SAS Project Proposal: Caffeine Consumption and Mental Health of UMD students

I. Introduction:

For many college students, caffeine beverages serve as a sacred source of energy to start the day off and keep them powered throughout the day. Based on various studies, caffeine improves people's ability to stay concentrated for a longer period of time and strengthens their energy levels. While some people simply enjoy the taste of caffeine beverages, the majority use caffeine to boost memory retention during their study and cope with academic and social stress.

This project aims to study whether there is a correlation between caffeine intake and mental illnesses such as anxiety and depression. Some of the questions that this project aims to answer are: Will the increase in caffeine intake lead to more symptoms of anxiety and depression? Will being diagnosed with a previous mental illness affect the level of caffeine intake? Will caffeine intake improve academic performance? Does higher caffeine consumption indicate higher stress levels? What are some of the perceived effects of caffeine consumption amongst students? Will the major of study be correlated with the amount of caffeine consumption? Does gender play a role in how much caffeine is consumed?

A survey consisting of questions about the student's demographics and mental health was conducted via Google forms. The survey was distributed to UMD students via Discord and GroupMe over the course of three days and a total of 66 responses were recorded.

The qualitative variables in the study include major, gender, race, year in school, living arrangement, type of caffeine beverage consumed(i.e coffee, tea, soda, energy drink, etc.), level of depression(measured by PHQ-9 Score), level of anxiety(measured by GAD-7 Score), and level of stress (measured by Perceived Stress Scale). The quantitative variables in the study include GPA, number of days they drink caffeine beverages in a week, how many cups they drink on the days they consume a caffeine beverage, level of caffeine intake per week(estimated by the size of cups), and how much caffeine they consume in a week(measured in mg). Small cup contains 180 mg of caffeine, medium contains 260 mg of caffeine, large contains 330mg of caffeine, and extra large contains 415 mg. A soda bottle usually contains about 30-50 mg of caffeine. CDC recommends a maximum of 400 mg/day(i.e 4 or 5 cups) since consuming too much caffeine can lead to symptoms like insomnia, anxiety, dysphoria, and nausea.

In the survey(Q12), students were asked how frequently they have the stated symptoms

of depression. The responses were Not at all, Several days, More than half the days, Nearly every day. Each response was assigned a score of 0,1,2,3 respectively. After adding up the scores for each question, we obtain the PHQ-9 score which measures the severity of depression.

The interpretation of PHQ-9 score is as follows:

Score of 0-4 indicates none-minimal depression, 5-9 indicates mild depression, 10-14 indicates moderate depression, 15-19 indicates moderately severe depression, score of 20-27 indicates severe depression.

(Note that in the data table, I labeled the PHQ-9 questions as Q1PHQ...Q9PHQ)

In the survey(Q13), students were asked how frequently they have the stated symptoms of anxiety. The responses were Not at all, Several days, More than half the days, Nearly everyday. Each response was assigned a score of 0,1,2,3 respectively. After adding up the scores for each question, we obtain the GAD-7 score which measures the severity of depression.

The interpretation of GAD-7 score is as follows:

Score of 0-4 indicates minimal anxiety, 5-9 indicates mild anxiety, 10-14 indicates moderate anxiety, score greater than 15 indicates severe anxiety.

(Note that in the data table, I labeled the GAD-7 questions as Q10GAD...Q16GAD).

Lastly, Q14 in the survey measures the level of perceived stress. The responses were Never, Almost Never, Sometimes, Fairly often, Very often. Each response was assigned a score of 0,1,2,3,4 respectively. After adding up the scores for each question, we obtain the PSS score which measures the perceived stress of the individual.

The interpretation of Perceived Stress Scale:

Score of 0-13 is low stress. Score of 14-26 is moderate stress. Score of 27-40 is high perceived stress.

(Note that in the data table, I labeled the Perceived Stress Scale questions as Q17PSS...Q26PSS).

