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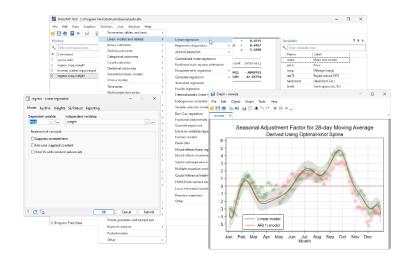
Stata 18 contains an exciting array of new features, amongst which the following may be of interest:

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- TABLES OF DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS
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Other new features include:

- Corrected and consistent AIC,
- Model selection for ARIMA and ARFIMA
- GOF plots for survival models
- New spline functions
- Graph colors by variable
- Create, load, and save sets of frames
- Boost-based regular expressions,
- Vectorized numerical integration, and
- New reporting features in putdocx, putexcel, and putpdf.



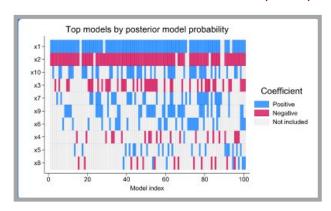


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BAYESIAN MODEL AVERAGING (BMA)



Traditionally, researchers choose a model and performs analysis based on this model. The results are conditional on the chosen model. In the presence of multiple plausible models, this approach may not however, be reliable. Model averaging allows one to perform analysis based on multiple models and thus account for model uncertainty in the results. BMA accounts for model uncertainty according to Bayesian principles, which can be applied universally to any data analysis. In the regression setting, model uncertainty describes the uncertainty about which predictors should be included in a regression model.

The new command **bmaregress** performs BMA for linear regression and can be used for inference, prediction, and, if desired, even model selection.

For instance,

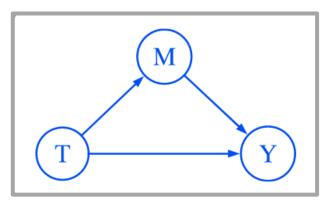
.bmaregress y x1 x2

considers all four possible models for outcome y that include or exclude predictors x1 and x2 and combines these models according to how likely each model is based on the observed data. Users can choose from a variety of prior distributions to explore the effect of assumptions about a model's and predictors' importance on the results. Postestimation commands allow users to estimate the probability of a model, identify important predictors, explore model complexity, obtain means, evaluate predictive performance, and perform inference regression coefficients.

CAUSAL MEDIATION ANALYSIS

Causal inference aims to identify and quantify the causal effect of a treatment on an outcome. In causal mediation analysis, researchers aim to further explore how this effect arises. Maybe exercise increases the level of a hormone that, in turn, increases well-being. Maybe an import quota increases the market power of local companies which, in turn, increases the prices of goods.

Relationships like these are often visualized with a causal diagram, for example,



With the new **mediate** command, one can estimate the total effect of a treatment on an outcome and decompose it into direct effects and indirect effects (via a mediator such as hormone level). In fact, multiple types of decompositions can be computed, depending on the hypothesis of interest. In addition, **estat proportion** reports the proportion of the total effect that occurs through the mediator.

mediate is very flexible—the outcome can be continuous, binary, or count; the mediator can be continuous, binary, or count; and the treatment can be binary, multivalued, or continuous.

The **mediate** command is very flexible. It supports 24 combinations of models for the outcome and mediator, so it can be applied to many situations that arise in real research.



TABLES OF DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS

The new dtable command creates a table of descriptive statistics.

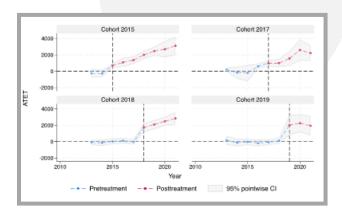
dtable reports summary statistics for continuous and categorical factor variables. Users can select which statistics they would like to report for each variable; select from the mean, standard deviation, median, interquartile range, percentage, proportion, and many others. One can also easily compare statistics across categories of another variable.

