

Sample Mean and the Sample Error for the Mean (a.k.a. SEM)

Standard Error of the Mean (SEM)—The standard error of the mean the between means (that you would obtain if you took from the population.)

- The standard error of the mean the variability whereas the standard deviation the variability within a sample.

$$SEM = \frac{\text{}}{\text{}}$$

$$s = \frac{\text{}}{\text{}}$$

$$n = \text{}$$

If the standard error of the mean is , or close to , then the sample mean is to be a of the population .

It is also important to note that the standard error of the mean will when the standard deviation and the sample size .

The manager of a car dealership would like to determine the average years of ownership for a new vehicle. He found that a sample of 25 customers who bought new vehicles owned that vehicle for 7.8 years, with a standard deviation of 2.5 years. What is the standard error for this sample mean?

$$s = \text{$$

$$n = \text{$$

$$\bar{x} = \text{$$

$$SEM = \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$SEM = \frac{\text{}{\sqrt{\text{}} = 0.5$$

Sample Mean

The true mean is years to the left and years to the right of the sample mean.