

Here are five ways to create confidence intervals using Excel 2013.

The first two methods can only be used for a single group

The last three methods can be used for multiple groups

UPDATE AUTOMATICALLY**SINGLE GROUP ONLY**

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| 1A | In the Data Analysis toolkit, use the Descriptive Statistics command | NO |
| 1B | Use the Average, Stdev, Count and Confidence.T functions | YES |

MULTIPLE GROUPS

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| 2A | Use Average, Stdev and Count functions inside a Pivot Table | NO |
| 2B | Use Averagelf and CountIf functions. Use Stdev(IF) in an array | NO* |
| 2C | Use Data functions: Daverage, Dstdev and Dcount | YES |

* The use of an array does not permit any change to the data referenced in that array.

CONCLUSION: What is the best way to create confidence intervals in Excel 2013?

For a single group, use the Confidence (or Stdev and Count) and Average functions

For multiple groups, use the Data functions: Daverage, Dstdev and Dcount

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8
0	1	0	0	3	5	67	5
0	1	0	1	4	1	62	4
0	1	0	1	3	4	60	5
0	1	1	0	4	5	60	4
0	0	1	0	3	1	71	3
0	0	0	0	5	2	76	6
0	0	1	0	1	1	63	5
1	0	0	0	4	3	65	5
1	0	1	0	3	5	59	7
0	1	1	1	2	1	67	6
0	1	0	0	1	5	60	5
1	0	1	0	3	2	68	5
0	1	1	1	1	3	61	3
0	0	1	0	4	2	67	6
1	0	0	0	4	2	70	6
1	0	0	1	5	1	54	5
1	0	1	1	3	2	48	6
1	0	1	1	4	1	64	6
0	1	1	1	3	1	73	4
1	0	0	0	5	1	66	7
0	0	1	0	3	2	69	5
0	0	1	0	2	3	76	4
0	0	0	0	4	2	65	6
0	0	1	0	3	4	62	4
0	1	1	1	5	4	76	6
0	0	1	0	4	4	73	6
1	0	1	0	5	1	76	3
0	0	0	0	1	4	67	6
0	0	1	1	4	2	43	6
1	0	1	1	4	2	73	6
1	0	0	0	5	4	57	6
0	0	0	0	2	4	66	7
1	0	0	0	5	1	52	4

1A Single sample: Create Margin of Error using Descriptive Statistics command

Step-by-step instructions: www.StatLit.org/pdf/Excel2013-Create-Confidence-Intervals-Slides.pdf

Formatted data worksheet: www.StatLit.org/XLS/Excel2013-Create-Confidence-Intervals-Data.xlsx

Step-by-step instructions

1) From Data menu, select "Data Analysis". Select "Descriptive Statistics.; Press OK.

Select input range: A1:H241. Make sure to include row 1 with column headings.

Check the check box: "Labels in first row"

Under "Output Options", select radio button for "Output Range". Set range at J19

Check boxes for "Summary statistics" and "Confidence Level..." Press OK.

2) Move Question IDs over the associated numeric results (one col to the right)

Select and delete columns with repeated row descriptions: X, V, T, R, P, N and L.

Tighten column width so it prints on single page (landscape). Format as shown.

Confidence (bottom line) is margin of error -- it is not the confidence interval

You could use this data to create the confidence interval (not required for this exercise)

Confidence interval for Q1: From 0.46-0.06 to 0.46+0.06. From 0.40 to 0.52.

Row	J	K							
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8
1	0	1	1	3	2	48	6	19	
0	1	1	1	3	1	73	4	20	
1	0	0	0	5	1	66	7	Mean	0.46
0	0	1	0	3	2	69	5	Standard Error	0.03
0	0	1	0	2	3	76	4	Median	0
0	0	0	0	4	2	65	6	Mode	0
0	0	1	0	3	4	62	4	Standard Deviation	0.50
0	1	1	1	5	4	76	6	Sample Variance	0.25
0	0	1	0	4	4	73	6	Kurtosis	-1.99
1	0	1	0	5	1	76	3	Skewness	0.17
0	0	0	0	1	4	67	6	Range	1
0	0	1	1	4	2	43	6	Minimum	0
1	0	1	1	4	2	73	6	Maximum	1
1	0	0	0	5	4	57	6	Sum	110
0	0	0	0	2	4	66	7	Count	240
1	0	0	0	5	1	52	4	Confidence Level(95%)	0.06

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8
0	1	0	0	3	5	67	5
0	1	0	1	4	1	62	4
0	1	0	1	3	4	60	5
0	1	1	0	4	5	60	4
0	0	1	0	3	1	71	3
0	0	0	0	5	2	76	6
0	0	1	0	1	1	63	5
1	0	0	0	4	3	65	5
1	0	1	0	3	5	59	7

1B Single sample: Create Confidence Intervals using CONFIDENCE.T

Step-by-step instructions

1) R12: Input alpha (0.05): this is the amount of allowable sampling error.

2) R13: Enter sample size formula.

3) R16 and R17: Enter formula; Pull to the left to column K.

