

28 Commands everyone should know

Putting aside the statistical commands that might particularly interest you, here is a list of commands that everyone should know:

Getting help	
help, net search, search	[U] 4 Stata's help and search facilities
Keeping Stata up to date	
ado, net, update	[U] 29 Using the Internet to keep up to date
ado update	[R] ado update
Operating system interface	
pwd, cd	[D] cd
Using and saving data from disk	
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compress	[D] compress
Inputting data into Stata	[U] 22 Entering and importing data
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Basic data reporting	
describe	[D] describe
codebook	[D] codebook
list	[D] list
browse	[D] edit
count	[D] count
inspect	[D] inspect
table	[R] table
tabulate	[R] tabulate oneway and [R] tabulate twoway
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Data manipulation	[U] 13 Functions and expressions
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egen	[D] egen
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clear	[D] clear
drop, keep	[D] drop
sort	[D] sort
encode, decode	[D] encode
order	[D] order
by	[U] 11.5 by varlist: construct
reshape	[D] reshape
frames	[D] frames

Graphing data

`graph`

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Keeping track of your work

`log`

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Convenience

`display`

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