

# Applied (Financial) Econometrics

## Lecture on Panel data

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Stock and Watson Chapter 10

# OLS: The Least Squares Assumptions

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + u_i$$

**Assumption 1:** conditional mean zero assumption:  $E[u_i|X_i] = 0$

**Assumption 2:**  $(X_i, Y_i)$  are i.i.d. draws from joint distribution

**Assumption 3:** Large outliers are unlikely

- Under these three assumption the OLS estimators are unbiased, consistent and normally distributed in large samples.
- Omitted variables that satisfy the following properties cause a violation of assumption 1
  - Omitted variable is a determinant of the outcome  $Y_i$
  - Omitted variable is correlated with regressor of interest  $X_i$
- In this lecture we discuss a method we can use in case of omitted variables

# Omitted variables

- Multiple regression model was introduced to mitigate omitted variables problem of simple regression

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X1_i + \beta_2 X2_i + \beta_3 X3_i + \dots + \beta_k Xk_i + u_i$$

- Even with multiple regression there is threat of omitted variables:
  - some factors are difficult to measure
  - sometimes we are simply ignorant about relevant factors
- Multiple regression based on panel data may mitigate detrimental effect of omitted variables *without actually observing them*.

# Panel data

## Cross-sectional data:

A sample of individuals observed in 1 time period



**Panel data:** same sample of individuals observed in multiple time periods



## Panel data; notation

- Panel data consist of observations on  $n$  entities (cross-sectional units) and  $T$  time periods
- Particular observation denoted with two subscripts ( $i$  and  $t$ )

$$Y_{it} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{it} + u_{it}$$

- $Y_{it}$  outcome variable for individual  $i$  in year  $t$
- For **balanced panel** this results in  $nT$  observations

## Advantages of panel data

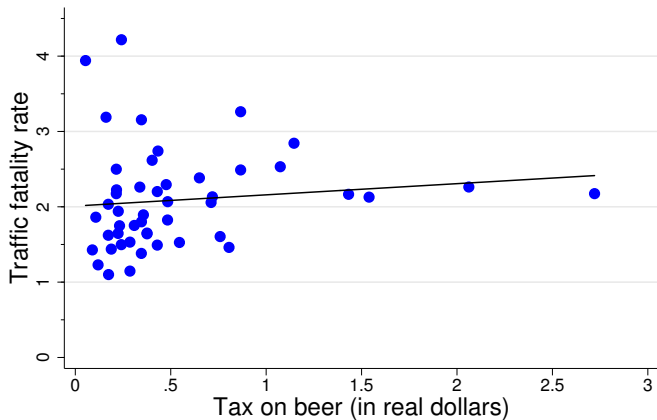
- More control over omitted variables.
- More observations.
- Many research questions typically involve a time component.

# The effect of alcohol taxes on traffic deaths

- About 40,000 traffic fatalities each year in the U.S.
- Approximately 25% of fatal crashes involve driver who drank alcohol.
- Government wants to reduce traffic fatalities.
- One potential policy: increase the tax on alcoholic beverages.
- We have data on traffic fatality rate and tax on beer for 48 U.S. states in 1982 and 1988.
- What is the effect of increasing the tax on beer on the traffic fatality rate?

# Data from 1982

Traffic deaths and alcohol taxes in 1982

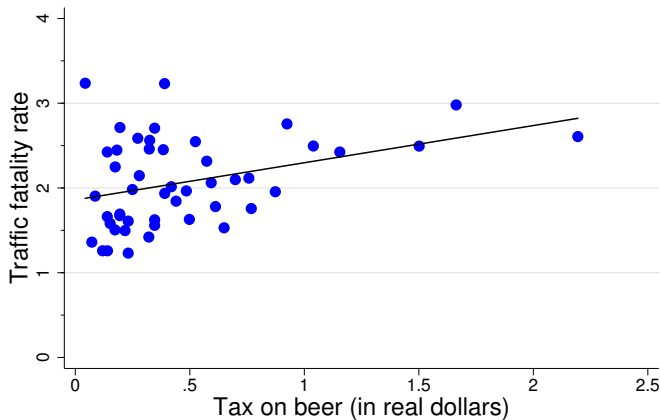


$$\widehat{FatalityRate}_{i,1982} = \frac{2.01}{(0.14)} + \frac{0.15}{(0.18)} BeerTax_{i,1982}$$