4) R19, R20, and R21: Enter formula; Pull to the left to column K

5) Format all decimal fractions as numeric with 2 digits after decimal

Row	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	Formula in col S is for col R
0	1	1	1	2	1	67	6			
0	1	0	0	1	5	60	5	12		Alpha
1	0	1	0	3	2	68	5	13		Sample size

0.05 Manual Entry

240 =COUNTA(A2:A241)

Question	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Question
15	0.46	0.28	0.59	0.37	3.48	2.59	65.4	5.51	=AVERAGE(H2:H241)
16	0.50	0.45	0.49	0.48	1.21	1.42	11.79	1.16	=STDEV.S(H2:H241)

Enter dollar signs (\$) as shown

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8
0	1	0	0	3	5	67	5
0	1	0	1	4	1	62	4
0	1	0	1	3	4	60	5
0	1	1	0	4	5	60	4
0	0	1	0	3	1	71	3
0	0	0	0	5	2	76	6
0	0	1	0	1	1	63	5
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1	0	1	0	3	5	59	7
0	1	1	1	2	1	67	6
0	1	0	0	1	5	60	5
1	0	1	0	3	2	68	5
0	1	1	1	1	3	61	3
0	0	1	0	4	2	67	6
1	0	0	0	4	2	70	6

2A Two subgroups: Create Confidence Intervals using a Pivot Table

- Can't use Confidence function in a pivot table. Must use Z, StDev and Count
- Insert Pivot table behaves like a command -- not a function! Data is not automatically updated
- 1 In cell N29, enter confidence level: 0.95
 - 2 Select data in A1:B241. Insert pivot-table. **Output to existing sheet: K29.**
 - 3 Use Q2 for column headings. Use Q1 for data values. Drag Q1 into values three times.
 - 4 To get multiple data values to appear in same columns (multiple rows), drag " Σ Values" from Columns area to Rows area.
 - 5 For data values, change "summarize values by" or "Value Field Settings": Change 1st Sum to Average; 2nd Sum to Stdev, 3rd Sum to Count
 - 6 Create Margin of Error (N20), difference in proportions (N22) and confidence intervals (N23:N24) Don't reference pivot table cells by pointing. Reference them using column and row (E.g., N32) Pull N20 left to column L.. Pull N23:N24 left to column L.
 - 7 Do confidence intervals overlap? Compare L23:L24 with M23:M24 for overlap. Is difference in proportions **statistically significant?** If no overlap, say "Yes"; otherwise "No".

	J	K	L	M	N	Formula for cell to the left
1 0 0 1 5 1 54 5 17	1	Go to Step 2		Confidence Level	0.95	Manual entry
1 0 1 1 3 2 48 6 18	**	**	**	**	**	
1 0 1 1 4 1 64 6 19			Q1 if Q2=0	Q1 if Q2=1	Q1	
0 1 1 1 3 1 73 4 20	6	Margin of Error	7%	12%	6%	=CONFIDENCE.NORM(1-\$N17,N32,N33)
1 0 0 0 5 1 66 7 21			Pull N20 left to L20.			Type cells (N32) -- do not point (Won't drag)
0 0 1 0 3 2 69 5 22		Difference in sample proportions.		3%		=ABS(M31-L31)
0 0 1 0 2 3 76 4 23		CI-Upper-Right	53%	60%	52%	=N31+N20
0 0 0 0 4 2 65 6 24		CI-Lower-Left	38%	36%	40%	=N31-N20
0 0 1 0 3 4 62 4 25						Pull N23 left to L23
0 1 1 1 5 4 76 6 26	7					Pull N24 left to L24
0 0 1 0 4 4 73 6 27		Confidence Intervals overlap/touch?	YES			Manual entry.
1 0 1 0 5 1 76 3 28	**	**	**	**	**	Is difference statistically significant?
0 0 0 0 1 4 67 6 29	2		NO			Manual entry. Use overlap test

	Column Labels			
	Values	0	1	Grand Total
0 0 1 1 4 2 43 6 30	Average of Q1	0.45	0.48	0.46
1 0 1 1 4 2 73 6 31	StdDev of Q1_2	0.50	0.50	0.50
0 0 0 0 2 4 66 7 33	Count of Q1_3	173	67	240
1 0 0 0 5 1 52 4 34				

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8
0	1	0	0	3	5	67	5
0	1	0	1	4	1	62	4
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0	1	1	0	4	5	60	4
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1	0	1	0	3	5	59	7
0	1	1	1	2	1	67	6
0	1	0	0	1	5	60	5
1	0	1	0	3	2	68	5

2B Two sub-groups: Create Confidence Intervals using array functions

This approach uses only functions -- no commands. But one function is inside an array.

A function inside an array doe not permit any changes in the array data.