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	Table 1: Patient characteristic				
		Placebo	Treatment	Total	
	N Fellow we there (down)	1,031 (51.5%)	969 (48.4%)	2,000 (100.0%)	
	Follow-up time (days)	849.6 (547.8)	933.4 (505.3)	890.2 (529.2)	
	Age (years) at randomization	63.6 (10.7)	63.1 (11.1)	63.4 (10.9)	
	Body Mass Index (kg/M*M) Duration of CHF (months)	27.1 (5.4)	26.9 (5.2) 29.1 (36.0)	27.0 (5.3) 29.2 (36.3)	
	Heart Rate (beats/min)	29.3 (36.6) 78.7 (12.4)	78.4 (12.3)	78.6 (12.4)	
	Diastolic BP (mmHg)	75.3 (11.1)	75.0 (11.6)	75.2 (11.3)	
	Systolic BP (mmHg)	126.1 (19.7)	125.1 (19.8)	125.6 (19.7)	
	Ejection fraction (percent)	28.3 (9.0)	28.3 (8.6)	28.3 (8.8)	
	Sex	26.3 (5.0)	20.3 (0.0)	20.3 (0.0)	
	Male	819 (79.4%)	753 (77.7%)	1.572 (78.6%)	
	Female	212 (20.6%)	216 (22.3%)	428 (21.4%)	
	Race	212 (20.070)	210 (22.570)	420 (21.470)	
	White	866 (84.0%)	833 (86.0%)	1.699 (85.0%)	
	Nonwhite	165 (16.0%)	136 (14.0%)	301 (15.0%)	
	CHF Etiology	203 (20:070)	250 (24.070)	302 (23.070)	
	Ischemic	745 (72.3%)	697 (72.2%)	1,442 (72.2%)	
	Hypertensive	95 (9.2%)	79 (8.2%)	174 (8.7%)	
	Valvular	13 (1.3%)	12 (1.2%)	25 (1.3%)	
	Idiopathic	128 (12.4%)	138 (14.3%)	266 (13.3%)	
	Alcohol related	40 (3.9%)	26 (2.7%)	66 (3.3%)	
	Other	9 (0.9%)	14 (1.4%)	23 (1.2%)	
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Tables created by **dtable** can be customized in many ways—statistics to be reported, numeric and string formats, notes, titles, labels, and more. The table can be exported directly to Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, HTML, Markdown, PDF, LaTeX, SMCL, or plain text.

dtable makes it easy to create what is commonly called a "Table 1" - the first table included in almost every research paper.

HETEROGENEOUS DIFFERENCE IN DIFFERENCES (DID)



DID models are used to estimate the average treatment effect on the treated (ATET) with repeated-measures data. A treatment effect can be an effect of a drug regimen on blood pressure or an effect of a training program on employment. Unlike with the standard cross-sectional analysis, provided by the existing **teffects** command, DID analysis controls for group and time effects when estimating the ATET, where groups identify repeated measures.

Heterogeneous DID models additionally account for variation in treatment effects arising from groups being treated at different points in time and effects varying over time within groups.

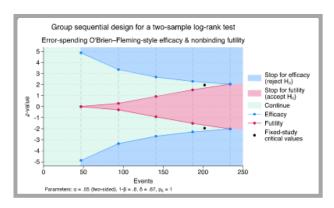
Suppose that several school districts introduce an exercise and a nutrition program to improve students' health outcomes. Different school districts introduce the program at different points in time. Is it sensible to assume the effect of the program on student's health outcomes does not change over time and is the same regardless of when the program was adopted? Maybe not! One can use heterogeneous DID models to account for the potential differences in effects.

The new commands hdidregress and xthdidregress fit heterogeneous DID models. hdidregress works with repeated-cross-sectional data, and xthdidregress works with both longitudinal/panel data.



GROUP SEQUENTIAL DESIGNS (GSDs)

GSDs are types of adaptive design that allow researchers to stop a trial early if they find compelling evidence that a treatment is effective or ineffective. Suppose one would like to design a study to test whether a type of chemeotherapy is effective for treating tumours and that one expects data to be collected over a few years' time. Rather than performing one analysis once all the data have been collected, GSDs allow users to perform interim analyses as the data are collected. Each interim analysis provides the opportunity to stop the trial or continue collecting data. The trial can be stopped early if there is strong evidence of efficacy. The trial can also be stopped early if there is strong evidence of futility; this avoids exposing participants additional to an inadequate treatment.



