estat — Postestimation statistics for survey data

Syntax

Survey design characteristics

estat svyset

Design and misspecification effects for point estimates

Design and misspecification effects for linear combinations of point estimates

Subpopulation sizes

Subpopulation standard-deviation estimates

Singleton and certainty strata

estat strata

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Goodness-of-fit test for binary response models using survey data

Display covariance matrix estimates

estat_effects_options	description
deff	report DEFF design effects
deft	report DEFT design effects
<u>srs</u> subpop	report design effects, assuming SRS within subpopulation
meff	report MEFF design effects
meft	report MEFT design effects
display_options	control spacing and display of omitted variables and base and empty cells

estat_lceffects_options	description
deff	report DEFF design effects
deft	report DEFT design effects
srssubpop	report design effects, assuming SRS within subpopulation
meff	report MEFF design effects
meft	report MEFT design effects
estat_size_options	description
obs	report number of observations (within subpopulation)
size	report subpopulation sizes
estat_sd_options	description
variance	report subpopulation variances instead of standard deviations
	report standard deviation, assuming SRS within subpopulation
<u>srs</u> subpop	report standard deviation, assuming SKS within subpopulation
estat_cv_options	description
<u>nol</u> egend	suppress the table legend
estat_gof_options	description
group(#)	compute test statistic using # quantiles
total	compute test statistic using the total estimator instead of the mean
00001	estimator
all	execute test for all observations in the data
estat_vce_options	description
<u>cov</u> ariance	display as covariance matrix; the default
<u>c</u> orrelation	display as correlation matrix
equation(spec)	display only specified equations
<u>b</u> lock	display submatrices by equation
<u>d</u> iag	display submatrices by equation; diagonal blocks only
<pre>format(%fmt)</pre>	display format for covariances and correlations
<u>nolin</u> es	suppress lines between equations
display_options	control display of omitted variables and base and empty cells

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Description

estat svyset reports the survey design characteristics associated with the current estimation results.

estat effects displays a table of design and misspecification effects for each estimated parameter.

estat lceffects displays a table of design and misspecification effects for a user-specified linear combination of the parameter estimates.

estat size displays a table of sample and subpopulation sizes for each estimated subpopulation mean, proportion, ratio, or total. This command is available only after svy: mean, svy: proportion, svy: ratio, and svy: total.

estat sd reports subpopulation standard deviations based on the estimation results from mean and svy: mean. estat sd is not appropriate with estimation results that used direct standardization or poststratification.

estat strata displays a table of the number of singleton and certainty strata within each sampling stage. The variance scaling factors are also displayed for estimation results where singleunit(scaled) was syyset.

estat cv reports the coefficient of variation (CV) for each coefficient in the current estimation results. The CV for coefficient b is

$$cv(b) = 100 \frac{SE(b)}{b}$$

estat gof reports a goodness-of-fit test for binary response models using survey data. This command is available only after svy: logistic, svy: logit, and svy: probit.

estat vce displays the covariance or correlation matrix of the parameter estimates of the previous model. See [R] estat for examples.

Options for estat effects

deff and deft request that the design-effect measures DEFF and DEFT be displayed. This is the default, unless direct standardization or poststratification was used.

The deff and deft options are not allowed with estimation results that used direct standardization or poststratification. These methods obscure the measure of design effect because they adjust the frequency distribution of the target population.

srssubpop requests that DEFF and DEFT be computed using an estimate of simple random sampling (SRS) variance for sampling within a subpopulation. By default, DEFF and DEFT are computed using an estimate of the SRS variance for sampling from the entire population. Typically, srssubpop is used when computing subpopulation estimates by strata or by groups of strata.

meff and meft request that the misspecification-effect measures MEFF and MEFT be displayed.

 $\frac{\textit{display_options}: \ \underline{\texttt{noomit}} \texttt{ted}, \ \texttt{vsquish}, \ \underline{\texttt{noempty}} \texttt{cells}, \ \underline{\texttt{base}} \texttt{levels}, \ \underline{\texttt{allbase}} \texttt{levels}; \ \texttt{see} \ [\texttt{R}] \ \textbf{estimation options}.$

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Options for estat size

obs requests that the number of observations used to compute the estimate be displayed for each row of estimates.

size requests that the estimate of the subpopulation size be displayed for each row of estimates. The subpopulation size estimate equals the sum of the weights for those observations in the estimation sample that are also in the specified subpopulation. The estimated population size is reported when a subpopulation is not specified.

Options for estat sd

variance requests that the subpopulation variance be displayed instead of the standard deviation.

srssubpop requests that the standard deviation be computed using an estimate of SRS variance for sampling within a subpopulation. By default, the standard deviation is computed using an estimate of the SRS variance for sampling from the entire population. Typically, srssubpop is given when computing subpopulation estimates by strata or by groups of strata.

Option for estat cv

nolegend prevents the table legend identifying the subpopulations from being displayed.

Options for estat gof

group(#) specifies the number of quantiles to be used to group the data for the goodness-of-fit test. The minimum allowed value is group(2). The maximum allowed value is group(df), where df is the design degrees of freedom (e(df_r)). The default is group(10).

total requests that the goodness-of-fit test statistic be computed using the total estimator instead of the mean estimator.

all requests that the goodness-of-fit test statistic be computed for all observations in the data, ignoring any if or in restrictions specified with the model fit.

