

Your Answers should include sketch + sentence!

AP Stat

Worksheet: Sample Means

Name Mine

1. A survey found that the American family generates an average of 17.2 pounds of glass garbage each year. Assume the distribution is normal with a standard deviation of 2.5 pounds.

- a. What is the probability that a randomly selected family will generate more than 18 pounds of garbage? $\mu = 17.2$ $\sigma = 2.5$ $n = 1$

$$P(X > 18) = P\left(Z > \frac{18 - 17.2}{2.5}\right) = P(Z > .32) = .3745 = 37.45\%$$

- b. What is the probability that the mean sample of 55 families will be between 17 and 18 pounds? $n = 55$

$$P(17 < \bar{X} < 18) = P\left(\frac{17 - 17.2}{\frac{2.5}{\sqrt{55}}} < Z < \frac{18 - 17.2}{\frac{2.5}{\sqrt{55}}}\right) = P(-1.593 < Z < 2.37) = .715$$

- c. If the distribution of glass garbage produced by the population were not normal, describe the distributions for a) and b).

- a) $n = 1$, not normal
b) $n = 55$, CLT normal

2. The average yearly cost per household of owning a dog is \$186.80. Assume the standard deviation of the distribution is \$32. Suppose we randomly select 50 households that own a dog. What is the probability that the sample mean for these 50 households is less than \$175?

$$\mu = 186.80 \quad \sigma = 32 \quad n = 50$$
$$P(\bar{X} < 175) = P\left(Z < \frac{175 - 186.80}{\frac{32}{\sqrt{50}}}\right) = P(Z < -2.61) = .005$$

3. The average teacher's salary in New Jersey (ranked first among states) is \$52,174. Assume the distribution is normal with a standard deviation of \$700. $\mu = 52,174$ $\sigma = 700$

- a. What is the probability that a randomly selected teacher makes less than \$50,000 a year?

$$P(X < 50,000) = P\left(Z < \frac{50,000 - 52,174}{700}\right) = P(Z < -3.106) = .0009$$

- b. If we sample 100 teachers' salaries, what is the probability that the sample mean is less than \$50,000? $n = 100$

$$P(\bar{X} < 50,000) = P\left(Z < \frac{50,000 - 52,174}{\frac{700}{\sqrt{100}}}\right) = P(Z < -31) = 0$$