Questionnaire Citations (for Depression, Anxiety, and PSS measurements)

Cohen, S. and Williamson, G. Perceived Stress in a Probability Sample of the United States. Spacapan, S. and Oskamp, S. (Eds.) The Social Psychology of Health. Newbury Park, CA: Sage, 1988.

Kroenke, Kurt & Spitzer, Robert. (2002). The PHQ-9: A New Depression Diagnostic and Severity Measure. Psychiatric Annals. 32. 509-521. 10.3928/0048-5713-20020901-06. Spitzer RL, Kroenke K, Williams JB *et al.* A brief measure for assessing generalized anxiety disorder: the GAD-7. *Arch Intern Med* 2006;166:1092–1097.

II. Copy of Blank Survey (conducted via Google Forms):

***Survey is on the next page

Caffeine Intake and Mental Health Survey

The purpose of this study is to investigate whether there is a correlation between the amount of caffeine consumption and the mental health of students at UMD. This survey is entirely anonymous and your responses will not be disclosed with anyone. Your contact information(i.e email) will not be recorded.

This survey will take around 5 minutes to fill out.

*	Required
1.	What is your major? *
2.	Gender *
	Mark only one oval.
	Female
	Male
	Other:
3.	What is your year in school? *
	Mark only one oval.
	Freshman
	Sophomore
	Junior
	Senior
4.	Are you a: *
	Mark only one oval.
	Commuter (live in other city or at home with parents)
	Dorm resident
	Nearby off-campus resident
5.	What is your current GPA? *
6.	How many days per week do you drink caffeine? Please give a numerical answer *
7.	On those days you consume caffeine, how many cups do you drink? Please give a numerical answer. *

8.	Which kind of caffeine beverage do you consume most often? *
	Mark only one oval.
	Coffee
	Tea
	Soda/Soft Drinks
	Energy drinks
	Other:
9.	What is the usual size of the cup you drink from? (i.e. what size do you often order?) *
	4oz 8oz 12oz 16oz 20oz
	S M L XL Mark only one oval.
	XS (demi)
	S (short)
	M (tall)
	XL(venti)
	Bottled/One size(e.g. soda or energy drinks)
	Other:
10.	What is your main reason for consuming caffeine beverages? *
	Mark only one oval.
	To stay awake in classes
	To increase concentration while studying
	For enjoyment, i.e. you like the taste
	To improve physical/athletic performance
	For social reasons (e.g. meetings, I go out on coffee dates with friends/boyfriend)
	For health reasons
	To feel less stressed about college life
	To feel less anxious
	To warm myself up
	For digestion after a meal
	Other:

11.	Have you been diagnosed with anxiety or depression before? (please specify the illness if you have been diagnosed with other health issues) *					
	Mark only one oval.					
	Anxiety Depression Both Undiagnosed Other:					
12.	Over the last two weeks, how often have	you been l	oothered by t	hese problems? *		
	Mark only one oval per row.					
		Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly everyday	
	Lack of interest or pleasure in doing things					
	Feeling down, depressed or hopeless			0		
	Trouble falling or staying asleep, sleeping too much		\bigcirc			
	Feeling tired or have no energy					
	Poor appetite or overeating					
	Feeling bad about yourself- that you are a failure or you have let your friends/family down	0			0	
	Trouble concentrating on tasks (like reading, listening to lectures, watching videos)					
	Moving or speaking so slowly other people could notice. Or being so fidgety that you have been moving around more than usual.	\bigcirc				
	Having thoughts of hurting yourself or that you would be better off dead					
13.	Over the last two weeks, how often have Mark only one oval per row.	you been l	oothered by t	he following problems? More than half the days	* Nearly everyday	
	Feeling nervous, anxious, or on the edge					
	Not being able to stop worrying about things					
	Worrying too much about multiple/different things	0	0		0	
	Trouble relaxing					
	Being so restless you cannot sit still			0		
	Becoming easily annoyed or irritated					
	Feeling afraid something awful might happen	0	0		0	

