

## AP Stats Confidence Interval Practice!

\_\_\_\_\_ is confident

- 1) According to the American Community Survey, a 95% confidence interval for the median household income in Statsland during 2009-2011 was  $\$58,929 \pm \$218$ . Interpret the confidence interval and confidence level using the sentence frames below:

### Confidence Interval

We are \_\_\_\_\_ confident that the interval from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ captured the \_\_\_\_\_ median income for households in Statsland.

### Confidence Level

If \_\_\_\_\_ random samples of the same size of Statsland households were selected, the resulting confidence intervals would \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ median income for households in Statsland for about \_\_\_\_\_ of those samples.

- 2) A large company is concerned that many employees are in poor physical condition, which can result in decreased productivity. The company provides a pedometer to 50 randomly-selected employees to use for one 24-hour period. After collecting the data, the company reports a 95% confidence interval for the true mean number of steps is 4547 steps to 8473 steps.
- Interpret the confidence interval
  - What is the point estimate and margin of error?
  - Is there convincing evidence that employees are meeting the 10,000 steps-per-day guidelines?

3) How much does the fat content of Brand X hot dogs vary? To find out, researchers measured the fat content (in grams) of a random sample of 10 Brand X hot dogs. A 95% confidence interval for the population standard deviation is 2.84 to 7.55.

- a) Interpret the confidence interval
- b) Interpret the confidence level
- c) True or false. The interval from 2.84 to 7.55 has a 95% chance of containing the actual population standard deviation. Justify your answer.

4) As part of a project about response bias, a group from Mr. B's stats class surveyed a random sample of 25 students from Gunn. One of the questions in the survey required students to state their GPA. Based on the responses, the group is 90% confident that the interval from 3.14 to 3.52 captured the mean GPA for all students.

- a) Interpret the confidence level
- b) What would happen to the length of the interval if the confidence level were increased to 99%.
- c) How would a 90% confidence interval based on a sample size of 200 compare to the original 90% interval?
- d) Describe a potential source of bias in the survey that's not accounted for in the margin of error.