

Definitions

Element: The entity on which data are collected
 Population: A collection of all the elements of interest

Sample: A subset of the population
 Sampled population: The population from which the sample is collected

Frame: a list of elements that the sample will be collected from

Sampling from an Infinite Population

Populations generated by an ongoing process are referred to as Infinite Populations: parts being manufactured, transactions occurring at a bank, calls at a technical help desk, customers entering a store
 Each element selected must come from the population of interest, Each element is selected independently.

Sampling Distribution of

Expected value of \bar{x} : $E(\bar{x}) = \mu$
 Standard Deviation of \bar{x} : $\sigma_{\bar{x}} = \sigma/\sqrt{n}$

Finite Population: $\sigma_{\bar{x}} = \sigma\sqrt{(N-n)/(N-1)}$
 Infinite Population: $\sigma_{\bar{x}} = \sigma/\sqrt{n}$

Z-value at the upper endpoint of interval=largest value- $\mu/\sigma_{\bar{x}}$
 Area under the curve to the left of the upper endpoint=largest value- $\mu/\sigma_{\bar{x}}$ on the z table

Z-value at the lower endpoint of the interval=smallest value- $\mu/\sigma_{\bar{x}}$
 Area under the curve to the left of the lower endpoint=smallest value- $\mu/\sigma_{\bar{x}}$ on the z table

Probability=area under curve to left of upper endpoint-area under curve to left of lower endpoint
 When selecting a different sample number, expected value remains the same. When the sample size is increased the standard error is decreased.

Sampling from a Finite Population

Finite Populations are often defined by lists: Organization Member Roster, Credit Card Account Numbers, Inventory Product Numbers
 A simple random sample of size n from a finite population of size N: a sample selected such that each possible sample of size n has the same probability of being selected

Point Estimation

Point Estimation is a form of statistical inference.
 We use the data from the sample to compute a value of a sample statistic that serves as an estimate of a population parameter.

\bar{x} is the point estimator of the population mean
 s is the point estimator of the population standard deviation

\bar{p} is the point estimator of the population proportion
 $\bar{x} = (\sum xi)/n$

$s = \sqrt{\sum (xi - \bar{x})^2 / (n-1)}$
 $\bar{p} = x/n$

Sampling Distribution of

Expected value of \bar{p} : $E(\bar{p}) = p$
 Standard Deviation of \bar{p} : $\sigma_{\bar{p}} = \sqrt{p(1-p)/n}$

Finite Population: $\sigma_{\bar{p}} = \sqrt{p(1-p)(N-n)/(N-1)}$
 Infinite Population: $\sigma_{\bar{p}} = \sqrt{p(1-p)/n}$

Z-value at the upper endpoint of the interval=largest value- $p/\sigma_{\bar{p}}$
 Area under the curve to the left of the upper endpoint equals z value of largest value- $p/\sigma_{\bar{p}}$

Z-value at the lower endpoint of the interval=smallest value- $p/\sigma_{\bar{p}}$
 Area under the curve to the left of the lower endpoint=z value of smallest value- $p/\sigma_{\bar{p}}$

Probability=area under curve to left of upper endpoint-area under curve to left of lower endpoint