14. Over the last two weeks, how often have you been bothered by these problems?* Mark only one oval per row. Sometimes Fairly often Very often Never Almost Never How often have you felt upset? How often have you felt that unable to control things in your life? How often have you felt nervous or stressed How often have you felt confident about your ability to handle personal issues? How often have you felt that things were going your way? How often have you found that you could not cope with work/school? How often have you been able to control irritations in your life? How often have you felt that you were on top How often have you felt angered because of things out of your control? How often have you felt difficulties were piling up so high you could not overcome them? 15. What's the main source of your stress? * Mark only one oval. Academic (Homework, Projects, Exams) ___ Family Health problems Break-up Death of loved one Financial Traumatic event Job-related(finding job post-graduation or stress of current job) Extra-curricular activities (Research, Clubs, Internships) Adjusting to environment Social (i.e not able to find friends or community that you belong to..etc) Other: 16. Do you believe drinking caffeinated beverages will help you feel better or make your symptoms go away? (1-Strongly disagree, 2-Disagree, 3-Neutral, 4-Agree, 5-Strongly agree) * Mark only one oval. 2 5

17.	Do you believe drinking caffeinated beverages will help you academically or help you study more efficiently? *
	Mark only one oval.
	Yes
	○ No

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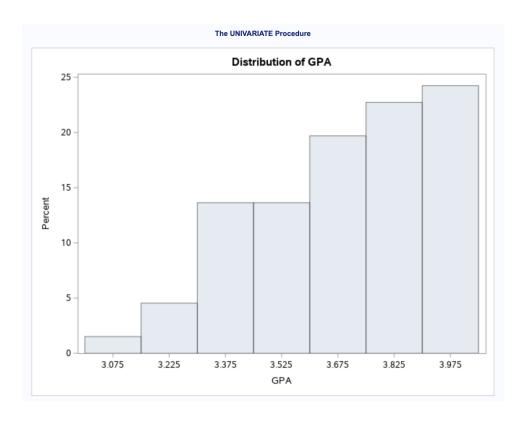
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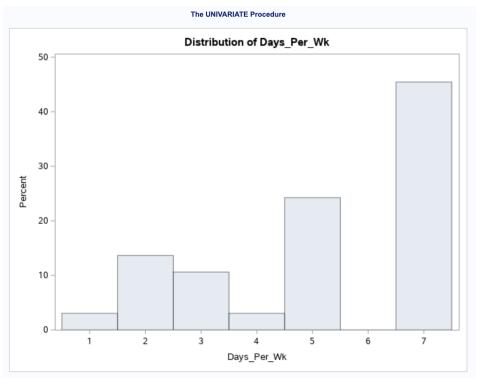
Note: Although caffeine levels can vary, I am using the caffeine level estimates on the Starbucks website based on the size of the cups and the caffeine level of a bottle of Coke for soda.

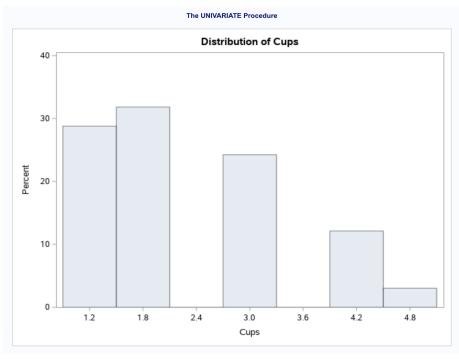
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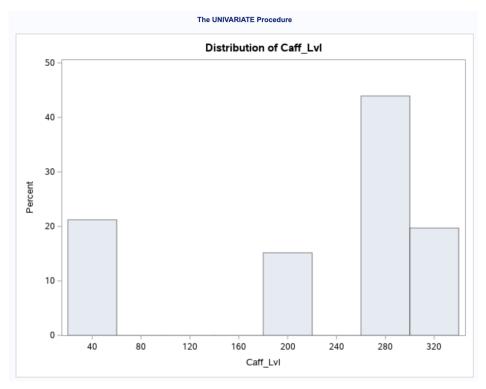
- GPA
- How many days students drink caffeine beverages in a week (Days Per Wk)
- How many cups students drink on the days they consume a caffeine beverage (Cups)
- Level of caffeine intake per cup estimated by the size of cups (Caff Lvl)
- How much caffeine they consume in a week measured in mg (Total Caff Wk)