Stata 18 offers a suite of commands for GSDs. The new gsbounds command calculates efficacy and futility bounds based on the number of analyses (also called looks), the desired overall Type I error, and the desired power. Users can select from seven boundary-calculation methods—choose whether they want classical or error-spending methods and whether they want more conservative or less conservative bounds for early analyses. The new gsdesign command calculates efficacy and futility boundaries and provides sample sizes for the interim and final analyses for tests of means, proportions, and survivor functions. Graphs make it easy to visualize the boundaries across all interim and final analyses.

META-ANALYSIS FOR PREVALENCE

The meta esize command performs meta-analysis of two-sample binary or continuous data. Now, it also performs meta-analysis of one-sample binary data, also known as meta-analysis of proportions or meta-analysis of prevalence.

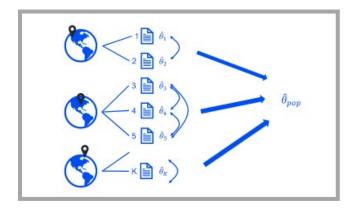
These types of data commonly appear in metaanalysis studies when pooling results from studies that each estimate one proportion. For instance, you may have studies reporting the prevalence of a particular disease or the proportion of students who drop out of high school. In this setting, effect sizes such as Freeman-Tukey-transformed proportions or logit-transformed proportions are typically used in the meta-analysis.

After meta esize, one can use other commands in the meta suite for further analysis. For instance, researchers can create a forest plot with meta forestplot, perform subgroup analysis by adding the subgroup() option to meta forestplot, summarize meta-analysis data with meta summarize, or construct a funnel plot with meta funnelplot.





MULTILEVEL META-ANALYSIS



When researchers want to analyse results from multiple studies, they use meta-analysis to combine results and estimate an overall effect size. The existing meta suite is used to perform standard and multivariate meta-analysis.

Sometimes the reported effect sizes are nested within higher-level groupings, such as geographical locations (states or countries) or administrative units (school districts). Effect sizes within the same groups (for example, districts) are likely to be similar and thus dependent. In this case, you can use multilevel meta-analysis. The goal of multilevel meta-analysis is to not only synthesize an overall effect size but also account for this dependence and assess the variability among the effect sizes at different hierarchical levels. The new estimation commands meta meregress and meta multilevel are used to perform multilevel meta-analysis.

For example, in studies reporting effects (mean differences) of two teaching methods on math test scores, \mathbf{y} , and sampling standard errors of \mathbf{y} in \mathbf{se} . The effect sizes are nested within schools, and schools are nested in districts. Users can fit a three-level random intercepts model with

.meta meregress y || district: || school:,
essevariable(se)

or

.meta multilevel y, relevels(district school) essevariable(se)

If users have covariates and want to include random slopes, they can use **meta meregress:**

.meta meregress y x1 x2 || district: x1 x2 || school:, essevariable(se)

After fitting the model, postestimation commands are available for computing multilevel heterogeneity statistics, displaying estimated random-effects covariance matrices, and more.

Note: The syntax is the simplest of any package available. **meta meregress** is also the most flexible in terms of the of constraints that can be applied to the random effects.

ROBUST INFERENCE FOR LINEAR MODELS

Reliable standard errors are crucial to drawing appropriate inferences in research. Stata 18 offers new ways to obtain standard errors and confidence intervals for linear models fit with regress, areg, and xtreg, fe. The new methods aim to provide better inference when large-sample approximations do not work well. If researchers have clustered data with only a few clusters or with an uneven number of observations per cluster, they can now add the vce(hc2 clustvar) option to obtain HC2 cluster-robust standard errors. If there is more than one variable that identifies clusters in the data. Users can now add the vce(cluster clustvar1 clustvar2 ...) option to obtain multiway cluster standard errors.

