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## Sampling in SAS<sup>®</sup> using PROC SURVEYSELECT

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## Simple Random Sampling

- Each observation the same probability of being selected.
- Observations can only be selected once.

## Code

- SRS stands for simple random sample
- n refers to the sample size
- Seed is used to replicate the sample

```
Proc SurveySelect
  data = Example
  method = srs
  n = 15
  out = Example_SRS
  seed = 50460
;
Run;
```

## Results

Selection Method	Simple Random Sampling
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Input Data Set	EXAMPLE
Random Number Seed	50460
Sample Size	15
Selection Probability	0.3
Sampling Weight	3.333333
Output Data Set	EXAMPLE_SRS

Obs	IDNo	Year	FinalGrade	Class
1	986	Freshman	20	1
2	180	Junior	57	2
3	949	Junior	54	2
4	401	Junior	64	3
5	907	Senior	35	2
6	327	Senior	85	3
7	868	Senior	60	1
8	540	Senior	61	3
9	674	Senior	45	2
10	724	Senior	70	1

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## Unrestricted Random Sampling

- Simple random sampling with replacement
- Observations can be selected multiple times

## Code

- URS stands for unrestricted random sample
- Outhits creates the column Numberhits
- Numberhits is how frequent the observation occurs

```
Proc SurveySelect
  data = Example
  method = urs
  n = 15
  out =
  Example_SRS_replacement
  seed = 50460
  outhits
;
Run;
```

## Results

Selection Method	Unrestricted Random Sampling
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Input Data Set	EXAMPLE
Random Number Seed	50460
Sample Size	15
Expected Number of Hits	0.3
Sampling Weight	3.333333
Output Data Set	EXAMPLE_SRS_REPLACEMENT

Obs	IDNo	Year	FinalGrade	Class	NumberHits
1	986	Freshman	20	1	1
2	464	Junior	52	1	1
3	907	Senior	35	2	3
4	907	Senior	35	2	3
5	907	Senior	35	2	3
6	041	Senior	84	2	1
7	462	Senior	36	1	1
8	724	Senior	70	1	1
9	970	Senior	73	2	1
10	818	Sophomore	74	1	1
11	190	Sophomore	75	2	1
12	641	Sophomore	67	3	1
13	060	Sophomore	68	1	2

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## Stratified Random Sampling

- Sampling within subgroups or stratum
- Random sampling without replacement of the subgroups

## Code

- Similar code to simple random
- New option STRATA that specifies how to the data should be separated

```
Proc SurveySelect
  data = Example
  method = srs
  n = 3
  out =
Example_Stratification_good
  seed = 62493
;
  strata Year;
Run;
```

## Results

Selection Method	Simple Random Sampling
Strata Variable	Year

Input Data Set	EXAMPLE
Random Number Seed	62493
Stratum Sample Size	3
Number of Strata	4
Total Sample Size	12
Output Data Set	EXAMPLE_STRATIFICATION_GOOD

Obs	Year	IDNo	FinalGrade	Class	SelectionProb	SamplingWeight
1	Freshman	646	50	1	0.60000	1.66667
2	Freshman	516	56	2	0.60000	1.66667
3	Freshman	094	61	3	0.60000	1.66667
4	Junior	949	54	2	0.27273	3.66667
5	Junior	815	87	3	0.27273	3.66667
6	Junior	849	88	3	0.27273	3.66667
7	Senior	868	60	1	0.12000	8.33333
8	Senior	674	45	2	0.12000	8.33333
9	Senior	075	86	2	0.12000	8.33333
10	Sophomore	841	98	2	0.33333	3.00000
11	Sophomore	013	72	3	0.33333	3.00000
12	Sophomore	641	67	3	0.33333	3.00000



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## Cluster Sampling

- Division of data into mutually exclusive groups
- Data is usually related in a certain manner (e.g. geography)
- Used for convenience and monetary benefits

## Code

- Again the code looks similar to simple random
- SAMPLINGUNIT is how define the variable that the data was clustered by

```
Proc SurveySelect
  data = Example2
  method = srs
  sampsize = 5
  out = Example_Clustering
  seed = 7162010
;
  samplingunit IDNo
;
Run;
```

## Results

Selection Method	Simple Random Sampling
Sampling Unit Variable	IDNo

Input Data Set	EXAMPLE2
Random Number Seed	7162010
Sample Size	5
Selection Probability	0.1
Sampling Weight	10
Output Data Set	EXAMPLE_CLUSTERING

Obs	IDNo	Year	PriceBook1	PriceBook2	PriceBook3	PriceBook4
1	401	Junior	64	45	150	40
2	462	Senior	36	297	48	150
3	630	Senior	64	112	212	70
4	641	Sophomore	67	50	80	95
5	815	Junior	87	75	57	174

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## Systematic Random Sampling

- Selection of every k<sup>th</sup> observation
- Formula:

$$K = \frac{N}{n}$$
$$Kth = \frac{\text{Total \# in the Population}}{\text{\# of Observation in the Sample}}$$

## Code

- Note the change in METHOD
- SYS stands for systematic random sampling

```
Proc SurveySelect
  data = Example3
  method = sys
  n = 15
  out =
Example_Systematic
  seed = 31636
;
Run;
```

## Results

Selection Method	Systematic Random Sampling
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Input Data Set	EXAMPLE3
Random Number Seed	31636
Sample Size	15
Selection Probability	0.3
Sampling Weight	3.333333
Output Data Set	EXAMPLE_SYSTEMATIC

Obs	Name	NoSib
1	Michael	4
2	Eric	6
3	Kathy	4
4	Tracy	3
5	Daniel	4
6	Meaghan	5
7	Nicole	2
8	Lyn	3
9	Franklin	3
10	Marilyn	1
11	Samuel	3
12	Spencer	2
13	Reed	0

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## Sequential Random Sampling

- Takes population size of strata into account
- Sequential vs. Stratified in SAS: Sequential calculates the appropriate sizes of the stratum on its own, Stratified does not

## Code

- Note the change in the METHOD
- SEQ stands for sequential random sampling
- Addition of SORT, CONTROL, and STRATA options

```
Proc SurveySelect
  data = Example3
  method = seq
  n = 1
  out = Example_Sequential
  seed = 31636
  sort = nest
;
  control Name;
  strata NoSib;
Run;
```

## Results

Selection Method	Sequential Random Sampling
	With Equal Probability
Strata Variable	NoSib
Control Variable	Name

Input Data Set	EXAMPLE3
Random Number Seed	31636
Stratum Sample Size	1
Number of Strata	8
Total Sample Size	8
Output Data Set	EXAMPLE_SEQUENTIAL

Obs	NoSib	Name	SelectionProb	SamplingWeight
1	0	Kristen	0.16667	6
2	1	Marilyn	0.12500	8
3	2	Grant	0.07692	13
4	3	Tracy	0.10000	10
5	4	Richard	0.20000	5
6	5	Dennis	0.25000	4
7	6	Carlton	0.33333	3
8	7	John	1.00000	1



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## Conclusion

- PROC SURVEYSELECT helps apply useful sampling techniques
- PROC SURVEY SELECT has many more options than what were described in this presentation

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