

### 5.1.1

The Employment and Training Administration reported that the U.S. mean unemployment insurance benefit was \$238 per week (The World Almanac, 2003). A researcher in the state of Virginia anticipated that sample data would show evidence that the mean weekly unemployment insurance benefit in Virginia was below the national average.

- a) Develop appropriate hypotheses such that rejection of  $H_0$  will support the researcher's contention.

$$H_0 = \mu \geq \mu_l$$

$$H_a = \mu < \mu_l$$

- b) For a sample of 100 individuals, the sample mean weekly unemployment insurance benefit was \$231 with a sample standard deviation of \$80. What is the  $p$ -value?

$$s = 80$$

$$\mu = 238$$

$$\bar{x} = 231$$

$$n = 100$$

$$s_{\bar{x}} = \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$s_{\bar{x}} = \frac{80}{\sqrt{100}}$$

$$s_{\bar{x}} = 8$$

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{s_{\bar{x}}}$$

$$t = \frac{231 - 238}{8}$$

$$t = -0.875$$

$$p - \text{value} = 0.19184589$$

- c) At  $\alpha = .05$ , what is your conclusion?

As the  $p - \text{value}$  is greater than 0.05, we cannot reject  $H_0$

- d) Repeat the preceding hypothesis test using the critical value approach.

$$t = -0.875$$

$$\text{critical value}(t_0) = -1.66039115$$

As  $t < t_0$  does not hold, we cannot reject  $h_0$

## 5.1.2

A shareholders' group, in lodging a protest, claimed that the mean tenure for a chief executive office (CEO) was at least nine years. A survey of companies reported in The Wall Street Journal found a sample mean tenure of  $\bar{X} = 7.27$  years for CEOs with a standard deviation of  $s = 6.38$  years (The Wall Street Journal, January 2, 2007).

- a) Formulate hypotheses that can be used to challenge the validity of the claim made by the shareholders' group.

$$H_0 = \mu \geq 9$$

$$H_a = \mu < 9$$

- b) Assume 85 companies were included in the sample. What is the  $p$ -value for your hypothesis test?

$$s = 6.38$$

$$\mu_0 = 9$$

$$\bar{x} = 7.27$$

$$n = 85$$

$$s_{\bar{x}} = \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$s_{\bar{x}} = \frac{6.38}{\sqrt{85}}$$

$$s_{\bar{x}} = 0.692008160441513$$

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s_{\bar{x}}}$$

$$t = \frac{7.27 - 9}{0.692008160441513}$$

$$t = -2.49997051898381$$

$$p - \text{value} = 0.007182545042323$$

- c) At  $\alpha = .01$ , what is your conclusion?

As the  $p - \text{value}$  is less than 0.01, we can reject  $H_0$ , which means that the CEO's mean tenure is less than 9 years

### 5.1.3

The Coca-Cola Company reported that the mean per capita annual sales of its beverages in the United States was 423 eight-ounce servings (Coca-Cola Company website, February 3, 2009). Suppose you are curious whether the consumption of Coca-Cola beverages is higher in Atlanta, Georgia, the location of Coca-Cola's corporate headquarters.

A sample of 36 individuals from the Atlanta area showed a sample mean annual consumption of 460.4 eight-ounce servings with a standard deviation of  $s = 101.9$  ounces.

Using  $\alpha = .05$ , do the sample results support the conclusion that mean annual consumption of Coca-Cola beverage products is higher in Atlanta?

$$H_0 = \mu \leq 423$$

$$H_a = \mu > 423$$

$$s = 101.9$$

$$\mu_0 = 423$$

$$\bar{x} = 460.4$$

$$n = 36$$

$$s_{\bar{x}} = \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$s_{\bar{x}} = \frac{101.9}{\sqrt{36}}$$

$$s_{\bar{x}} = 16.9833333333333$$

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s_{\bar{x}}}$$

$$t = \frac{460.4 - 423}{16.9833333333333}$$

$$t = 2.20215897939156$$

$$p - \text{value} = 0.01716737427853$$

As the  $p - \text{value}$  is less than 0.05, we can reject  $H_0$ , which means that the Coke consumption it's higher in Atlanta than in the rest of the USA