

Hypothesis Testing about the Mean

State: Hypothesis and data

- Hypothesis Null hypothesis (H₀) and Alternative hypothesis (H_a)
- Statistical Data

- o Parameter: Population mean (μ) or proportion (p)
- o Standard deviation: Population std. dev. (σ) or sample std. dev. (s)
- o Significance level (α): the critical value where the null hypothesis may be rejected.
 - 10% (0.1), 5% (0.05), or 1% (0.01)

Decreased Lower-tailed test	Increased Upper-tailed test	Changed: Two-tailed test
		
H ₀ : μ = x H _a : μ < x	H ₀ : μ = x H _a : μ > x	H ₀ : μ = x H _a : μ ≠ x

Plan: Select Appropriate Test Type

- Test statistic: formula and substitution—Identify the appropriate test and substitute

Z-Test	T-Test	F-Test	Proportion
If population mean and population standard deviation is known (σ)	If population mean and sample standard deviation is known (s)	If population proportion sample proportion is known	
$z\text{-score} = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}}$	$z\text{-score} = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}}$	$z\text{-score} = \frac{\hat{p} - p}{\sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}}$	

Do: Compute test statistic (p-value)

Conclude: Reject H₀ or Fail to Reject H₀

- Reject H₀: (is p-value < alpha?)—a small p-value provides evidence against the null hypothesis, because data has been observed that would be unlikely if the null hypothesis were correct.

"With a p value of _____ at the _____ % significance level we have sufficient evidence to reject the null hypothesis and can conclude (insert alternative hypothesis in context here)"

Fail to
evidence to reject the null in favor of the alternative.

"With a p value of _____ at the _____ % significance level we don't have sufficient evidence to reject the null hypothesis and cannot conclude (insert alternative hypothesis in context here)"

Example:

The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) published a report in 2005 which indicated that in 2002 Americans paid an average of \$3,302 per year on health care and prescription drugs. An investigator hypothesizes that in 2005 expenditures have decreased primarily due to the availability of generic drugs. To test the hypothesis, a sample of 100 Americans were selected and their expenditures on health care and prescription drugs in 2005 were found to have a sample mean of \$3,190. Is there statistical evidence of a reduction in expenditures on health care and prescription drugs in 2005 with a 5% level of significance?

S. dev. = \$600

- State. Set up hypotheses and identify statistical data

$$\left. \begin{aligned} H_0 \mu &= \$3,302 \\ H_a \mu &< \$3,302 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} \mu &= \$3,302 \\ n &= 100 \\ \bar{x} &= \$3,190 \\ \alpha &= .05 \end{aligned}$$

- Plan. Select the appropriate and consider conditions

- left-tailed (<)
- z-test

Find p-value, reject H₀ if p < .05.

- Do. Compute the statistic.

Stat Tests
z-Test
p-value
p = 0.03097

P-value = p = 0.03 z-score = z = -1.87

Conclude: Reject the null Fail to Reject the null
b/c .03 < .05

With a p value of .03 at the 5 % significance level we (don't have) sufficient evidence to reject the null hypothesis and (can) conclude that the mean health care expenses are less than \$3,302.

8-3 Hypothesis Testing (z Test)

The z test: a statistical test for the mean of a population. It can be used when $n \geq 30$, or when the population is normally distributed and σ is known.

Steps for solving z test:

1. State the hypotheses and identify the claim
2. Find the critical value(s) - z.
3. Compute the test value.
4. Make the decision to reject or not reject the null hypothesis (If test value is inside the critical region - reject null hypothesis. If test value is inside non-critical - cannot reject null hypothesis.)
5. Summarize the results.

Ex: A researcher reports that the average salary of assistant professors is more than \$42,000. A sample of 30 assistant professors has a mean salary of \$43,260. At $\alpha = 0.05$, test the claim that assistant professors earn more than \$42,000 a year.

The standard deviation of the population is \$5,230.

$$H_0: \mu = \$42,000 \quad \mu = \$42,000 \quad \bar{x} = \$43,260$$

$$H_a: \mu > \$42,000 \quad n = 30 \quad \alpha = 0.05$$

$$\sigma = \$5,230$$

P-value = 0.093
Fail to Reject H_0
There is not enough evidence to conclude that the mean salary is

$\bar{x} = 75$
Ex: A researcher claims that the average cost of men's athletic shoes is less than \$80. He selects a random sample of 36 pairs of shoes from a catalog and finds the following costs (in dollars). Is there enough evidence to support the researcher's claim at $\alpha = 0.10$?

60 70 75 55 80 55 50 40 80 70 50 120 90 75 85 80
60 110 65 80 85 85 45 75 60 90 90 60 95 110 85 45 90
70 70

$$H_0: \mu = \$80 \quad n = 36 \quad \text{t-test (no } \sigma)$$

$$H_a: \mu < \$80 \quad \alpha = 0.10$$

$$P = 0.06 \quad \alpha = 0.10 \quad \text{Reject } H_0$$

There is enough evidence to reject H_0 and we can conclude that the mean cost of shoes is less than \$80.

Ex: The medical rehabilitation Education Foundation reports that the average cost of rehabilitation for stroke victims is \$24,672. To see if the average cost of rehabilitation is different at a particular hospital, a researcher selects a random sample of 35 stroke victims at the hospital and finds that the average cost of their rehabilitation is \$25,226. The standard deviation of the population is \$3251. At $\alpha = 0.01$, can it be concluded that the average cost of stroke rehabilitation at a particular hospital is different from \$24,672?

$$H_0: \mu = \$24,672 \quad \mu = \$24,672 \quad \sigma = \$3251$$

$$H_a: \mu \neq \$24,672 \quad n = 35 \quad \alpha = 0.01$$

$$\bar{x} = \$25,226$$

$P = 0.31$
Fail to Reject H_0
There is not enough evidence to conclude that the avg. cost is different from more extreme sample statistic in the direction of the alternative hypothesis when the null hypothesis is true.

Steps for P-value:

1. State the hypotheses and identify the claim.
2. Compute the test value.
3. Find the P-value.
4. Make the decision.
5. Summarize the results.

Ex: A researcher wishes to test the claim that the average age of lifeguards in Ocean City is greater than 24 years. She selects a sample of 36 guards and finds the mean of the sample to be 24.7 years, with a standard deviation of 2 years. Is there evidence to support the claim at $\alpha = 0.05$? Use the P-value method.