# Data from 1988

Traffic deaths and alcohol taxes in 1988



$$\widehat{FatalityRate}_{i,1988} = \frac{1.86}{(0.11)} + \frac{0.44}{(0.16)} BeerTax_{i,1988}$$

## Panel data: before-after analysis

- Both regression using data from 1982 & 1988 likely suffer from omitted variable bias
- We can use data from 1982 and 1988 together as panel data
- Panel data with  $T = 2$
- Observed are  $Y_{i1}$ ,  $Y_{i2}$  and  $X_{i1}$ ,  $X_{i2}$
- Suppose model is

$$Y_{it} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{it} + \beta_2 Z_i + u_{it}$$

and we assume  $E(u_{it} | X_{i1}, X_{i2}, Z_i) = 0$

- $Z_i$  are (unobserved) variables that vary between states but not over time
  - (such as local cultural attitude towards drinking and driving)
- Parameter of interest is  $\beta_1$

# Panel data

browse state year fatalityrate beertax

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state[1]

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	state	year	fatalityrate	beertax
1	AL	1982	2.12836	1.539379
2	AL	1988	2.49391	1.501444
3	AZ	1982	2.49914	.2147971
4	AZ	1988	2.70565	.346487
5	AR	1982	2.38405	.650358
6	AR	1988	2.54697	.5245429
7	CA	1982	1.86194	.1073986
8	CA	1988	1.90365	.0866218
9	CO	1982	2.17448	.2147971
10	CO	1988	1.5056	.1732435
11	CT	1982	1.64695	.2243437
12	CT	1988	1.49706	.2172185

## Panel data: before

- Consider cross-sectional regression for first period ( $t = 1$ ):

$$Y_{i1} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{i1} + \beta_2 Z_i + u_{i1} \quad E[u_i | X_{i1}, Z_i] = 0$$

- $Z_i$  observed: multiple regression of  $Y_{i1}$  on constant,  $X_{i1}$  and  $Z_i$  leads to unbiased and consistent estimator of  $\beta_1$
- $Z_i$  not observed: regression of  $Y_{i1}$  on constant and  $X_{i1}$  only results in unbiased estimator of  $\beta_1$  when  $\text{Cov}(X_{i1}, Z_i) = 0$
- What can we do if we don't observe  $Z_i$ ?

## Panel data: after

- We also observe  $Y_{i2}$  and  $X_{i2}$ , hence model for second period is:

$$Y_{i2} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{i2} + \beta_2 Z_i + u_{i2}$$

- Similar to argument before cross-sectional analysis for period 2 might fail
- Problem is again the unobserved heterogeneity embodied in  $Z_i$

## Before-after analysis (first differences)

- We have

$$Y_{i1} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{i1} + \beta_2 Z_i + u_{i1}$$

and

$$Y_{i2} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{i2} + \beta_2 Z_i + u_{i2}$$

- Subtracting period 1 from period 2 gives

$$Y_{i2} - Y_{i1} = (\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{i2} + \beta_2 Z_i + u_{i2}) - (\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{i1} + \beta_2 Z_i + u_{i1})$$

- Applying OLS to:

$$Y_{i2} - Y_{i1} = \beta_1 (X_{i2} - X_{i1}) + (u_{i2} - u_{i1})$$

will produce an unbiased and consistent estimator of  $\beta_1$

- Advantage of this regression is that we do not need data on  $Z$
- By analyzing changes in dependent variable we automatically control for time-invariant unobserved factors

# Data from 1982 and 1988



$$\widehat{Fatality_{i,1988} - Fatality_{i,1982}} = -0.07 - 1.04 (BeerTax_{i,1988} - BeerTax_{i,1982})$$

(0.06)                      (0.42)

# Panel data with more than 2 time periods

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state[1]

