

Topics: Confidence Intervals

1. For each of the following statements, indicate whether it is True/False. If false, explain why.

- I. The sample size of the survey should at least be a fixed percentage of the population size in order to produce representative results.

Ans. True

- II. The sampling frame is a list of every item that appears in a survey sample, including those that did not respond to questions.

Ans. False

The sampling frame is the list of items that appears in a survey sample and responds to the questions, not the one that doesn't respond to the question.

- III. Larger surveys convey a more accurate impression of the population than smaller surveys.

Ans. True

2. *PC Magazine* asked all of its readers to participate in a survey of their satisfaction with different brands of electronics. In the 2004 survey, which was included in an issue of the magazine that year, more than 9000 readers rated the products on a scale from 1 to 10. The magazine reported that the average rating assigned by 225 readers to a Kodak compact digital camera was 7.5. For this product, identify the following:

- A. The population

Ans. All the readers of the magazine

- B. The parameter of interest

Ans. The average rating of Kodak compact digital camera

- C. The sampling frame

Ans. All the people who responded to the survey i.e. more than 9000

- D. The sample size

Ans. 225

- E. The sampling design

Ans. Voluntary Response

- F. Any potential sources of bias or other problems with the survey or sample

Ans. It is possible that only those who were particularly pleased or only who are displeased with the product participated in the survey which can makes the results unreliable.

3. For each of the following statements, indicate whether it is True/False. If false, explain why.

- I. If the 95% confidence interval for the average purchase of customers at a department store is \$50 to \$110, then \$100 is a plausible value for the population mean at this level of confidence.

Ans. True

- II. If the 95% confidence interval for the number of moviegoers who purchase concessions is 30% to 45%, this means that fewer than half of all moviegoers purchase concessions.

Ans. False

We have evidence that most of the moviegoers take concessions but we cannot confirm 100% based on this data. We have to consider the values out of this range(i.e. more than 95% confidence interval).

- III. The 95% Confidence-Interval for μ only applies if the sample data are nearly normally distributed.

Ans. False

The central limit theorem states that, the sampling distribution is normal regardless of data. Thus, we can find CI.

4. What are the chances that $\bar{X} > \mu$?

- A. $\frac{1}{4}$
- B. $\frac{1}{2}$
- C. $\frac{3}{4}$
- D. 1

Ans. B : $\frac{1}{2}$

5. In January 2005, a company that monitors Internet traffic (WebSideStory) reported that its sampling revealed that the Mozilla Firefox browser launched in 2004 had grabbed a 4.6% share of the market.

- I. If the sample were based on 2,000 users, could Microsoft conclude that Mozilla has a less than 5% share of the market?

Ans. We conclude that Mozilla has more than or equal to 5% share of the market i.e. Microsoft can't conclude that, Mozilla has a less than 5% share of the market

- II. WebSideStory claims that its sample includes all the daily Internet users. If that's the case, then can Microsoft conclude that Mozilla has a less than 5% share of the market?

Ans.

This means that the 4.6% is the population percentage. Comparing it with Microsoft's claim that Mozilla has a less than 5% share of the whole market is True.

Hence, we can conclude that Mozilla has a less than 5% share of the market

6. A book publisher monitors the size of shipments of its textbooks to university bookstores. For a sample of texts used at various schools, the 95% confidence interval for the size of the shipment was 250 ± 45 books. Which, if any, of the following interpretations of this interval are correct?

- A. All shipments are between 205 and 295 books.
Ans. Incorrect
 The interval of (205,295) is for 95% confidence not for 100%.
- B. 95% of shipments are between 205 and 295 books.
Ans. Incorrect
 The interval doesn't describe individual shipments.
- C. The procedure that produced this interval generates ranges that hold the population mean for 95% of samples.
Ans. Correct
- D. If we get another sample, then we can be 95% sure that the mean of this second sample is between 205 and 295.
Ans. Incorrect
 The interval doesn't describe the mean of another sample.
- E. We can be 95% confident that the range 160 to 340 holds the population mean.
Ans. Incorrect
 The interval doesn't correspond to a 95% confidence level

7. Which is shorter: a 95% z -interval or a 95% t -interval for μ if we know that $\sigma = s$?

- A. The z -interval is shorter
- B. The t -interval is shorter
- C. Both are equal
- D. We cannot say

Ans. A. The z -interval is shorter

Questions 8 and 9 are based on the following: To prepare a report on the economy, analysts need to estimate the percentage of businesses that plan to hire additional employees in the next 60 days.

8. How many randomly selected employers (minimum number) must we contact in order to guarantee a margin of error of no more than 4% (at 95% confidence)?

- A. 600
- B. 400
- C. 550
- D. 1000

Ans. A. 600

9. Suppose we want the above margin of error to be based on a 98% confidence level. What sample size (minimum) must we now use?

- A. 1000
- B. 757
- C. 848
- D. 543

Ans. C. 848