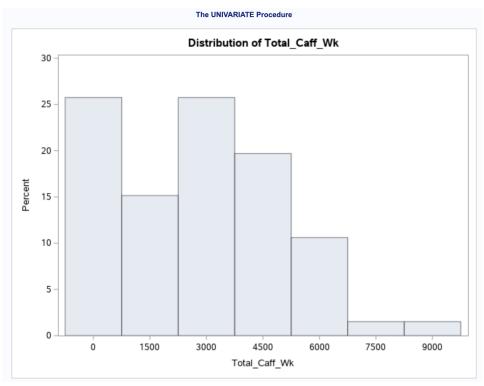
The MEANS Procedure							
Variable	Mean	Median	Std Dev	Quartile Range	Maximum	Minimum	
GPA	3.67	3.70	0.25	0.39	4.00	3.00	
Days_Per_Wk	5.14	5.00	2.01	4.00	7.00	1.00	
Cups	2.29	2.00	1.11	2.00	5.00	1.00	
Caff_LvI	213.73	260.00	103.88	80.00	330.00	34.00	
Total_Caff_Wk	2713.61	2560.00	2087.15	3180.00	9100.00	34.00	











Qualitative Variables:

- Major
- Gender
- Race
- Year in school (Year)
- Reason for Consuming Caffeinated Beverages
- Living arrangement (Residence)
- Type of caffeine beverage consumed(coffee/ tea/soda/ energy drink/ other) –TYPE
- Whether you are diagnosed with an illness –DIAGNOSIS
- Source of Stress (Source stress)
- Level of depression(measured by PHQ-9 Score) –Depr Lvl
- Level of anxiety(measured by GAD-7 Score) -Anx Lvl
- Level of stress (measured by Perceived Stress Scale) Stress Lvl
- Whether students believe caffeine beverages decreases symptoms of anxiety/depression/stress (Caff Symp)
- Whether students believe caffeine beverages help them academically (Caff Grades)

Frequency Tables:

The FREQ	Procedure
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MAJOR	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Arts	3	4.55	3	4.55
Science and Math	14	21.21	17	25.76
Business	3	4.55	20	30.30
Engineering and CS	25	37.88	45	68.18
Social Science and Hum	21	31.82	66	100.00

GENDER	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Female	35	53.03	35	53.03
Male	31	46.97	66	100.00

RACE	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Asian	30	45.45	30	45.45
Black	8	12.12	38	57.58
White	28	42.42	66	100.00

YEAR	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Freshman	8	12.12	8	12.12
Sophomore	11	16.67	19	28.79
Junior	21	31.82	40	60.61
Senior	26	39.39	66	100.00

RESIDENCE	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Commuter	18	27.27	18	27.27
Dorm Resident	19	28.79	37	56.06
Nearby off campus	29	43.94	66	100.00

TYPE	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Coffee	43	65.15	43	65.15
Tea	8	12.12	51	77.27
Soda	13	19.70	64	96.97
Energy Drinks	2	3.03	66	100.00

REASON	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Stay awake in classes	15	22.73	15	22.73
Other	5	7.58	20	30.30
Increase concentration	10	15.15	30	45.45
Enjoyment	13	19.70	43	65.15
Socializing	2	3.03	45	68.18
Health	2	3.03	47	71.21
To feel less stressed	17	25.76	64	96.97
To feel less anxious	2	3.03	66	100.00

DIAGNOSIS	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Anxiety	7	10.61	7	10.61
Depression	1	1.52	8	12.12
Both	2	3.03	10	15.15
Undiagnosed	53	80.30	63	95.45
Other	3	4.55	66	100.00

