

**Assumptions when using statistics to infer population parameters.**

**Estimation of mean**

number of samples	$H_0$	Assumptions	Test statistics
1 sample	$H_0: \mu = \mu_0$	$\sigma^2$ known	Z
1 sample	$H_0: \mu = \mu_0$	$\sigma^2$ unknown and population is normal, $n < 30$	T
2 samples	$H_0: \mu_1 - \mu_2 = d_0$	$\sigma_1^2$ & $\sigma_2^2$ known	Z
2 samples	$H_0: \mu_1 - \mu_2 = d_0$	$\sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2$ unknown and populations are independent and normal	pooled variance T
2 samples	$H_0: \mu_1 - \mu_2 = d_0$	$\sigma_1^2 \neq \sigma_2^2$ unknown and populations are independent and normal	separate variance T
2 samples	$H_0: \mu_1 - \mu_2 = u_d = d_0$	Populations are dependent and the difference is normal	Paired T
k samples	$H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2 = \dots = \mu_k$	$\sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2 = \dots = \sigma_k^2$ unknown and populations are normal	F

**Estimation of variance**

number of samples	$H_0$	Assumptions	Test statistics
1 sample	$H_0: \sigma^2 = \sigma_0^2$	population is normal	$\chi^2$
2 samples	$H_0: \sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2$	populations are independent and normal	F

**Estimation of proportion**

number of samples	$H_0$	Assumptions	Test statistics
1 sample	$H_0: p = p_0$	$\min \left( n \hat{p}, n \left( 1 - \hat{p} \right) \right) \geq 5$	Z
2 samples	$H_0: p_1 - p_2 = 0$	$\min \left( n \hat{p}_i, n \left( 1 - \hat{p}_i \right) \right) \geq 5,$ $i = 1, 2$	Z