

# Lab 3 Key

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For lab 3, we're going to be exploring the concepts of normal distribution and sampling distribution by creating our own custom population and samples using R. We have provided the necessary code for you to create the population and pull samples, but you are expected to draw from previous labs and class materials to answer the following questions.

The first thing we'll do is read in the population data. Data from this week comes from the FiveThirtyEight story *Should Travelers Avoid Flying Airlines That Have Had Crashes in the Past?*.

```
airlines <- read.csv("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/fivethirtyeight/data/master/airline-safety/airl
```

For the purpose of this assignment, we will be looking at the total number of incidents from 2000 to 2014, which is the column `airlines$incidents_00_14`.

**Question 1:** Report the descriptive statistics for your population, `airlines$incidents_00_14`.

```
library(psych)
describe(airlines$incidents_00_14)
```

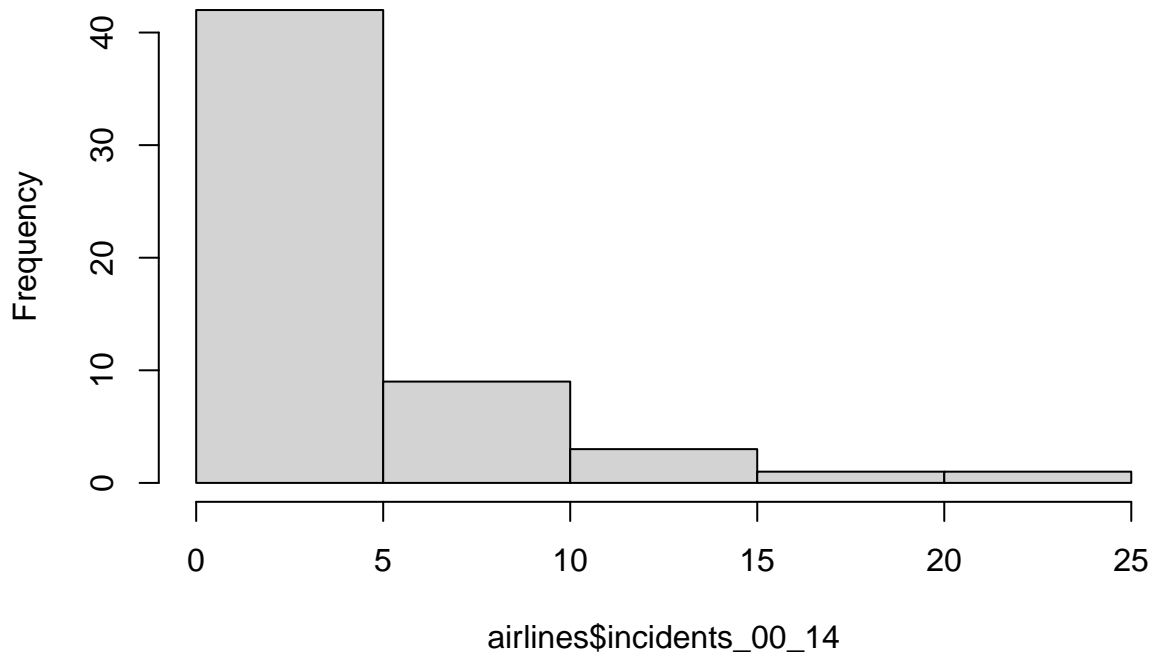
```
##      vars   n mean    sd median trimmed  mad min max range skew kurtosis   se
## X1      1 56 4.12 4.54      3    3.35 2.97   0 24   24 2.09    5.49 0.61
```

Mean: 4.12 Median: 3 Standard deviation: 4.54 Skew: 2.09 Kurtosis: 5.49

**Question 2:** Create a histogram for your population data.

```
hist(airlines$incidents_00_14)
```

## Histogram of airlines\$incidents\_00\_14



**Question 3:** Now we're going to generate a random sample of 10 from our population (n=10).

```
set.seed(100)

sample1 <- sample(airlines$incidents_00_14, 10, replace = TRUE)

describe(sample1)
```

```
##      vars  n mean   sd median trimmed  mad min max range  skew kurtosis   se
## X1      1 10  4.2 3.05   4.5   4.25 4.45   0  8   8 -0.17   -1.6 0.96
```

Report the descriptive statistics for your sample.