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	state	year	fatalityrate	beertax
1	AL	1982	2.12836	1.539379
2	AL	1983	2.34848	1.788991
3	AL	1984	2.33643	1.714286
4	AL	1985	2.19348	1.652542
5	AL	1986	2.66914	1.609907
6	AL	1987	2.71859	1.56
7	AL	1988	2.49391	1.501444
8	AZ	1982	2.49914	.2147971
9	AZ	1983	2.26738	.206422
10	AZ	1984	2.82878	.2967033
11	AZ	1985	2.80201	.3813559
12	AZ	1986	3.07106	.371517
13	AZ	1987	2.76728	.36
14	AZ	1988	2.70565	.346487



## Panel data with more than 2 time periods

- Panel data with  $T \geq 2$

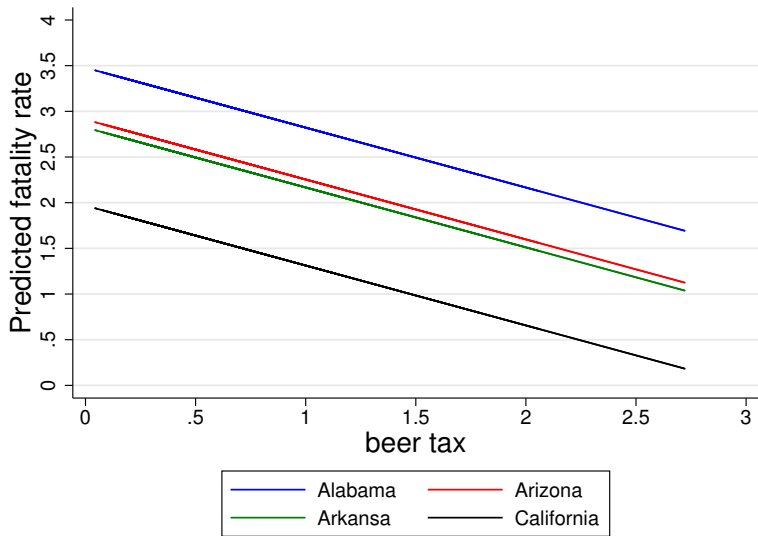
$$Y_{it} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{it} + \beta_2 Z_i + u_{it}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n; \quad t = 1, \dots, T$$

- $Y_{it}$  is dependent variable;  $X_{it}$  is explanatory variable;  $Z_i$  are state specific, time invariant variables
- Equation can be interpreted as model with  $n$  specific intercepts (one for each state)

$$Y_{it} = \beta_1 X_{it} + \alpha_i + u_{it}, \quad \text{with} \quad \alpha_i = \beta_0 + \beta_2 Z_i$$

- $\alpha_i, i = 1, \dots, n$  are called entity fixed effects
- $\alpha_i$  models impact of omitted time-invariant variables on  $Y_{it}$

# State specific intercepts



# Fixed effects regression model

Least squares with dummy variables

*Having data on  $Y_{it}$  and  $X_{it}$  how to determine  $\beta_1$ ?*

- Population regression model:  $Y_{it} = \beta_1 X_{it} + \alpha_i + u_{it}$
- In order to estimate the model we have to quantify  $\alpha_i$
- Solution: create  $n$  dummy variables  $D1_i, \dots, Dn_i$ 
  - with  $D1_i = 1$  if  $i = 1$  and 0 otherwise,
  - with  $D2_i = 1$  if  $i = 2$  and 0 otherwise,....
- Population regression model can be written as:

$$Y_{it} = \beta_1 X_{it} + \alpha_1 D1_i + \alpha_2 D2_i + \dots + \alpha_n Dn_i + u_{it}$$

# Fixed effects regression model

Least squares with dummy variables

- Alternatively, population regression model can be written as:

$$Y_{it} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{it} + \gamma_2 D2_i + \dots + \gamma_n Dn_i + u_{it}$$

with  $\beta_0 = \alpha_1$  and  $\gamma_i = \alpha_i - \beta_0$  for  $i > 1$

- Interpretation of  $\beta_1$  identical for both representations
- Ordinary Least Squares (OLS): choose  $\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1, \hat{\gamma}_2, \dots, \hat{\gamma}_n$  to minimize squared prediction mistakes (*SSR*):

