

2010 AP[®] STATISTICS FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

4. An automobile company wants to learn about customer satisfaction among the owners of five specific car models. Large sales volumes have been recorded for three of the models, but the other two models were recently introduced so their sales volumes are smaller. The number of new cars sold in the last six months for each of the models is shown in the table below.

Car Model	A	B	C	D	E	Total
Number of new cars sold in the last six months	112,338	96,174	83,241	3,278	2,323	297,354

The company can obtain a list of all individuals who purchased new cars in the last six months for each of the five models shown in the table. The company wants to sample 2,000 of these owners.

- (a) For simple random samples of 2,000 new car owners, what is the expected number of owners of model E and the standard deviation of the number of owners of model E?
- (b) When selecting a simple random sample of 2,000 new car owners, how likely is it that fewer than 12 owners of model E would be included in the sample? Justify your answer.
- (c) The company is concerned that a simple random sample of 2,000 owners would include fewer than 12 owners of model D or fewer than 12 owners of model E. Briefly describe a sampling method for randomly selecting 2,000 owners that will ensure at least 12 owners will be selected for each of the 5 car models.
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5. A large pet store buys the identical species of adult tropical fish from two different suppliers—Buy-Rite Pets and Fish Friends. Several of the managers at the pet store suspect that the lengths of the fish from Fish Friends are consistently greater than the lengths of the fish from Buy-Rite Pets. Random samples of 8 adult fish of the species from Buy-Rite Pets and 10 adult fish of the same species from Fish Friends were selected and the lengths of the fish, in inches, were recorded, as shown in the table below.

	Length of Fish	Mean	Standard Deviation
Buy-Rite Pets ($n_B = 8$)	3.4 2.7 3.3 4.1 3.5 3.4 3.0 3.8	3.40	0.434
Fish Friends ($n_F = 10$)	3.3 2.9 4.2 3.1 4.2 4.0 3.4 3.2 3.7 2.6	3.46	0.550

Do the data provide convincing evidence that the mean length of the adult fish of the species from Fish Friends is greater than the mean length of the adult fish of the same species from Buy-Rite Pets?