

1. Let  $X$  = the number of large bags of popcorn sold by a local movie theater in a day. Suppose that  $X$  is normally distributed with a mean of 230 bags and a standard deviation of 29 bags.
  - (a) Describe the distribution of  $\bar{X}$ , the **average** number of large bags of popcorn sold in a random sample of 7 days, by identifying the **mean**  $\mu_{\bar{X}}$  and the **standard error**  $\sigma_{\bar{X}}$ .
  - (b) Can we use the normal distribution to find probabilities for  $\bar{X}$ ? How do you know?
  - (c) What is the probability that, on a **single** day, the theater will sell more than 250 popcorn bags?
  - (d) If seven days are randomly selected, what is the probability that the **average** number of popcorn bags sold per day will be greater than 250?
2. Leslie has been tasked with putting together a report for Ron regarding the use of a park in Pawnee. Previous data show that 72% of the residents in Pawnee visited the park in the last month.
  - (a) Describe the distribution of  $\hat{p}$ , the **proportion** of residents in a random sample of 150 who visit the park in a month, by identifying the **mean**  $\mu_{\hat{p}}$  and **standard error**  $\sigma_{\hat{p}}$ . Round standard error to four decimal places.
  - (b) Is the distribution of  $\hat{p}$  approximately normally distributed? How can you tell?
  - (c) What is the probability that more than 99 individuals in a random sample of 150 residents have visited the park in the last month?

3. Given that a continuous random variable  $X$  is normally distributed with a mean of 40 and a standard deviation of 13, calculate the probability that a sample of size 49 has a mean of...
- (a) Greater than 37
  - (b) At least 42.5
  - (c) Between 39 and 43
  - (d) No more than 35
4. All Clear Windows makes windows for use in homes and commercial buildings. The standards for glass thickness call for the glass to average 0.375 inches with a standard deviation of 0.050 inches. Let  $\bar{X}$  represent the mean thickness of 50 randomly selected windows.
- (a) Describe the center, spread, and shape of the distribution of  $\bar{X}$ .
  - (b) Suppose a random sample of  $n = 50$  windows yields a mean thickness of 0.392 inches. What is the likelihood of observing a sample with a mean thickness at least as thick as ours?

5. A nationwide survey analyzing trends in popular media found that 81% of U.S. college students prefer British baking shows over American baking shows. You are interested to see if this result holds at your university, which has a student population of about 30,000. You take a random sample of 140 students on campus and find that 125 of them prefer watching British baking shows.
- (a) Can you use the normal distribution to find probabilities for the sample proportion  $\hat{p}$  of students at your university who prefer British baking shows? Check the appropriate condition to justify your answer.
- (b) Find the probability of obtaining a sample where  $\hat{p}$  is at least as great as your sample.
- (c) Does your result cause you to suspect that the national result is an over- or an underestimate for your university? Explain your reasoning.