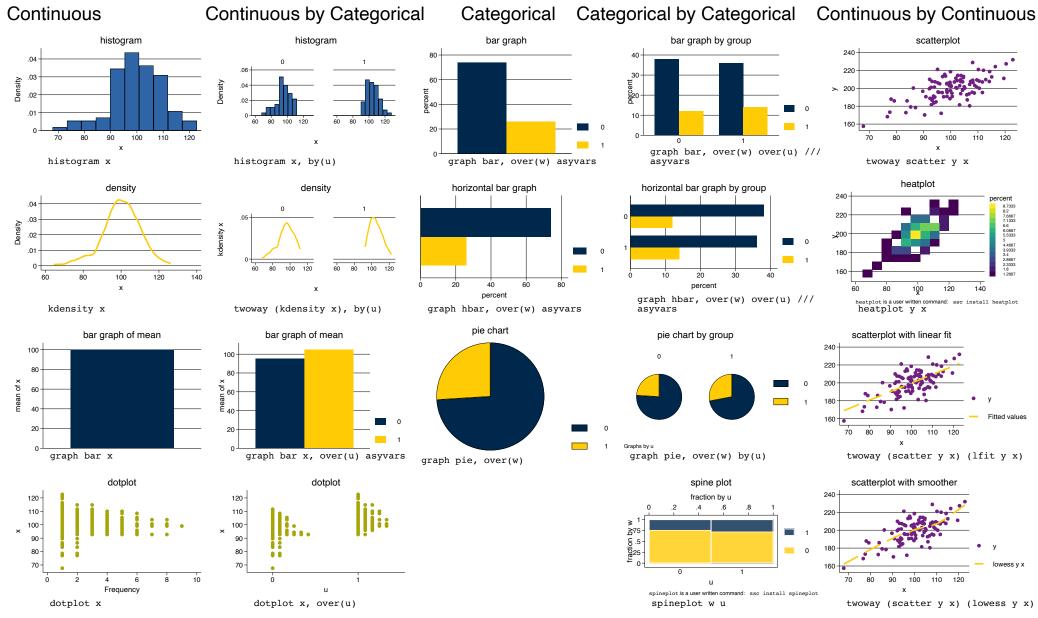
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Stata is usually very intuitive. The general idea of most Stata commands is command variable(s), options.

Often it is not necessary to use any options since the authors of Stata have done such a good job of thinking about the defaults. Stata commands are in monospaced font.

I try to present the simplest version of a command, but this handout occasionally makes use of options like fcolor(), mcolor() and lcolor() to tweak the colors.

I use the michigan graph scheme, linked to below. set scheme slcolor would also work well. In the newest version of Stata, try the new default scheme slcolor. Option asyvars is not strictly necessary, but means that bar graphs will have bars of different colors.

/// represents a line break. On the command line, do not use /// and type the command on a single line.