

Analyzing MEPS Data with Stata

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Learning Objectives



- Download MEPS data and read it into Stata
- Make national estimates using full year consolidated files and the "svy" commands
- Make national estimates for small subpopulations by pooling (appending) MEPS full-year files
- Make national estimates of Rx utilization and expenditures on specific drugs by linking (merging) MEPS full-year files and prescription drug files
- Estimate regression models using "svy" commands

Let's Get Set Up



- Create a place for data, programs and log files on your local drive. Example programs use "C:\MEPS"
- Download example programs to new directory
- Start Stata
- Use alt-tab to switch between my screen and your Stata session