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WILD CLUSTER BOOTSTRAP

The wild cluster bootstrap provides another new option for robust inference when researchers have data with a few clusters, an uneven number of observations across clusters, or both.

The new wildbootstrap command computes wild cluster bootstrap *p*-values and confidence intervals for tests of simple and composite linear hypotheses about parameters from linear regression models. Users can type

. wildbootstrap regress y x1 x2 ...

or

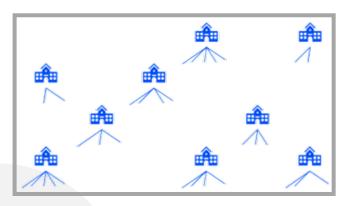
. wildbootstrap areg y x1 x2 ..., absorb(x3)

or

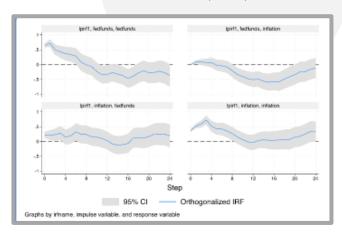
- . xtset id
- . wildbootstrap xtreg y x1 x2 ...

to fit a linear regression model, a linear regression model with a large dummy-variable set, or a fixed-effects linear regression model for panel data, respectively, and to obtain the wild cluster bootstrap statistics.

This pairs well with the new standard errors options now available offering users many new tools for robust inference in linear models.



LOCAL PROJECTIONS FOR IMPULSE-RESPONSE FUNCTIONS (IRFs)



The new **lpirf** command provides local projections of IRFs. Local projections are used in time-series analysis to estimate the effect of shocks on outcome variables. For instance, researchers might evaluate the effect of an unexpected change in interest rates on a country's output and inflation rate. Type

. lpirf y1 y2

to obtain local projection estimates of IRFs for y1 and y2. One can add the exog() option to estimate dynamic multipliers, which are responses of endogenous variables to a shock to an exogenous variable.

The new **lpirf** command works seamlessly with the existing **irf** commands, allowing users to create graphs and tables of IRFs, orthogonalized IRFs, and dynamic multipliers.

As with the linear models mentioned above, robust standard errors are often important in IRF estimation. Robust and Newey-West standard errors are available.

Local projections for IRFs provide an alternative to IRFs based on a vector autoregressive (VAR) model. Local projections are not constrained by a model; thus, they provide more flexible IRF coefficients. Local projections also allow for easier hypothesis testing.



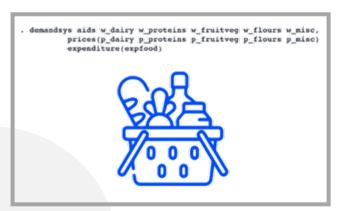
FLEXIBLE DEMAND SYSTEM MODELS

Often, researchers are interested in estimating demand for a basket of goods. The new demandsys command provides extensive tools for computing demand and measuring how sensitive demand for goods is to price and expenditure changes by calculating their corresponding elasticities.

Users can use **demandsys** to fit eight different demand system models:

- Linear expenditure system
- Basic translog
- Generalized translog
- Almost ideal demand
- Generalized almost ideal
- Quadratic almost ideal
- Generalized quadratic almost ideal

With the estat elasticities command, one can estimate various elasticities—expenditure elasticities, uncompensated own-price and cross-price elasticities, and compensated own-price and cross-price elasticities—to explore how sensitive demand is to changes in prices and expenditures. With eight demand systems to choose from, the demandsys command gives researchers much flexibility to choose the demand system technique that aligns with their empirical assumptions.



ALIAS VARIABLES ACROSS FRAMES

Since Stata 16, Stata has supported multiple datasets in memory. Each dataset resides in a frame. When datasets are related, users can link their frames by using the frlink command and identifying the variables that match the observations in the current frame with observations in the related frame.

In *Stata* 18, users can use the new **fralias add** command to create alias variables across linked frames and easily perform analyses using variables stored in separate frames.

