{SE(diff)}$
Comparing two means (small sample)	$SE(diff) = s_p \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}\right)}$ ⁽²⁾	$(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) \pm tSE(diff)$ ⁽³⁾	$t = \frac{\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2}{SE(diff)}$ ⁽³⁾
Comparing two proportions (as percentage)	$SE(diff) = \sqrt{\frac{\bar{p}(100-\bar{p})}{n_1} + \frac{\bar{p}(100-\bar{p})}{n_2}}$ <i>Where \bar{p} = overall proportion</i>		$z = \frac{p_1 - p_2}{SE(diff)}$
	$SE(diff) = \sqrt{\frac{p_1(100-p_1)}{n_1} + \frac{p_2(100-p_2)}{n_2}}$	$(p_1 - p_2) \pm 1.96SE(diff)$	
Testing association in an r X c contingency table			$X^2 = \sum \frac{(O - E)^2}{E}$ ⁽⁴⁾

Sample size calculations	Estimating an effect with a certain degree of precision (5% significance level)	Testing a hypothesis – comparing 2 groups (5% significance level, 80% power)
Proportions (as percentage)	$n = \frac{3.84 \times p(100-p)}{\text{precision}^2}$	$n = \frac{(1.96\sqrt{2\bar{p}(100-\bar{p})} + 0.84\sqrt{p_1(100-p_1) + p_2(100-p_2)})^2}{D_{min}^2}$
Means	$n = \frac{3.84 \times SD^2}{\text{precision}^2}$	$n = \frac{(0.84 + 1.96)^2 \times (\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)}{D_{min}^2}$

NOTATION	Single sample		For 2 groups			
	Population	Sample	Population 1	Population 2	Sample 1	Sample 2
Mean	μ	\bar{X}	μ_1	μ_2	\bar{x}_1	\bar{x}_2
SD	σ	s	σ_1	σ_2	s ₁	s ₂
Proportion	π	p	π_1	π_2	p ₁	p ₂
Sample size		n			n ₁	n ₂

μ_0 = A known reference mean; π_0 = A known reference proportion; \bar{X}_i = an observed mean in group i

p_i = an observed proportion in group i, expressed as a percentage (if proportions are not expressed as percentages then replace 100 by 1 in above formulae).

(1) Student t distribution with degrees of freedom = n - 1; for 95% CI use 5% (two-tailed) point.

$$(2) s_p = \sqrt{\frac{(n_1 - 1)s_1^2 + (n_2 - 1)s_2^2}{(n_1 - 1) + (n_2 - 1}}} \quad \text{(pooled estimate of common standard deviation)}$$

(3) Degrees of freedom = $n_1 + n_2 - 2$; for 95% CI use 5% (two-tailed) point.

(4) O = observed cell count; E = expected count if null hypothesis were true; degrees of freedom = (r-1)X(c-1), where r = number of rows, c = number of columns.