

Preface to the second edition

This second edition updates the first edition (written to support Stata 9) to reflect the changes in Stata 10, which was released in June 2007. Important new elements are the new date-and-time variables, the Graph Editor, exact logistic and Poisson regression, and power analysis for survival data.

The main structure of this edition is the same as the first edition except for one element: the first edition included a few exercises, while this second edition includes many. The exercises are intended to assist your learning the basics of Stata. You will find the exercises in appendix B. Suggested solutions to the exercises are not included in the book, but are available at the book's web site, <http://www.stata-press.com/book/ishr2.html>.

The expansion of the section with exercises was suggested by several users of the first edition, and a few other changes were also inspired by suggestions from users. User reactions are very welcome and can be a good inspiration to further improvements, so please feel free to send comments to sj@soci.au.dk.

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