Mean: 4.2 Median: 4.5 Standard deviation: 3.05 Skew: -0.17 Kurtosis: -1.6

**Question 4:** We're going to generate a random sample of 10 again, but this time we'll do it 30 times.

```
set.seed(100)
sample_list <- list()

samples_30 <- replicate(30, sample(airlines$incidents_00_14, 10, replace = TRUE))
describe(samples_30)
```

```
##      vars  n mean   sd median trimmed  mad min max range  skew kurtosis   se
## X1      1 10  4.2 3.05   4.5   4.25 4.45   0  8   8 -0.17   -1.60 0.96
## X2      2 10  3.1 2.28   3.5   3.12 2.97   0  6   6 -0.11   -1.67 0.72
## X3      3 10  5.6 4.88   5.0   4.88 3.71   0 17  17  0.98    0.34 1.54
## X4      4 10  5.8 4.83   4.5   5.38 3.71   1 14  13  0.71   -1.08 1.53
## X5      5 10  2.6 2.46   2.0   2.50 2.97   0  6   6  0.26   -1.77 0.78
## X6      6 10  4.2 4.89   1.0   3.88 1.48   0 11  11  0.57   -1.70 1.55
```

## X7	7	10	4.4	7.20	2.5	2.50	3.71	0	24	24	1.93	2.55	2.28
## X8	8	10	5.1	4.63	3.0	4.62	3.71	0	14	14	0.58	-1.19	1.46
## X9	9	10	3.9	5.17	2.0	2.75	1.48	0	17	17	1.56	1.22	1.64
## X10	10	10	6.0	4.76	4.5	5.75	5.19	0	14	14	0.32	-1.53	1.51
## X11	11	10	5.4	6.29	2.5	4.62	0.74	0	17	17	1.12	-0.60	1.99
## X12	12	10	4.0	3.46	3.0	3.62	2.97	0	11	11	0.65	-0.92	1.10
## X13	13	10	2.3	2.21	1.5	2.12	1.48	0	6	6	0.54	-1.51	0.70
## X14	14	10	5.3	6.46	2.5	4.50	3.71	0	17	17	1.02	-0.73	2.04
## X15	15	10	2.8	1.87	2.0	2.62	1.48	1	6	5	0.53	-1.50	0.59
## X16	16	10	3.6	5.06	2.5	2.38	2.97	0	17	17	1.73	2.01	1.60
## X17	17	10	4.0	3.02	3.0	3.62	2.97	1	10	9	0.76	-0.89	0.95
## X18	18	10	3.8	3.12	4.0	3.38	1.48	0	11	11	0.86	0.29	0.99
## X19	19	10	3.3	3.20	3.0	2.88	3.71	0	10	10	0.65	-0.67	1.01
## X20	20	10	3.1	2.56	2.5	3.00	2.22	0	7	7	0.40	-1.53	0.81
## X21	21	10	7.9	8.97	5.0	6.88	5.19	0	24	24	0.98	-0.79	2.84
## X22	22	10	5.8	7.28	4.5	4.25	5.19	0	24	24	1.44	1.04	2.30
## X23	23	10	5.4	5.78	3.0	4.62	2.22	0	17	17	0.97	-0.74	1.83
## X24	24	10	6.4	7.90	3.5	5.00	3.71	0	24	24	1.19	-0.11	2.50
## X25	25	10	3.8	3.85	2.5	3.00	1.48	0	14	14	1.72	2.03	1.22
## X26	26	10	8.9	9.60	5.5	8.12	8.15	0	24	24	0.51	-1.50	3.03
## X27	27	10	3.1	3.28	2.0	2.62	2.22	0	10	10	0.89	-0.64	1.04
## X28	28	10	6.7	7.83	4.5	5.38	5.19	0	24	24	1.14	-0.20	2.48
## X29	29	10	4.1	3.45	3.5	3.75	3.71	0	11	11	0.58	-0.95	1.09
## X30	30	10	4.4	5.48	2.5	3.38	3.71	0	17	17	1.13	0.05	1.73

