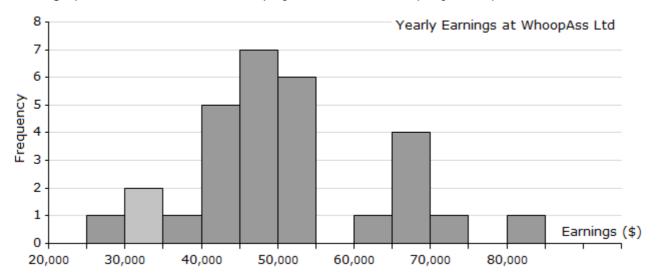
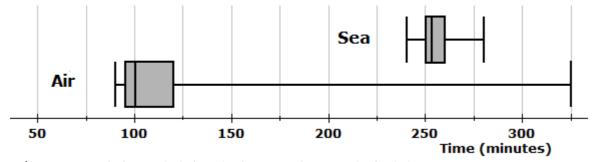
Basic Statistics Practice #2

1. The graph shows how much the employees of a small company were paid in 2011.



- a) What does the column in slightly lighter grey represent in the real world?
- b) How many people work for the company?
- c) How many people earned over \$50,000? ("earned" = were paid)
- d) What is the median amount earned?
- e) What is the range of earnings?
- f) What is the inter-quartile range of earnings?
- 2. A comparison of a trip by ferry (sea) or by plane (air) to the same destination is shown, including travel to port/airport and booking in time.

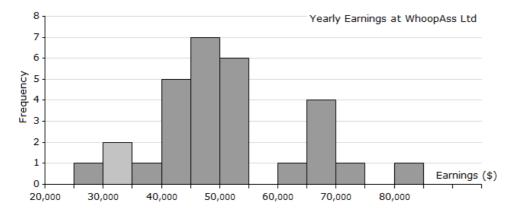


- a) How much faster is it by air than sea for a typical trip?
- b) What is the longest time it is likely to take by sea?
- c) Which method is most consistent? Explain your answer using the graph.
- d) The airport is quite foggy. What aspect of the graph shows that?



Answers: Basic Statistics Practice #2

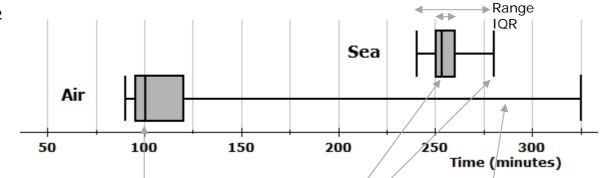
Q1



Note: each of the bars represents a range, so many of the questions cannot be answered exactly, but can only be given in ranges or estimates.

- a) The light grey column shows that two people earned between \$30,000 and \$35,000.
- b) 29 people work for the company. (Add up each column frequency.)
- c) 13 people earned over \$50,000. (The 5 columns past the \$50,000 mark.)
- d) The median amount earned is between \$45,000 and \$50,000. (The 15th position.)
- e) The range is approximately \$25,000 to \$85,000.
- f) The inter-quartile range of earnings is approximately \$43,000 to \$57,000. (between 7th and 8th place to between 22nd and 23rd place)

Q2



- a) Air is typically 100 minutes and sea is typically 255 minutes. So air is typically about 155 minutes faster. (accept 150–160 minutes)
- b) The longest time by sea is about 280 or 285 minutes.
- c) Sea is most consistent. Both the range and inter-quartile ranges are smaller (we see that the length of the whiskers and the length of the box are both shorter for sea).
- d) Fog prevents planes taking off or landing until it clears, so often planes are on the ground a long time waiting. This is seen by the very long right hand whisker for air.