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T \left( Y_{it} - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 X_{it} - \hat{\gamma}_2 D2_i - \dots - \hat{\gamma}_n Dn_i \right)^2$$

- SSR* is function of  $\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1, \hat{\gamma}_2, \dots, \hat{\gamma}_n$

# Fixed effect regression model

Least squares with dummy variables

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{t=1}^T \left( Y_{it} - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 X_{it} - \hat{\gamma}_2 D_{2i} - \dots - \hat{\gamma}_n D_{ni} \right)^2$$

OLS procedure:

- Take partial derivatives of  $SSR$  w.r.t.  $\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1, \hat{\gamma}_2, \dots, \hat{\gamma}_n$
- Equal partial derivatives to zero resulting in  $n + 1$  equations with  $n + 1$  unknown coefficients
- Solutions are the OLS estimators  $\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1, \hat{\gamma}_2, \dots, \hat{\gamma}_n$

# Fixed effect regression model

## Least squares with dummy variables

- Analytical formulas require matrix algebra
- Algebraic properties OLS estimators (normal equations, linearity) same as for simple regression model
- Extension to multiple  $X$ 's straightforward:  $n + k$  normal equations
- OLS procedure is also labeled Least Squares Dummy Variables (LSDV) method
- Dummy variable trap: Never include all  $n$  dummy variables and the constant term!

# Fixed effect regression model

## Within estimation

- Typically  $n$  is large in panel data applications
- With large  $n$  computer will face numerical problem when solving system of  $n + 1$  equations
- OLS estimator can be calculated in two steps
- First step: demean  $Y_{it}$  and  $X_{it}$
- Second step: use OLS on demeaned variables

# Fixed effect regression model

## Within estimation

- We have

$$Y_{it} = \beta_1 X_{it} + \alpha_i + u_{it}$$

$$\bar{Y}_i = \beta_1 \bar{X}_i + \alpha_i + \bar{u}_i$$

- $\bar{Y}_i = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T Y_{it}$ , etc. is entity mean
- Subtracting both expressions leads to

$$Y_{it} - \bar{Y}_i = (\beta_1 X_{it} + \alpha_i + u_{it}) - (\beta_1 \bar{X}_i + \alpha_i + \bar{u}_i)$$

$$\tilde{Y}_{it} = \beta_1 \tilde{X}_{it} + \tilde{u}_{it}$$

- $\tilde{Y}_{it} = Y_{it} - \bar{Y}_i$ , etc. is entity demeaned variable
- $\alpha_i$  has disappeared; OLS on demeaned variables involves solving one normal equation only!



# Fixed effect regression model

## Within estimation

```
bys state: egen meanfatality=mean(fatality)
gen Dmeanfatality=fatality-meanfatality
bys state: egen meanbeertax=mean(beertax)
gen Dmeanbeertax=beertax-meanbeertax
```

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state[1]		1						
	state	year	fatalityrate	meanfatality	Dmeanfatal~y	beertax	meanbeertax	Dmeanbeertax
1	AL	1982	2.12836	2.4126272	-.28426712	1.539379	1.6237927	-.0844132
2	AL	1983	2.34848	2.4126272	-.06414717	1.788991	1.6237927	.16519805
3	AL	1984	2.33643	2.4126272	-.07619708	1.714286	1.6237927	.09049293
4	AL	1985	2.19348	2.4126272	-.21914714	1.652542	1.6237927	.02874967
5	AL	1986	2.66914	2.4126272	.25651271	1.609907	1.6237927	-.01388565
6	AL	1987	2.71859	2.4126272	.30596287	1.56	1.6237927	-.06379274
7	AL	1988	2.49391	2.4126272	.08128292	1.501444	1.6237927	-.12234906
8	AZ	1982	2.49914	2.7059	-.20676	.2147971	.31104035	-.09624322
9	AZ	1983	2.26738	2.7059	-.43852002	.206422	.31104035	-.10461832
10	AZ	1984	2.82878	2.7059	.12287991	.2967033	.31104035	-.01433705
11	AZ	1985	2.80201	2.7059	.09611004	.3813559	.31104035	.07031559
12	AZ	1986	3.07106	2.7059	.36515992	.371517	.31104035	.06047668
13	AZ	1987	2.76728	2.7059	.06138008	.36	.31104035	.04895966
14	AZ	1988	2.70565	2.7059	-.00024993	.346487	.31104035	.03544666