Report the following descriptive statistics for your sampling distribution.

```
mean(samples_30)
```

```
## [1] 4.633333
```

```
median(samples_30)
```

```
## [1] 3
```

```
sd(samples_30)
```

```
## [1] 5.220767
```

Mean:

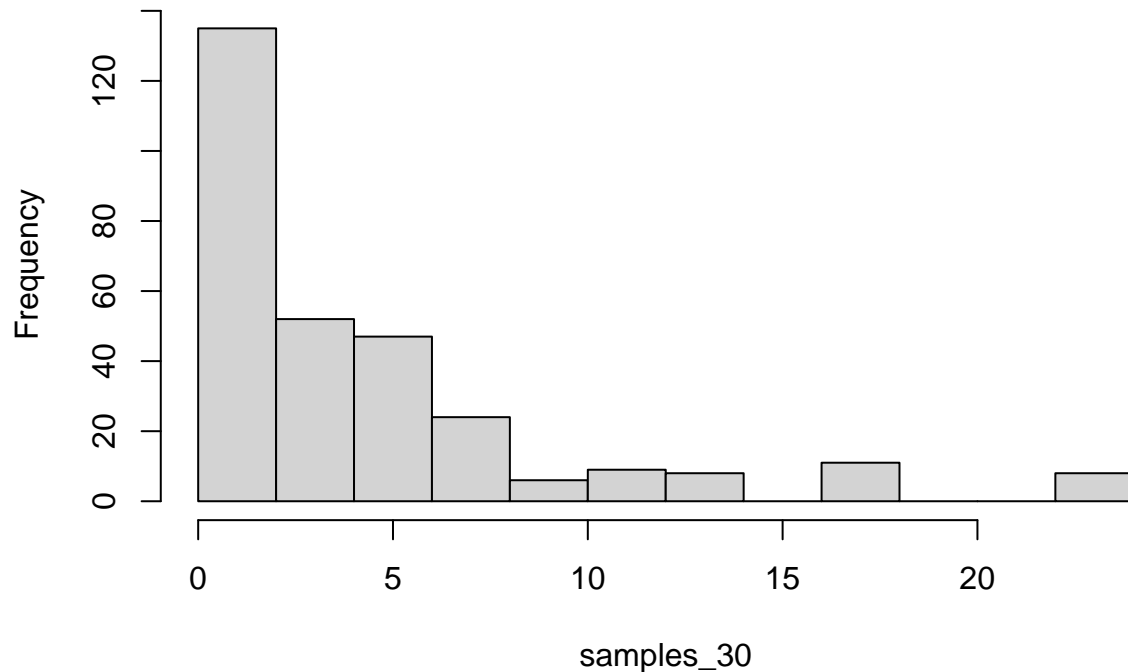
Median:

SD:

**Question 5:** Create a histogram for your sampling distribution.

```
hist(samples_30)
```

## Histogram of samples\_30



**Question 6:** Suppose that you randomly sample from your population with a size of 10 and compute the mean for each sample. You repeat this an infinite number of times. What would you expect the mean and standard deviation of your sampling distribution to be? Compute the mean and standard deviation of the hypothetical sampling distribution and explain your reasoning.

**Question 7:** Let's check our work by drawing 1,000,000 random samples of 10 from our population.

```
set.seed(100)
samples_mil <- replicate(1000000, sample(airlines$incidents_00_14, 10, replace = TRUE))
```

Calculate the descriptive statistics for your 1,000,000 samples. Compare them to the descriptive statistics of your sampling distribution in questions 1 and 2. Do they match or not? Explain why you think that is.

```
mean(samples_mil)
```

```
## [1] 4.123196
```

```
sd(samples_mil)
```

```
## [1] 4.501777
```

```
median(samples_mil)
```

```
## [1] 3
```