Source_stress	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Academic	42	63.64	42	63.64
Trouble adjusting to college	1	1.52	43	65.15
Social	2	3.03	45	68.18
Family	1	1.52	46	69.70
Health	4	6.06	50	75.76
Breakup	1	1.52	51	77.27
Financial	4	6.06	55	83.33
Job related	8	12.12	63	95.45
Extracurricular activities	3	4.55	66	100.00

Caff_Symp	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Strongly disagree	4	6.06	4	6.06
Disagree	12	18.18	16	24.24
Neutral	7	10.61	23	34.85
Agree	26	39.39	49	74.24
Strongly agree	17	25.76	66	100.00

Caff_Grades	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
No	24	36.36	24	36.36
Yes	42	63.64	66	100.00

Depr_LvI	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Mild	2	3.03	2	3.03
Mod	28	42.42	30	45.45
Mod Sev	28	42.42	58	87.88
Severe	8	12.12	66	100.00

Anx_LvI	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Mild	36	54.55	36	54.55
Minimal	17	25.76	53	80.30
Mod	12	18.18	65	98.48
Severe	1	1.52	66	100.00

Stress_LvI	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Low	1	1.52	1	1.52
Mod	65	98.48	66	100.00

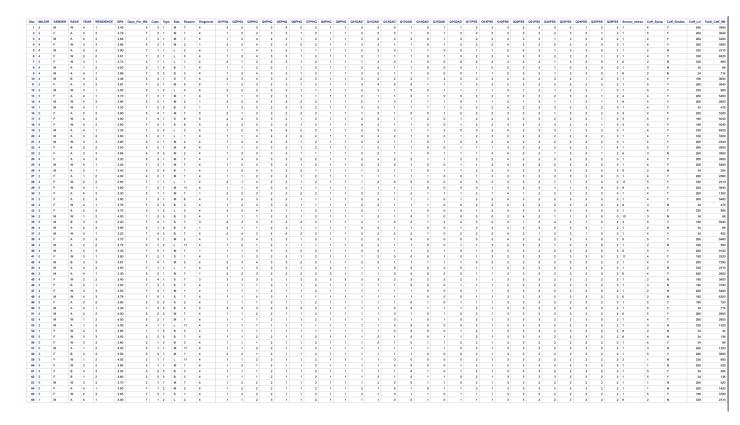
IV. SAS Code:

Histogram/Five Number Summary for Quantitative variables

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DATA CIMHS;
     INFILE '/home/u60822453/sasuser.v94/CIMHSDataFinal.csv'
DELIMITER=',';
     INPUT MAJOR $
            GENDER $
            RACE $
            YEAR $
            RESIDENCE $
            GPA
            Days_Per_Wk
            Cups
            Type $
            Size $
            Reason $
            Diagnosis $
            Q1PHQ
            Q2PHQ
            Q3PHQ
            Q4PHQ
            Q5PHQ
            Q6PHQ
            Q7PHQ
            Q8PHQ
            Q9PHQ
            Q10GAD
            Q11GAD
            Q12GAD
            Q13GAD
            Q14GAD
            Q15GAD
            Q16GAD
            Q17PSS
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Q18PSS
       Q19PSS
       Q20PSS
       O21PSS
       Q22PSS
       Q23PSS
       Q24PSS
       Q25PSS
       O26PSS
       Source stress $
       Caff Symp $
       Caff Grades $;
/* Measuring Caff Lvl based on size of cups consumed */
IF Size EQ 'S' THEN Caff Lvl = 180;
ELSE IF Size EQ'M' THEN Caff Lvl= 260;
ELSE IF Size EQ 'L' THEN Caff Lvl= 330;
ELSE IF Size EQ 'XL' THEN Caff Lvl= 415;
ELSE IF Size EQ 'B' THEN Caff Lvl = 34;
/* Calculating the amount of caffeine consumed per week */
Total Caff Wk = Cups * Caff Lvl * Days Per Wk;
RUN;
/* Printing the data in a table */
PROC PRINT DATA = CIMHS;
RUN;
/* Five Number Summary */
PROC MEANS DATA=CIMHS MEAN MEDIAN STD QRANGE MAX MIN
MAXDEC=2;
VAR GPA Days Per Wk Cups Caff Lvl Total Caff Wk;
RUN;
/* Creating Histograms for Each Quantitative Variable */
PROC UNIVARIATE DATA=CIMHS noprint;
HISTOGRAM GPA Days Per Wk Cups Caff Lvl Total Caff Wk;
RUN;
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Data displayed after PROC PRINT procedure:



