

Group Work - Chapter 7

- 1 Suppose it is known that 45% of the general population believes that correlation implies causation.
 - (a) A survey taken of 60 students after completing a statistics course finds that 32% of them believe that correlation implies causation. Find a 95% confidence interval of the population proportion of students who have completed a statistics course who believe that correlation implies causation. Write it in both interval notation, (L, U) or $L < p < U$, and in $\hat{p} \pm ME$ notation.
 - (b) Is the proportion of students who have completed a statistics course who believe that correlation implies causation different than the general population at a $\alpha = 0.05$ significance level? Did the statistics courses cause the difference, if it exists?
 - (c) If we wanted to know the population proportion of students who have completed a statistics course who believe that correlation implies causation within plus/minus 3% with 90% confidence, what sample size would be needed for a survey? Calculate with both unknown sample proportion and with proportion found in the earlier survey in part (a).

2 Suppose winter daily maximum temperatures in Minnesota are known to be normally distributed with a standard deviation 12.5 °F.

(a) A random sample of 16 winter day maximum temperatures has a sample mean of 14.3 °F. What is 90% confidence interval for the population mean maximum temperature? Write it in both interval notation, (L, U) or $L < \mu < U$, and in $\bar{x} \pm ME$ notation.

(b) Suppose the file “max_temps_dec17.csv” represents a random sample of max temperatures in December. What is a 99% confidence interval based on this sample? (Don’t have to write both forms.) Is the mean maximum December temperature different than the mean max winter temperature (as found in part (a)) at a significance level of $\alpha = 0.01$?

(c) If we wanted to find the mean winter maximum temperature within plus/minus 1.5 °F with 95% confidence, how many days would need to be sampled?