

confidence level	90%	95%	99%
$z_{\alpha/2}$	1.645	1.96	2.575

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**Formulas for Exam 2**

- Sample size  $n$  necessary for margin of error  $B$  when estimating a population ...

... mean:  $n = \sigma^2 \cdot \left(\frac{z}{B}\right)^2$       ... proportion:  $n = \hat{p} \cdot (1 - \hat{p}) \cdot \left(\frac{z}{B}\right)^2$

- Large sample confidence interval for the population proportion

$\hat{p} \pm z \cdot \frac{\sqrt{\hat{p} \cdot (1 - \hat{p})}}{\sqrt{n}}$ ;      assume  $np > 10$  and  $n(1 - p) > 10$

- Confidence interval for the population mean,  $\mu$ , when  $\sigma$  is ...

... known:  $\bar{X} \pm z \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$       ... unknown:  $\bar{X} \pm t \cdot \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$        $df = n - 1$

- $z$ -Score for an individual observation

$z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$        $x = \mu + z \cdot \sigma$

- Sample mean  $\bar{X}$

$\bar{X} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n} = \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n}{n}$

- Sample variance  $s^2$

$s^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{X})^2}{n - 1} = \frac{(x_1 - \bar{X})^2 + (x_2 - \bar{X})^2 + \dots + (x_n - \bar{X})^2}{n - 1}$

- Sample standard deviation  $s$

$s = \sqrt{\text{sample variance}}$

- If  $n$  observations are ordered in ascending order, median is the  $\frac{n+1}{2}$ th observation.

- Population mean  $\mu$

- Population variance  $\sigma^2$

- Population standard deviation  $\sigma$