Alias variables behave as if they were copied from one frame into another, but because they are stored in the original frame, they take up very little memory. To see how easy alias variables are to use, say that \mathbf{y} is a variable in the current frame and that \mathbf{x} is a variable from a linked frame named frame 2. To create an alias to \mathbf{x} in the current frame, type

.fralias add x, from(frame2)

One can then fit a regression by typing

.regress y x

just as if **x** were stored in the current frame.

- . use persons
- . frlink 1:m countyid, frame(counties)
- . fralias add urban, from(counties)
- . regress income age i.urban

TVCs WITH INTERVAL-CENSORED COX MODEI

In event-time data, interval-censoring occurs when the time to an event of interest, such as recurrence of cancer, is not directly observed, but is known to lie within an interval. The existing **stintcox** command fits semiparametric intervalcensored Cox proportional hazards models. In *Stata* 18, **stintcox** allows time-varying covariates.

stintcox now supports multiple-record-persubject interval-censored data, which include a record for each examination time for each subject. This format makes it easy to accommodate timevarying covariates; the data record the values of the covariates at each examination time. Multiplerecord-per-subject data also provide a convenient way to specify current status data.

stintcox also has new options **tvc(***varlist_t***)** and **texp(***exp***)** that provide a convenient way to include time-interacted covariates, which are formed by the interaction between covariates specified in **tvc()** and a deterministic function of time specified in **texp()**.

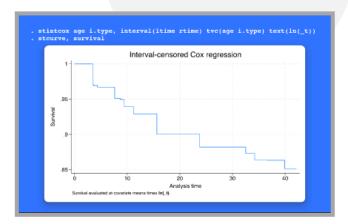
After fitting a model, the standard and special-interest postestimation features are available and appropriately account for the time-varying covariates. Users can use the new **estat gofplot** command to produce a goodness-of-fit plot. One can predict the relative hazard, and use **stcurve** to plot survivor and related functions. Researchers working with multiple record data can use the new **stcurve** option

atmeans to evaluate the function at timespecific means of the covariates or the new option

atframe(*framename*) to evaluate the function at values of variables specified in the *framename* frame.

Note: Genuine semiparametric modelling of interval-censored event-time data was not available until the methodological advances made in recent years, which are implemented in the **stintcox** command.

Methodology continues to advance with the extensions for incorporating time-varying covariates, which are now available in this command.



LASSO FOR COX MODEL

Lasso is used for prediction and model selection in the presence of many potential covariates. Where many means hundreds, thousands, or more!. The lasso command was previously introduced to perform lasso for linear, logit, probit, and Poisson models. New in *Stata* 18 is lasso for Cox proportional hazards models. lasso cox can be used to select covariates using lasso and fit a Cox model to survival-time data. elasticnet cox can similarly be used to select covariates using elastic net and fit a Cox model.

After lasso cox and elasticnet cox, researchers can use predict to predict the hazard ratio; use stcurve to plot the survivor, hazard, or cumulative hazard functions; or use any of the other postestimation tools available after lasso and elasticnet to examine the lasso results.

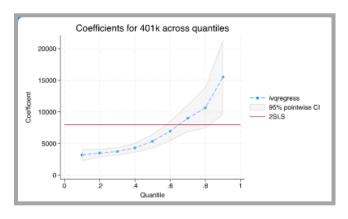




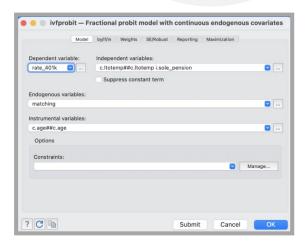
INSTRUMENTAL-VARIABLES QUANTILE REGRESSION

When researchers want to study the effects of covariates on different quantiles of the outcome, not just on the mean, they use quantile regression. For instance, they might be interested in modelling the grade distribution of students and how it is affected by changes in covariates. The existing greg command fits quantile regression models, but what if they suspect that one of their covariates is endogenous? This endogeneity might arise for reasons such as self-selection of study participants, omission of a relevant variable from the model, or measurement error. The new ivgregress command allows them to model quantiles of the outcome and, at the same time, control for problems that arise from endogeneity using IV.

