

	Population Mean	Regression Slope Coefficient
The true value you're interested in	$\mu$	$\beta_1$
What you say	Is the true mean of the variable Y really $\mu_{y,0}$ ?	Does my independent variable have any effect on my dependent variable? Does my X variable have any effect on my Y variable? Does the slope coefficient on X have a value different than zero-- meaning no effect at all? Is $\beta_1$ equal to zero?
The stated hypotheses	$H_0: E(Y) = \mu_{y,0}$ $H_a: E(Y) \neq \mu_{y,0}$ (or $H_1$ )	$H_0: \beta_1 = 0$ $H_a: \beta_1 \neq 0$ (or $H_1$ )
How you'll estimate the true value: your estimator	$\bar{Y} = \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i) / n$	$\hat{\beta}_1 = (\sum (x_i - \bar{x}) * (y_i - \bar{y})) / \sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2$
Step 1	Compute standard error of your estimator. (A measure of the standard deviation of the sampling distribution of your *estimator*) $SE(\bar{Y}) = \hat{\sigma}_{\bar{Y}} = s_y / \sqrt{n}$ (sample std dev / sqrt sample size)	Compute the standard error of $\hat{\beta}_1$ . It's this crazy thing: $\hat{\sigma}_{\hat{\beta}_1}^2 = 1/n * (1/(n-2) \sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2 * \hat{\sigma}^2) / (1/n * \sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2)^2$ . Alternatively....just let Stata do it for you.
Step 2	Compute the t-statistic. $t = (\bar{Y} - \mu_{y,0}) / (SE(\bar{Y}))$ . Ok, so $\bar{Y}$ is from data, $SE(\bar{Y})$ is from data, where is $\mu$ from? From your hypothesis!	Compute the t-statistic. $t = (\hat{\beta}_1 - 0) / SE(\hat{\beta}_1)$
Step 3	Compute the p-value. The probability that you'd observe that $\bar{Y}$ in the distribution of the $\bar{Y}$ estimator. The probability left in the two tails given that t-value. Use the appendix tables, OR, if you just care if it's significant at the 5% level, just check if it's bigger than 1.96.	Compute the p-value. Same way you'd do it, except let's just let Stata do it. Reject if the t-value is greater than 1.96 for a 5% significance level. (95% confidence, 5% significance)
Optional Step 4	Compute a confidence interval for your true value by figuring out the range for your estimator. 1. The set of values that cannot be rejected using a two-sided hypothesis test with 5% sig. 2. Interval that has 95% probability of containing the true $\mu$ value. 95% CI for $\mu_Y = \{\bar{Y} \pm 1.96 SE(\bar{Y})\}$	Compute a confidence interval. 95% CI for $\beta_1 = \{\hat{\beta}_1 \pm 1.96 SE(\hat{\beta}_1)\}$ . Because $\beta_1$ is a slope, you can also create a CI for a change in X. Multiply the sides of the CI by the change in x. $(\hat{\beta}_1 \pm 1.96 * SE(\hat{\beta}_1)) * \Delta x$