# Fixed effect regression model

## Within estimation

- Entity demeaning is often called the Within transformation
- Within transformation is generalization of "before-after" analysis to more than  $T = 2$  periods
- Before-after:  $Y_{i2} - Y_{i1} = \beta_1(X_{i2} - X_{i1}) + (u_{i2} - u_{i1})$
- Within:  $Y_{it} - \bar{Y}_i = \beta_1(X_{it} - \bar{X}_i) + (u_{it} - \bar{u}_i)$
- LSDV and Within estimators are identical:

$$\widehat{FatalityRate}_{it} = -0.66 \text{ } BeerTax_{it} + \text{State dummies} \\ (0.19)$$

$$(\widehat{FatalityRate}_{it} - \overline{FatalityRate}) = -0.66 \text{ } (BeerTax_{it} - \overline{BeerTax}) \\ (0.19)$$

# Fixed effects regression model

## time fixed effects

- In addition to entity effects we can also include time effects in the model
- Time effects control for omitted variables that are common to all entities but vary over time
- Typical example of time effects: macroeconomic conditions or federal policy measures are common to all entities (e.g. states) but vary over time
- Panel data model with entity and time effects:

$$Y_{it} = \beta_1 X_{it} + \alpha_i + \lambda_t + u_{it}$$

# Fixed effects regression model

## time fixed effects

- OLS estimation straightforward extension of LSDV/Within estimators of model with only entity fixed effects
- LSDV: create  $T$  dummy variables  $B1_t, \dots, BT_t$

$$Y_{it} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{it} + \gamma_2 D2_i + \dots + \gamma_n Dn_i \\ + \delta_2 B2_t + \delta_3 B3_t + \dots + \delta_T BT_t + u_{it}$$

- Within estimation: Deviating  $Y_{it}$  and  $X_{it}$  from their entity *and* time-period means
- The effect of the tax on beer on the traffic fatality rate:

$$\widehat{FatalityRate}_{it} = -0.64 \text{ } BeerTax_{it} + \text{State dummies} + \text{Time dummies} \\ (0.20)$$

# Fixed effects regression model

## statistical properties OLS

$$Y_{it} = \beta_1 X_{it} + \alpha_i + \lambda_t + u_{it}$$

statistical assumptions are:

ASS #1:  $E(u_{it} | X_{i1}, \dots, X_{iT}, \alpha_i, \lambda_t) = 0$

ASS #2:  $(X_{i1}, \dots, X_{iT}, Y_{i1}, \dots, Y_{iT})$  are i.i.d. over the cross-section

ASS #3: large outliers are unlikely

ASS #4: no perfect multicollinearity

ASS #5:  $cov(u_{it}, u_{is} | X_{i1}, \dots, X_{iT}, \alpha_i, \lambda_t) = 0$  for  $t \neq s$

# Fixed effects regression model

## statistical properties OLS

ASS #1 to ASS #4 imply that:

- OLS estimator  $\hat{\beta}_1$  is *unbiased* and *consistent* estimator of  $\beta_1$
- OLS estimators approximately have a normal distribution

*remarks:*

- ASS #1 is most important
- extension to multiple X's straightforward

$$Y_{it} = \beta_1 X1_{it} + \beta_2 X2_{it} + \dots + \beta_k Xk_{it} + \alpha_i + \lambda_t + u_{it}$$

- additional assumption ASS #5 implies that error terms are uncorrelated over time (no autocorrelation)

