

Multilevel Models, Equations, Syntax & English

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Table 1: Table continues below

model	equation	Stata
Intercept Only	$y = \beta_0 + e_{ij}$	<code>mixed y</code>
Intercept Independent Variable(s)	$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + e_{ij}$ $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 z + e_{ij}$	<code>mixed y x mixed y x z</code>
Intercept Random variation of the intercept	$y = \beta_0 + e_{ij} + u_{0j}$	<code>mixed y groupid:</code>
Unconditional intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC)	$\frac{\text{var}(u_{0j})}{\text{var}(u_{0j}) + \text{var}(e_{ij})}$	<code>mixed y groupid: estat icc</code>
Intercept Independent variable(s) Random variation of the intercept	$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + e_{ij} + u_{0j}$ $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 z + e_{ij} + u_{0j}$	<code>mixed y x groupid: mixed y x z groupid:</code>
Intercept Independent variable Random intercept Random slope	$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + e_{ij} + u_{0j} + u_{1j}x$	<code>mixed y x groupid: x</code>

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We can estimate multilevel models with more than 1 random slope.	$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 z + e_{ij} + u_{0j} + u_{1j}x + u_{2j}z$	<code>mixed y x z groupid: x z</code>

English
We estimated the mean of [outcome]
We estimated the relationship of [independent variable(s)] with [outcome]
We estimated the mean of [outcome]. We allowed the intercept of the model to vary by [groupid].
XX% of the variation in [outcome] was explained by clustering of participants in [groupid]
We estimated the relationship of [independent variable(s)] with [outcome]. We allowed the intercept of the model to vary by group.

English

We estimated the relationship of [independent variable] with [outcome]. We allowed the intercept of the model to vary by group. We also allowed the relationship of [independent variable] with [outcome] to vary by group.
