

2023 AP Daily: Practice Sessions



AP Statistics

Session 8 – FRQ (Part B, Question 6: Investigative Task)

To compare success rates for treating allergies at two clinics that specialize in treating allergy sufferers, researchers selected random samples of patient records from the two clinics. The following table summarizes the data.

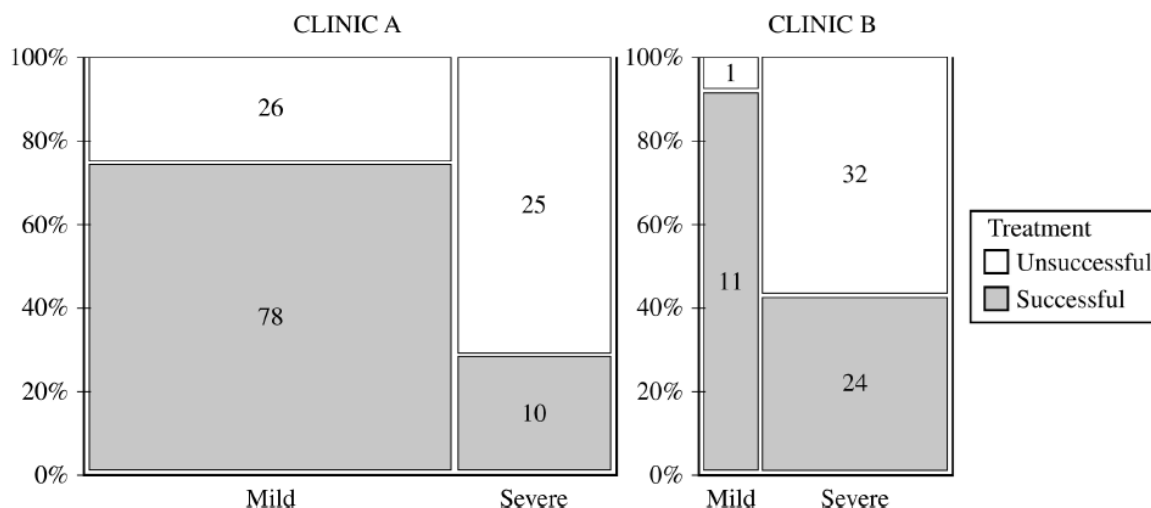
	Clinic A	Clinic B	Total
Unsuccessful treatment	51	33	84
Successful treatment	88	35	123
Total	139	68	207

- a. i. Complete the following table by recording the relative frequencies of successful and unsuccessful treatments at each clinic.

	Clinic A	Clinic B
Unsuccessful treatment		
Successful treatment		

- ii. Based on the relative frequency table in part (a-i), which clinic is more successful in treating allergy sufferers? Justify your answer.
- b. Based on the design of the study, would a statistically significant result allow the researchers to conclude that receiving treatments at the clinic you selected in part (a-ii) causes a higher percentage of successful treatments than at the other clinic? Explain your answer.

A physician who worked at both clinics believed that it was important to separate the patients in the study by the severity of the patient's allergy (severe or mild). The physician constructed the following mosaic plot. The values in the mosaic plot represent the number of patients who were either successfully treated or unsuccessfully treated in each allergy severity group within each clinic. For example, the value 78 represents the number of patients successfully treated in the mild group within Clinic A.



Based on the mosaic plot, the physician concluded the following:

For mild allergy sufferers, **Clinic B** was more successful in treating allergies.

For severe allergy sufferers, **Clinic B** was more successful in treating allergies.

- c. i. For each clinic, which allergy severity is treated more successfully? Justify your answer.
- **Clinic A:**
 - **Clinic B:**
- ii. For each clinic, which allergy severity is more likely to be treated? Justify your answer.
- **Clinic A:**
 - **Clinic B:**
- d. Using your answers from part (c), give a reason why the more successful clinic identified in part (a-ii) is the same as or different from the physician's conclusion that Clinic B is more successful in treating both severe and mild allergies.