Math 140 Introductory Statistics

Lecture notes and homework

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Data from Tables

Variables - columns

Characteristics of each case Allows us to see the variability

Cases - rows

Subjects and objects of statistical investigation

Row	Job Title	Pay	Seniority	Round	Age
2	EngClerk	Н	1.5	6	25
3	EngTech	Н	12.4	6	38
4	Chemist	S	36.8	1	69

Cases = individual Westvaco employees Variables = Job title, pay, layoff round

Data for hourly workers

Row	Job Title	Age
1	Eng Clerk	25
2	Eng Tech II	38
3	Eng Tech II	56
4	Secretary	48
5	Eng Tech II	53
6	Eng Tech II	55
7	Eng Tech II	59
8	Parts Crib Attendant	22
9	Eng Tech II	55
10	Eng Tech II	64
11	Technical Secretary	55
12	Eng Tech II	55
13	Eng Tech II	33
14	Eng Tech II	35



1.3) At the end of round 6 - laid off (blue), retained (red)

Let's use other information



Salaried workers

Laid off?

	Yes	No	Total	% Yes
Yes				
No				
Total				

Under 50?

Laid off?

Under
50?

	Yes	No	Total	% Yes
Yes	6	10		
No	12	8		
Total				

Laid off?

Under
50?

	Yes	No	Total	% Yes
Yes	6	10	16	
No	12	8	20	
Total	18	18	36	

Laid off?

Under
40?

	Yes	No	Total	% Yes
Yes	4	5	9	44%
No	14	13	27	52%
Total	18	18	36	50%

1.What proportion of workers of age 50 or older were laid off? Were not laid off?

2. Same question with under 50

3. What proportion of laid off workers were age 50 or older? Were age 50 or lower?

4. Same question with retained workers

5. What proportions should be compared ?

6. Repeat for 1-4 for age 40 as a cutoff.

What table is best to argue with in a court of law?

Overall:

Exploratory work tells us that MAYBE Older workers were laid off more likely than older ones.

Are the patterns consistent with no discrimination occurring?

Does the company have some explaining to do at least?







Average age of all workers at round 2?



Laid off at round 2 (blue)



Average age of all workers at round 2?

46.4



Laid off at round 2 (blue)

Thoughts?

The average age of all workers is 46.4 The average age of laid off workers is 58 The average age of retained workers is 41.4

What does this really mean?

Can it be attributed to chance? After all we have only 10 people!

What if I had changed the 64 year old with the 25 year old?

Would there have been discrimination?

Laid off are 55, 55, 25

The average age of all workers is 46.4 The average age of laid off workers is 45 The average age of retained workers is 47

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For your entertainment Calculate average ages (retained and laid off) by exchanging the 64 year old person with the 25 year old person But there are many other possibilities! Why did we choose the 25 year old?

If it were by chance, any exchange should be valid!

Hk

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- E15
- E16
- E20
- E23 problems a/c/d
- Read chapter 1