Installing the iesummarystats family of ado files in STATA

A STATA ado file is a text file that groups together a series of STATA commands into one new command. When you invoke the new command in STATA, STATA will run all of the commands that are in the ado file.

STATA comes with many standard ado files. You can also write your own ado files if you often use the same sequence of commands, and you can download other people's ado files from the internet.

The IE toolkit provides two ado files that allow you to easily create tables that compare the balance between treatment and comparison groups in an impact evaluation.

How to install the ado files

When you install STATA on your computer, STATA will ask you where you would like to create your personal ado folder. This is the folder where STATA will look for your "personal" (i.e. non-standard) ado files when you invoke them in STATA. For example, the folder could be

C:\ado\personal

Copy the 4 files provided in the toolkit (iesummarystats.ado, iesummarystats.hlp, svyiesummarystats.ado, svyiesummarystats.hlp) to that directory on your computer.

Open STATA

In the command line, type

- ➢ help iesummarystats
- ➢ help svyiesummarystats

to view the help files.

To invoke the commands themselves, just type the commands with the respective information, as explained in the help files.

Good luck!

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