Code for Qualitative/Categorical Variables (PROC FREQ):

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VALUE $RACE 'A'= 'Asian'
             'B'= 'Black'
              'W'= 'White';
VALUE $YEAR '1'='Freshman'
             '2'='Sophomore'
             '3'='Junior'
             '4'='Senior';
VALUE $RESIDENCE '1'= 'Commuter'
                   '2'= 'Dorm Resident'
                   '3'= 'Nearby off campus';
VALUE $TYPE '1'= 'Coffee'
             '2'= 'Tea'
             '3'= 'Soda'
             '4'= 'Energy Drinks'
             '5'= 'Other';
VALUE $REASON '1'= 'Stay awake in classes'
               '2'= 'Increase concentration'
               '3'= 'For Enjoyment'
               '4'= 'Physical or athletic performance'
               '5'= 'Socializing with friends'
               '6'= 'Health'
               '7'= 'To feel less stressed about life'
               '8'= 'To feel less anxious'
               '9'= 'To warm up'
               '10'= 'To aid in digestion after a meal'
               '11'= 'Other';
VALUE $DIAGNOSIS '1'= 'Anxiety'
                   '2'= 'Depression'
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'3'= 'Both'
                   '4'= 'Undiagnosed'
                   '5'= 'Other';
VALUE $SOURCE STR '1'= 'Academic'
                  '2'= 'Family'
                  '3'= 'Health'
                  '4'= 'Breakup'
                 '5'= 'Death of family or friend'
                 '6'= 'Financial'
                 '7'= 'Traumatic event'
                 '8'= 'Job related'
                 '9'= 'Extracurricular activities'
                 '10'= 'Trouble adjusting to college'
                 '11'= 'Social'
                 '12'= 'Other';
VALUE DEP GAD FREQ 0= 'Not at all'
                    1= 'Several days'
                    2= 'More than half the days'
                    3= 'Nearly everyday';
                 0= 'Never'
VALUE PSS FREQ
                  1= 'Almost Never'
                   2= 'Sometimes'
                   3= 'Fairly often'
                   4= 'Very often';
VALUE $CAFFSYMPYN '1'= 'Strongly disagree'
                    '2'= 'Disagree'
                    '3'= 'Neutral'
                    '4'= 'Agree'
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'5'= 'Strongly agree';
VALUE $CAFFGRADESYN 'Y'= 'Yes'
                    'N'= 'No';
RUN;
DATA CIMHS;
INFILE '/home/u60822453/sasuser.v94/CIMHSDataFinal.csv'
DELIMITER=',';
INPUT MAJOR $
    GENDER $
    RACE $
    YEAR $
    RESIDENCE $
    GPA
    DAYS PER WK
    CUPS
    TYPE $
    SIZE $
    REASON $
    DIAGNOSIS $
    Q1PHQ
    Q2PHQ
    Q3PHQ
    Q4PHQ
    Q5PHQ
    Q6PHQ
    07РНО
    Q8PHQ
    09РНО
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Q10GAD
     Q11GAD
     Q12GAD