# Fixed effects regression model

## Clustered standard errors

- Violation of assumption #5: error terms are correlated over time:  
( $Cov(u_{it}, u_{is}) \neq 0$ )
- $u_{it}$  contains time-varying factors that affect the traffic fatality rate (but that are uncorrelated with the beer tax)
- These omitted factors might for a given entity be correlated over time
- Examples: downturn in local economy, road improvement project
- Not correcting for autocorrelation leads to standard errors which are often too low

# Fixed effects regression model

## Clustered standard errors

- Solution: compute HAC-standard errors (clustered se's)
  - robust to arbitrary correlation within clusters (entities)
  - robust to heteroskedasticity
  - assume no correlation across entities
- Clustered standard errors valid whether or not there is heteroskedasticity and/or autocorrelation
- Use of clustered standard errors problematic when number of entities is below 50 (or 42)
- In stata: **command, cluster(entity)**



# The effect of a tax on beer on traffic fatalities

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Dependent variable: traffic fatality rate (number of deaths per 10 000)					
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Beer tax	0.36*** (0.06)	-0.66*** (0.19)	-0.64*** (0.20)	-0.59*** (0.18)	-0.59* (0.33)
State fixed effects	-	yes	yes	yes	yes
Time fixed effects	-	-	yes	yes	yes
Additional control variables	-	-	-	yes	yes
Clustered standard errors	-	-	-	-	yes
N	336	336	336	336	336

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*Note:* \* significant at 10% level, \*\* significant at 5% level, \*\*\* significant at 1% level. Control variables: Unemployment rate, per capita income, minimum legal drinking age.

## Panel data: an example

### returns to schooling

$$Y_{it} = \beta_1 X_{it} + \alpha_i + u_{it}$$

- $Y_{it}$  is logarithm of individual earnings;  $X_{it}$  is years of completed education
- $\alpha_i$  unobserved ability
- Likely to be cross-sectional correlation between  $X_{it}$  and  $\alpha_i$ , hence standard cross-sectional analysis with OLS fails
- However, in this case panel data does not solve the problem because  $X_{it}$  typically lacks time series variation ( $X_{it} = X_i$ )
- We have to resort to cross-sectional methods (instrumental variables) to identify returns to schooling

## Panel data: Cigarette taxes and smoking

- Is there an effect of cigarette taxes on smoking behavior?

$$Y_{it} = \beta_1 X_{it} + \alpha_i + u_{it}$$

- $Y_{it}$  number of packages per capita in state  $i$  in year  $t$ ,  $X_{it}$  is real tax on cigarettes in state  $i$  in year  $t$
- $\alpha_i$  is a state specific effect which includes state characteristics which are constant over time
- Data for 48 U.S. states in 2 time periods: 1985 and 1995

# Panel data: Cigarette taxes and smoking

$\text{Lpackpc}$  = log number of packages per capita in state  $i$  in year  $t$

$\text{rtax}$  = real avr cigarette specific tax during fiscal year in state  $i$

$\text{Lperinc}$  = log per capita real income

```
. regress lpackpc rtax lperinc, robust
```

Linear regression	Number of obs	=	96
	F(2, 93)	=	26.84
	Prob > F	=	0.0000
	R-squared	=	0.3137
	Root MSE	=	.20401

lpackpc	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
rtax	-.0156393	.0025676	-6.09	0.000	-.020738	-.0105405
lperinc	-.0139094	.1509266	-0.09	0.927	-.3136198	.2858009
_cons	5.206615	.3593867	14.49	0.000	4.492944	5.920285

# Panel data: Cigarette taxes and smoking

```
diff_lpackpc = lpackpc1995 - lpackpc1985
diff_rtax    = rtax1995 - rtax1985
diff_lperinc = lperinc1995 - lperinc1985
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```
. regress diff_lpackpc diff_rtax diff_lperinc, noconstant robust
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Linear regression               Number of obs   =           48
                               F(2, 46)         =        149.39
                               Prob > F          =        0.0000
                               R-squared         =        0.8636
                               Root MSE      =        .10699
```

