

SOC 5050: Week 02 Commands Quick Reference
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Opening Stata Datasets from Other Sources

`use ["filename"] [, clear]`

The option `clear` is analogous to the standalone `clear` command.

Descriptive Statistics

Mode

`tabulate varname, sort`

The first value listed with the `sort` option will be the mode.

Detailed Summary

`summarize varname, detail`

Without the optional `varlist`, all variables in the dataset will be listed. The `detail` option gives additional values.

Specific Values

`tabstat varname [, statistics(statname)]`

Not specifying the `statistics` option for the `tabstat` command results in only the mean being reported. See [tabstat documentation](#) or type `help tabstat` for a list of available statistics.

Plots

Bar Charts

`graph bar (count), over(varname)`
`graph hbar (count), over(varname)`

All generic options for plots omitted from each example below.

Histogram with Bins Altered

`histogram varname, frequency bin(binNumber)`

Box Plots

`graph box varname`
`graph hbox varname`

Graph Options

`title("titleText")`
`subtitle("subtitleText")`
`note("noteText")`
`scheme(schemeName)`

Exporting Plots

```
graph export "filename" [, width(val) height(val) replace]
```

Be sure to include the file extension in your filename - I recommend using [.png files](#). I also recommend generating images that are 800 pixels wide by 600 pixels high. You can also include a *filepath* instead, which is particularly useful if you have a `Plots` subdirectory. Finally, you need to export after each graph is created.

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