

1. The table below shows the mean and standard deviation of Annual Income by various groups in the U.S.

Gender/Race/Ethnicity	Mean	Standard Deviation
Female	\$40,127.49	21,337.19
Male	\$48,373.77	28,556.47
White	\$42,674.17	24,053.28
Black	\$38,025.04	20,634.02
Hispanic	\$32,245.84	14,016.93
Asian	\$35,962.00	19,069.32
Native American	\$41,072.38	23,529.71

a. Calculate the z-score for an income of \$100,000 for each group below:

i. Female

$$z = \frac{100000 - 40127.49}{21337.19} = 2.8$$

ii. Male

$$z = \frac{100000 - 48373.77}{28556.47} = 1.8$$

b. What do the differences in z-scores tell you about the income of each group? Be specific.

It is more likely for males to earn 100000 than females

c. Assuming that incomes follow a normal distribution, calculate the probability of a randomly chosen person having income of greater than \$100,000 for each group below:

i. Black

$$z = \frac{100000 - 38025.04}{20634.02} \quad \text{Normal } f(100000, 999999, 38025, 20634) = .001 = .1\%$$

ii. White

$$z = \frac{100000 - 42674.17}{24053.28} \quad \text{Normal } f(100000, 999999, 42674, 24053) = .008 = .8\%$$

d. What do the differences in the probabilities tell you about the income of each group? Be specific.

Whites are 8 times more likely to earn over \$100K but neither group is likely.

e. Assuming that incomes follow a normal distribution, calculate the probability of a randomly chosen person having income of less that \$25,000 for each group below:

i. Black

$$\text{Normal } f(0, 25000, 38025.04, 20634.02) = .23 = 23\%$$

ii. Hispanic

$$\text{Normal } f(0, 25000, 32245.84, 14016.93) = .29 = 29\%$$

f. What do the differences in the probabilities tell you about the income of each group? Be specific.

Hispanics are slightly more likely than Blacks to earn less than \$25K

1. The chart below shows average annual earning for individuals aged 18-24 by educational attainment.

Note  $\sigma$  = Standard Deviation.

- a. Calculate the z-score for an income of \$30,000 for each group below:

i. High school graduate

$$z = \frac{30000 - 24557}{947} = 5.75$$

ii. Bachelor degree

$$z = \frac{30000 - 35902}{3091} = -1.91$$

- b. What do the differences in z-scores tell you about the income of each group? Be specific.

It is much less likely for a H.S. grad to earn \$30K than a Bachelor's degree.

- c. Assuming that incomes follow a normal distribution, calculate the probability of a randomly chosen person having income of greater than \$30,000 for each group below:

- i. Less than high school

$$\text{Normal F}(30000, 999999, 21834, 1977) = .0018\%$$

- ii. Associate degree

$$\text{Normal F}(30000, 999999, 29005, 1663) = 27\%$$

- d. What do the differences in the probabilities tell you about the income of each group? Be specific.

It is much more likely for an Associate's Degree to earn  $\geq$  \$30K

- e. Assuming that incomes follow a normal distribution, calculate the probability of a randomly chosen person having income of less than \$15,000 for each group below:

- i. Less than high school

$$\text{Normal F}(0, 15000, 21834, 1977) = .027\%$$

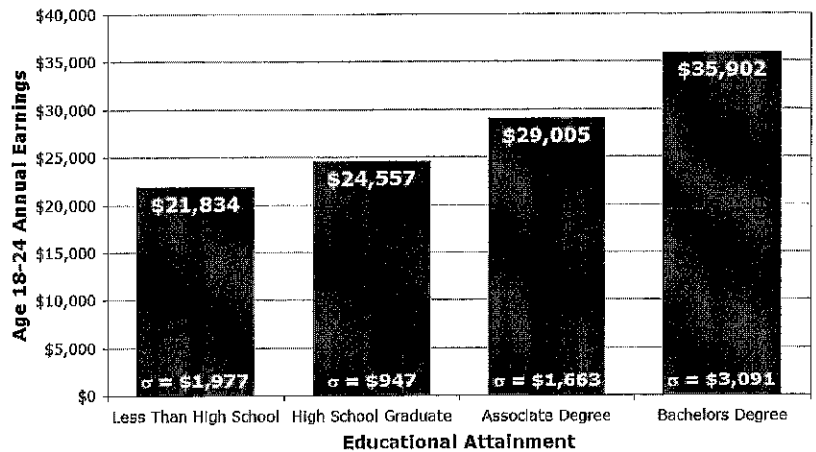
- ii. Bachelor degree

$$\text{Normal F}(0, 15000, 35902, 3091) = .0000000083\%$$

- f. What do the differences in the probabilities tell you about the income of each group? Be specific.

Almost no Bachelor degrees earn less than 15K

Average "Starting" Income\*  
1997-2007



\* Constant 2007 US Dollars. Full-Time, Year-Round Employment

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