	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
diff_lpackpc						
diff_rtax	-.0169369	.0028016	-6.05	0.000	-.0225762	-.0112975
diff_lperinc	-1.011625	.1343813	-7.53	0.000	-1.282121	-.74113

# Panel data: Cigarette taxes and smoking

Least squares with dummy variables (no intercept)

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. qui tab state, gen(STATE)
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. regress lpackpc rtax lperinc STATE*, noconstant robust
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Linear regression

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Number of obs   =      96
F(50, 46)       >    99999.00
Prob > F        =      0.0000
R-squared       =      0.9999
Root MSE       =      .07565
```

lpackpc	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
rtax	-.0169369	.0028016	-6.05	0.000	-.0225762	-.0112975
lperinc	-1.011625	.1343813	-7.53	0.000	-1.282121	-.74113
STATE1	7.66369	.2826764	27.11	0.000	7.094692	8.232688
STATE2	7.83445	.2677568	29.26	0.000	7.295483	8.373416
STATE3	7.678434	.2894531	26.53	0.000	7.095795	8.261073
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STATE42	7.045478	.2827088	24.92	0.000	6.476415	7.614541
STATE43	7.816717	.3381646	23.12	0.000	7.136027	8.497408
STATE44	7.992471	.2945996	27.13	0.000	7.399473	8.585469
STATE45	7.84436	.2894223	27.10	0.000	7.261783	8.426937
STATE46	7.926662	.2882333	27.50	0.000	7.346478	8.506845
STATE47	7.644742	.2774148	27.56	0.000	7.086335	8.20315
STATE48	7.825945	.3116665	25.11	0.000	7.198592	8.453297

# Panel data: Cigarette taxes and smoking

Least squares with dummy variables (with intercept)

```
. regress lpackpc rtax lperinc STATE*, robust
note: STATE43 omitted because of collinearity
```

Linear regression	Number of obs	=	96
	F(49, 46)	=	391.27
	Prob > F	=	0.0000
	R-squared	=	0.9533
	Root MSE	=	0.07565

lpackpc	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
rtax	-.0169369	.0028016	-6.05	0.000	-.0225762	-.0112975
lperinc	-1.011625	.1343813	-7.53	0.000	-1.282121	-.74113
STATE1	-.1530274	.0834036	-1.83	0.073	-.3209102	.0148554
STATE2	.0177322	.1031251	0.17	0.864	-.189848	.2253123
STATE3	-.1382833	.0970212	-1.43	0.161	-.3335768	.0570103
STATE42	-.7712392	.0961022	-8.03	0.000	-.964683	-.5777955
STATE43	0	(omitted)				
STATE44	.1757536	.0815627	2.15	0.036	.0115763	.3399308
STATE45	.0276426	.0995756	0.28	0.783	-.1727927	.228078
STATE46	.1099443	.0929477	1.18	0.243	-.0771497	.2970382
STATE47	-.171975	.1059073	-1.62	0.111	-.3851552	.0412053
STATE48	.009227	.0696938	0.13	0.895	-.1310594	.1495134
_cons	7.816717	.3381646	23.12	0.000	7.136027	8.497408

# Panel data: Cigarette taxes and smoking

## Within estimation

```
. xtset state
      panel variable:  state (balanced)
```

```
.
. xtreg lpackpc rtax lperinc, fe robust
```

```
Fixed-effects (within) regression                Number of obs   =          96
Group variable:  state                          Number of groups =          48
```

```
R-sq:
  within = 0.8636                                Obs per group:
  between = 0.0896                                min =          2
  overall = 0.2354                                avg =         2.0
                                                    max =          2
```

```
corr(u_i, Xb) = -0.5687                          F(2,47)         =       149.42
                                                    Prob > F        =       0.0000
```

(Std. Err. adjusted for 48 clusters in state)

lpackpc	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf. Interval]	
rtax	-.0169369	.0028013	-6.05	0.000	-.0225724	-.0113013
lperinc	-1.011625	.1343659	-7.53	0.000	-1.281935	-.7413162
_cons	7.856715	.295989	26.54	0.000	7.261262	8.452168