    Q13GAD
     Q14GAD
     Q15GAD
     Q16GAD
    Q17PSS
     Q18PSS
     Q19PSS
     Q20PSS
     Q21PSS
     Q22PSS
     Q23PSS
     Q24PSS
     Q25PSS
     Q26PSS
     Source stress $
     Caff Symp $
     Caff Grades $;
/*Calculating PHQ9 Score, GAD7 Score, PSS Score */
PHQ9Sc= (Q1PHQ) + (Q2PHQ) + (Q3PHQ) + (Q4PHQ) + (Q5PHQ) +
(Q6PHQ) + (Q7PHQ) + (Q8PHQ) + (Q9PHQ);
GAD7Sc= (Q10GAD) + (Q11GAD) + (Q12GAD) + (Q13GAD) + (Q14GAD) +
(Q15GAD) + (Q16GAD);
PSSSc= (Q17PSS) + (Q18PSS) + (Q19PSS) + (Q20PSS) + (Q21PSS) +
(Q22PSS) + (Q23PSS) + (Q24PSS) + (Q25PSS) + (Q26PSS);
/* IF ELSE IF statements for PHQ9 Score */
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IF PHQ9Sc GE 0 AND PHQ9Sc LE 4 THEN Depr Lvl ="Minimal";
  ELSE IF PHQ9Sc GE 5 AND PHQ9Sc LE 9 THEN Depr Lvl = "Mild";
  ELSE IF PHQ9Sc GE 10 AND PHQ9Sc LE 14 THEN Depr Lvl = "Mod" ;
  ELSE IF PHQ9Sc GE 15 AND PHQ9Sc LE 19 THEN Depr Lvl = "Mod
  Severe";
  ELSE IF PHQ9Sc GE 20 THEN Depr Lvl = "Severe";
  /* IF ELSE IF statements for GAD7 Score */
  IF GAD7Sc GE 0 AND GAD7Sc LE 4 THEN Anx Lvl= "Minimal";
  ELSE IF GAD7Sc GE 5 AND GAD7Sc LE 9 THEN Anx Lvl= "Mild";
  ELSE IF GAD7Sc GE 10 AND GAD7Sc LE 14 THEN Anx Lvl= "Mod";
  ELSE IF GAD7Sc GE 15 THEN Anx Lvl= "Severe";
  /* IF THEN ELSE IF statements for PSS Score */
  IF PSSSc GE 0 AND PSSSc LE 13 THEN Stress Lvl="Low";
  ELSE IF PSSSc GE 14 AND PSSSc LE 26 THEN Stress Lvl="Mod";
  ELSE IF PSSSc GE 27 THEN Stress Lvl="High";
FORMAT MAJOR $MAJOR.
        GENDER $GENDER.
        RACE $RACE.
        YEAR $YEAR.
        RESIDENCE $RESIDENCE.
        TYPE $TYPE.
        REASON $REASON.
        DIAGNOSIS $DIAGNOSIS.
        Q1PHQ DEP GAD FREQ.
        Q2PHQ DEP GAD FREQ.
        Q3PHQ DEP GAD FREQ.
        Q4PHQ DEP GAD FREQ.
        Q5PHQ DEP GAD FREQ.
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Q6PHQ DEP GAD FREQ.
        Q7PHQ DEP GAD FREQ.
        Q8PHQ DEP GAD FREQ.
        Q9PHQ DEP GAD FREQ.
        Q10GAD DEP GAD FREQ.
       Q11GAD DEP GAD FREQ.
       Q12GAD DEP GAD FREQ.
       Q13GAD DEP GAD FREQ.
       Q14GAD DEP GAD FREQ.
       Q15GAD DEP GAD FREQ.
       Q16GAD DEP GAD FREQ.
       Q17PSS PSS FREQ.
       Q18PSS PSS FREQ.
       Q19PSS PSS FREQ.
       Q20PSS PSS FREQ.
       Q21PSS PSS FREQ.
       Q22PSS PSS FREQ.
       Q23PSS PSS FREQ.
       Q24PSS PSS FREQ.
       Q25PSS PSS FREQ.
      Q26PSS PSS FREQ.
       Source stress $SOURCE STR.
      Caff Symp $CAFFSYMPYN.
      Caff Grades $CAFFGRADESYN.;
/* Generate PROC FREQ for each categorical variable */
PROC FREQ DATA= CIMHS;
TABLES MAJOR GENDER RACE YEAR RESIDENCE TYPE REASON DIAGNOSIS
Source stress Caff Symp Caff Grades Depr Lvl Anx Lvl Stress Lvl;
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RUN;

RUN;