Step-by-step instructions:

- 1 Enter confidence level in L15. Create Z-cutoff (2 tails) in cell N15.
- 2 M18: Enter AVERAGEIF function for Q1 when Q2=1. Drag left to L20. Replace =1 with =0.
- 3 M21: Enter STDEV of Q1 if Q2=1. **Enter using CTRL-SHIFT-ENTER**. Drag left. Change =1 to =0.
- 4 M24: Enter COUNTIF of Q1 for Q2=1. Drag left. Replace =1 with =0.
- 5 M25: Enter Margin of Error for Q1 when Q2=1. Drag left.
- 6 M27: Enter upper right end of Q1 confidence interval for Q2=1. Drag left.
- 7 M28: Enter lower-left end of Q1 confidence interval for Q2=1. Drag left.
- 8 M29: Do confidence intervals overlap or touch? Compare L27:L38 with M27:M28.
- 9 M30: is difference in proportions statistically significant? If M29 = No, say "Yes", otherwise "No"

			J	K	L	M	N	Formula for cell to the left
0	1	1	1	3	61	3	14	
0	0	1	0	4	2	67	6	15 Confidence Level 0.95 Z (2 tail) 1.960 =NORM.S.INV(0.5+L15/2)
1	0	0	0	4	2	70	6	16
1	0	0	1	5	1	54	5	17 L18: Change 1 to 0 Q2=0 Q2=1 Drag M19 to M18. Change =1 to =0
1	0	1	1	3	2	48	6	18 2 Q1 average 45% 48% =AVERAGEIF(\$B2:\$B241,"=1",\$A2:\$A241)
1	0	1	1	4	1	64	6	19 Pull left
0	1	1	1	3	1	73	4	20 L21: Change 1 to 0 Do not enter braces shown below!
1	0	0	0	5	1	66	7	21 3 Q1 Stdev 50% 50% ={STDEV(IF(\$B2:\$B241=1,\$A2:\$A241))}
0	0	1	0	3	2	69	5	22 Pull left Use CTRL-SHIFT-ENTER to create braces!
0	0	1	0	2	3	76	4	23 L24: Change 1 to 0
0	0	0	0	4	2	65	6	24 4 Q1 sample size 173 67 =COUNTIF(\$B2:\$B241,"=1") Pull left
0	0	1	0	3	4	62	4	25 5 Q1 Margin of Error 7% 12% =\$N15*M21/SQRT(M24) Pull left
0	1	1	1	5	4	76	6	26
0	0	1	0	4	4	73	6	27 6 Q1 Cnf Int Up-Right 53% 60% =M18+M25 Pull left
1	0	1	0	5	1	76	3	28 Q1 Cnf Int Low-Left 38% 36% =M18-M25 Pull left
0	0	0	0	1	4	67	6	29 7 Overlap or touch? YES
0	0	1	1	4	2	43	6	30 Is difference stat. significant? NO Use overlap test
1	0	1	1	4	2	73	6	31 Change =1 to =0 in L19, L22 and L25.
1	0	0	0	5	4	57	6	32
0	0	0	0	2	4	66	7	33 If quantitative data, use T in N15. 1.970 =T.INV.2T(1-L15,COUNTA(A2:A241))
1	0	0	0	5	1	52	4	

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1	0	0	0	5	4	57	6
0	0	0	0	2	4	66	7
							33

2C Two sub-groups: Create Confidence Intervals using Data functions

This approach uses only functions -- no commands. A pivot table behaves like a command.

Step-by-step instructions:

- 1 M15: Enter confidence level. M16: Create Z-cutoff (2 tails).
- 2 M21: Enter DAVERAGEIF function for Q1 when Q2=1. Drag left to L21.
- 3 M22: Enter DSTDEV function of Q1 for Q2=1. Drag left to L22.
- 4 M23: Enter DCOUNT of Q1 for Q2=1. Drag left to L23.
- 5 M25: Enter Margin of Error for Q1 when Q2=1. Drag left to L25.
- 6 M27: Enter lower-left end of Q1 confidence interval for Q2=1. Drag left to L27.
- 7 M28: Enter upper right end of Q1 confidence interval for Q2=1. Drag left to L28.
- 8 M30: Do confidence intervals overlap or touch? Compare L27:L28 with M27:M28.
- 9 M31: Is difference in proportions statistically significant? If M30 = No, say "Yes", otherwise "No"

Row J K L M N Formula for cell to the left

Confidence Level	0.95	Manual Entry
Z (2 tail)	1.960	=NORM.S.INV(0.5+M15/2)

Q1 Q2 Q2 subgroups using Q2 data
Confidence Interval 0 1

Enter formula and then drag left to column L

Average	0.45	0.48	=DAVERAGE(\$A\$1:\$H\$241,"Q1",M\$18:M\$19)
Std. Deviation	0.50	0.50	=DSTDEV(\$A\$1:\$H\$241,"Q1",M\$18:M\$19)
Count	173	67	=DCOUNT(\$A\$1:\$H\$241,"Q1",M\$18:M\$19)

95% Margin of Error 0.11 0.17 =M16*SQRT(M22/M23)

Confidence Interval

Lower Limit	0.35	0.31	=M21-M25
Upper Limit	0.56	0.65	=M21+M25

Overlap Yes Manual entry (Yes or No)

Statistically-significant difference No Manual entry (Yes or No)

Use overlap test

If quantitative data, use T in M16. 1.97 =T.INV.2T(1-M15,COUNTA(A2:A241))