

## STAT 110: Practice Problem 5

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1. In the general population, the prevalence of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is estimated to be about 5% in adult males. In a southwestern city, 85 male firefighters were randomly selected and surveyed, and it was found that 9 of the 85 ( $\hat{\pi} = 10.6\%$ ) had PTSD. Clearly, the proportion of male firefighters from this city with PTSD in this sample is greater than 5%, but does this result provide evidence that the prevalence of PTSD is higher for all male firefighters in this southwestern city than for males in the general population?

Research Hypothesis	
Null and Alternative Hypotheses	Let $\pi =$  $H_0:$  $H_a:$
Calculate the p-value	To find the p-value, we will use the binomial distribution with...  $n =$ _____  $\pi =$ _____  Use the file <b>BinomialProbabilities.xls</b> to find the p-value.  p-value: _____
Conclusion	

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2. Census data for a certain county show that 19% of the adult residents in this county are Hispanic. Suppose 72 people are called for jury duty and only 9 of them are Hispanic (so  $\hat{\pi} = 12.5\%$ ). Clearly, the proportion of Hispanics in this sample is less than 19%. Does this apparent underrepresentation of Hispanics call into question the fairness of the jury selection system, overall?

Research Hypothesis	
Null and Alternative Hypotheses	<p>Let <math>\pi =</math></p> <p><math>H_0:</math></p> <p><math>H_a:</math></p>
Calculate the p-value	<p>To find the p-value, we will use the binomial distribution with...</p> <p><math>n =</math> _____</p> <p><math>\pi =</math> _____</p> <p>Use the file <b>BinomialProbabilities.xls</b> to find the p-value.</p> <p>p-value: _____</p>
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3. Suppose a governor is concerned about his “negatives” (i.e., the percentage of state residents who express disapproval with his job performance). His campaign pays for a series of television ads, hoping that they can keep the negatives below 30%. They use follow-up polling to assess the ads’ effectiveness.

- a. Set up the null and alternative hypotheses you would use to investigate the governor’s question.

Let  $\pi =$

$H_0:$

$H_a:$

- b. Suppose the test is carried out, and his negatives come in at 28%. The p-value obtained is .18. Write a conclusion that addresses the governor’s question.

- c. Which of the following interpretations of the p-value is most appropriate? Explain.

- i. There is an 18% chance that the ads were effective.
- ii. There is an 82% chance that the ads were effective.
- iii. There is an 18% chance that the poll was conducted correctly.
- iv. There is an 18% chance that natural sampling variation could produce poll results such as these even if the ads weren’t really effective.