



M5-06: Expected Value and Standard Error

Part of the "Polling, Confidence Intervals, and the Normal Distribution" Learning Badge

Video Walkthrough: <https://discovery.cs.illinois.edu/m5-06/>

Expected Value and Standard Error

For means (averages):

<u>Expected Value of the Sample Mean</u> $EV_{avg} = E(\bar{X}) = \mu$	<u>Standard Error of the Sample Mean</u> $SD_{avg} = SD / \sqrt{n}$
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For percents: The formulas are the same as the formulas for averages, just remember to multiply by 100 to get your answers in percent form.

<u>Expected Value of the Sample Percent</u> $EV\% = \text{population percent} = p$	<u>Standard Error of the Sample Percent</u> $SE\% = (SD / \sqrt{n}) * 100\%$
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Also, to calculate the SD of a population with yes's and no's (1s and 0s) where p is the proportion of 1's in the population, and 1-p is the proportion of 0's in the population, use this formula:

$$\sigma = \sqrt{p(1-p)}$$

Next, we will talk about ***inference***: drawing conclusions about the population from what's known about the sample.

Puzzle #1: Percents

In February of 2019, a CNN Poll of 1,011 adults nationwide asked the following question: "Do you think the government should provide a national health insurance program for all Americans, even if this would require higher taxes?" 54% answered 'Yes'. The 1,011 adults were chosen as a *simple random sample*.

a) Estimate the percentage of all American adults who would favor a national health insurance program.

b) Obviously, our best estimate of the percentage of people in the general population who favor a national health insurance program will be the sample percent. But give or take what amount? What is the SE of the sample percentage?