After fitting an IV quantile regression model, one can plot the coefficients across quantiles with the estat coefplot command. Researchers can test for endogeneity using the estat endogeffects command and estimate dual confidence intervals that are robust to weak instruments using estat dualci.



IV FRACTIONAL PROBIT MODEL



Fractional outcomes are common. One might be modelling participation rates in a 401(k) pension plan, the pass rate on standardized tests, expenditure shares, or the like.

Fractional response models are a flexible and intuitive way to model outcomes that lie between 0 and 1.

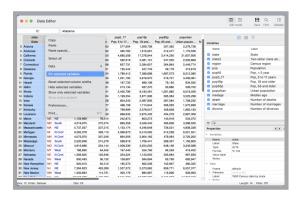
They do not have the problem of linear models that will yield predictions outside 0 and 1 or the problem of log-odds models that are undefined at 0 and 1. Fractional response models can be fit using the existing **fracreg** command.

What if researchers are concerned that one or more of their model covariates are endogenous? With the new ivfprobit command, they can fit a model for a fractional dependent variable and account for endogeneity in one or more of the covariates.



DATA EDITOR ENHANCEMENTS

The Data Editor has many enhancements in *Stata* 18:



Pinnable rows and columns. Pinned rows or columns do not scroll with the rest of the data so they will stay in view as you scroll through the data. This is useful for doing visual comparisons with some other data that might be visible only as you scroll. An ID variable would be a natural thing to pin.

Resizable cell editor for string data. When one edits string variables, the cell editor can be resized so that more of the string is visible while editing without it scrolling out of view of the cell editor.

Tooltips for truncated text. Any cell value that is too wide to fit within its cell's column width is truncated to fit. Hovering the mouse pointer over a cell with truncated text will display a tooltip with the cell's value without truncation.

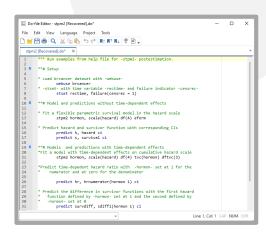
Proportional-width font support. The Data Editor now supports proportional-width fonts. This improves readability of the data and allows more variables to be displayed at a time without requiring scrolling. A monospaced font can still be used if preferred.

Show variable labels in column header. Variable labels can now be displayed in the column headers right below their variable names. This can be very useful for viewing datasets with short and nondescriptive variable names that have variable labels.

New keyboard shortcut for hiding or showing value labels. Quickly toggle between viewing numeric values and their corresponding labels.

DO-FILE EDITOR ENHANCEMENTS

The Do-file Editor also has enhancements in *Stata* 18:



Automatic backups. Documents that are open in the Do-file Editor are periodically saved to a backup file on disk. This includes new documents that have not been saved to disk yet. If one's computer were to lose power or crash before changes to the document were saved, the unsaved changes can still be recovered. To recover the unsaved changes, open the document in the Do-file Editor again. If a backup file is found in the same location as the document, users will be prompted to recover the backup file or open the document that was last saved to disk. Recovering the backup file will simply load it into the Do-file Editor; it will not overwrite the document that was saved to disk unless you choose to do so.

Syntax-highlight user-defined keywords. Stata's Do-file Editor now includes the ability to syntaxhighlight user-defined keywords. This will allow users to syntax-highlight favorite communitycontributed commands. Users simply create a keyword specially named definition containing a list of keywords, and Stata will syntaxhighlight those keywords using a settable color and font styles such as bold or italics. One can even create a global keyword definition file that can be shared with all users of the same computer. Each user can still create their own local keyword definition file, and the keywords from both the global file and the local file will be loaded into the Do-file Editor.

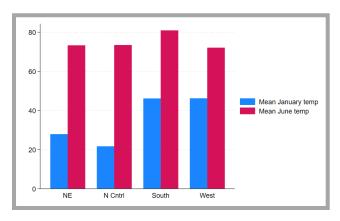


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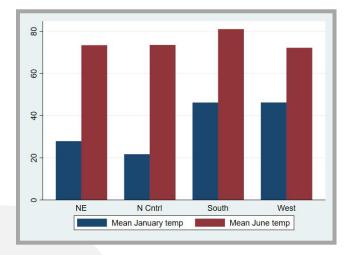
Graphs in Stata 18 have a new look.

- The new default graph scheme (or, the new appearance for *Stata* graphs) includes the following much-requested features:
- White background
- Updated color palette with bright colors
- Horizontal *y*-axis labels
- Wider aspect ratio
- Dynamic legend placement for certain graphs
- And more

As one example, a bar graph in with the new scheme now looks like this:



Instead of



In fact, four new graph schemes have been introduced: stcolor, stcolor_alt, stgcolor, and stgcolor_alt. The new default is stcolor and the other schemes are variations on stcolor that provide different widths and legend placements.

RELATIVE EXCESS RISK DUE TO INTERACTION (RERI)

Epidemiologists often need to determine how two exposures interact to put subjects at a higher risk of experiencing an outcome of interest. For example, one might want to investigate how exposures to cigarette smoke and asbestos interact to increase the risk of lung cancer. With the new **reri** command, users can measure two-way interactions in an additive model of relative risk, while accounting for other risk factors.

Researchers can choose from various supported models, such as logistic, binomial generalized linear, Poisson, negative binomial, Cox, parametric survival, interval-censored parametric survival, and interval-censored Cox models. They can evaluate an additive model for the interaction of smoke and asbestos by using three related statistics: RERI, attributable proportion, and synergy index.

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DATA MANAGEMENT

reshape is now faster—often 10 times, 100 times, or even more times faster. With reshape's New favor(speed) option, you can reshape your data from long form to wide form or from wide form to long form in a manner that is faster but may require more memory than when you use the default favor(memory) option.

Alternatively, you may type set reshape_favor speed to specify that the default method for reshaping favors speed.

GRAPHICS

Stata 18 introduced an all-new graph style with a new color palette, horizontal y-axis labels, legend on the right side of the graph, and more. These new features are available in the **st** family of schemes.

For those who prefer a monochrome graph, *Stata* now offers two additional schemes: **stmono1** and **stmono2**. These schemes follow the look of the labels, legends, and other features of the **st** schemes but with monochromatic markers and fill colors.

For those publishing articles in the Stata Journal, the new **stsj** scheme reflects the style of the **st** family with horizontal y-axis labels and a white background. This is now the official scheme for the Stata Journal.

graph twoway now allows you to specify aspect ratios based on common units in the x and y dimensions. Adding the aspectratio(1, units) option creates a graph where one unit in the x dimension and one unit in the y dimension each takes up the same distance on the plot. This is useful for plotting things such as latitude against longitude, which have common scaling of their units.

You can also specify arbitrary relative scales—typing **aspectratio**(100, units) specifies that each unit in the y dimension is 100 times the length of a unit in the x dimension.

You can now use OpenType fonts (.otf) in graphs when you use **graph export** to export your graph to SVG, PDF, PNG, JPEG, EMF, TIF, or GIF.

REPORTING

putdocx and putpdf can now create documents including up to 10,000 tables. You can specify the maximum number of tables allowed by using the new set docx_maxtable and set pdf_ maxtable commands.

When creating tables with **collect**, you can now more easily hide the title of a factor variable when you are using the table style that stacks row header elements in one column.

Tables produced by **collect** now automate appropriate labeling of *t* and *z* statistics in more situations. For instance, when you create a table of linear regression results from the **regress** command, the test statistics are labeled as "z". However, when you request bootstrap standard errors, the statistics are now automatically labeled as "t".

You can now use OpenType fonts (.otf) when creating PDF documents with **putpdf**.

You can now use OpenType fonts when you use **collect export**, **dtable**, or **etable** to export a table to PDF.

You now have more control over formats in tables created by **dtable** and **table**. With the new **basestyle** suboption within the **nformat()** option, you can change the format for results that do not already have one without overriding the format for all results.

INTERFACE

The Do-file Editor now extends syntax highlighting of comments to lines joined by ///.