Options for estat vce

covariance displays the matrix as a variance-covariance matrix; this is the default.

correlation displays the matrix as a correlation matrix rather than a variance—covariance matrix. rho is a synonym for correlation.

equation(spec) selects the part of the VCE to be displayed. If spec = eqlist, the VCE for the listed equations is displayed. If $spec = eqlist1 \setminus eqlist2$, the part of the VCE associated with the equations in eqlist1 (rowwise) and eqlist2 (columnwise) is displayed. * is shorthand for all equations. equation() implies block if diag is not specified.

block displays the submatrices pertaining to distinct equations separately.

diag displays the diagonal submatrices pertaining to distinct equations separately.

format(%fmt) specifies the display format for displaying the elements of the matrix. The default is
format(%10.0g) for covariances and format(%8.4f) for correlations. See [U] 12.5 Formats:
 Controlling how data are displayed for more information.

nolines suppresses lines between equations.

display_options: noomitted, noemptycells, baselevels, allbaselevels; see [R] estimation
options.

Remarks

Example 1

Using data from the Second National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES II) (McDowell et al. 1981), let's estimate the population means for total serum cholesterol (tcresult) and for serum triglycerides (tgresult).

. use http://www.stata-press.com/data/r11/nhanes2

. svy: mean tcresult tgresult

(running mean on estimation sample)

Survey: Mean estimation

Number	of	strata	=	31	Number of obs	=	5050
Number	of	PSUs	=	62	Population size	=	56820832
					Design df	=	31

	Mean	Linearized Std. Err.	[95% Conf.	Interval]
tcresult	211.3975	1.252274	208.8435	213.9515
tgresult	138.576	2.071934	134.3503	142.8018

We can use estat svyset to remind us of the survey design characteristics that were used to produce these results.

. estat svyset

pweight: finalwgt
 VCE: linearized
Single unit: missing
 Strata 1: strata
 SU 1: psu
 FPC 1: <zero>

estat effects reports a table of design and misspecification effects for each mean we estimated.

. estat effects, deff deft meff meft

	Mean	Linearized Std. Err.	DEFF	DEFT	MEFF	MEFT
tcresult	211.3975	1.252274	3.57141	1.88982	3.46105	1.86039
tgresult	138.576	2.071934	2.35697	1.53524	2.32821	1.52585

estat size reports a table that contains sample and population sizes.

. estat size

	Mean	Linearized Std. Err.	Obs	Size
tcresult	211.3975	1.252274	5050	56820832
tgresult	138.576	2.071934	5050	56820832

estat size can also report a table of subpopulation sizes.

. svy: mean tcresult, over(sex)
 (output omitted)

. estat size

Male: sex = Male Female: sex = Female

Over	Mean	Linearized Std. Err.	0bs	Size
tcresult				
Male	210.7937	1.312967	4915	56159480
Female	215.2188	1.193853	5436	60998033

estat sd reports a table of subpopulation standard deviations.

. estat sd

Male: sex = Male
Female: sex = Female

Over	Mean	Std. Dev.
tcresult Male Female	210.7937 215.2188	45.79065 50.72563

estat cv reports a table of coefficients of variations for each estimate.

. estat cv

Male: sex = Male
Female: sex = Female

Over	Mean	Linearized Std. Err.	CV
tcresult Male	210.7937	1.312967	.622868
Female	215.2188	1.193853	.554716

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Example 2: Design effects with subpopulations

When there are subpopulations, estat effects can compute design effects with respect to one of two different hypothetical SRS designs. The default design is one in which SRS is conducted across the full population. The alternate design is one in which SRS is conducted entirely within the subpopulation of interest. This alternate design is used when the srssubpop option is specified.

Deciding which design is preferable depends on the nature of the subpopulations. If we can imagine identifying members of the subpopulations before sampling them, the alternate design is preferable. This case arises primarily when the subpopulations are strata or groups of strata. Otherwise, we may prefer to use the default.

Here is an example using the default with the NHANES II data.

- . use http://www.stata-press.com/data/r11/nhanes2b
- . svy: mean iron, over(sex)
 (output omitted)
- . estat effects

Male: sex = Male
Female: sex = Female

	Over	Mean	Linearized Std. Err.	DEFF	DEFT
iron					
	Male	104.7969	.557267	1.36097	1.16661
	Female	97.16247	.6743344	2.01403	1.41916

Thus the design-based variance estimate is about 36% larger than the estimate from the hypothetical SRS design including the full population. We can get DEFF and DEFT for the alternate SRS design by using the srssubpop option.

. estat effects, srssubpop

Male: sex = Male Female: sex = Female

	Over	Mean	Linearized Std. Err.	DEFF	DEFT
iron					
	Male	104.7969	.557267	1.348	1.16104
	Female	97.16247	.6743344	2.03132	1.42524

Because the NHANES II did not stratify on sex, we think it problematic to consider design effects with respect to SRS of the female (or male) subpopulation. Consequently, we would prefer to use the default here, although the values of DEFF differ little between the two in this case.

For other examples (generally involving heavy oversampling or undersampling of specified sub-populations), the differences in DEFF for the two schemes can be much more dramatic.

Consider the NMIHS data (Gonzalez Jr., Krauss, and Scott 1992), and compute the mean of birthwgt over race:

- . use http://www.stata-press.com/data/r11/nmihs
- . svy: mean birthwgt, over(race)
 (output omitted)
- . estat effects

nonblack: race = nonblack
black: race = black

Over	Mean	Linearized Std. Err.	DEFF	DEFT
birthwgt nonblack black	3402.32 3127.834	7.609532 6.529814	1.44376 .172041	1.20157

. estat effects, srssubpop

nonblack: race = nonblack
black: race = black

Over	Mean	Linearized Std. Err.	DEFF	DEFT
birthwgt nonblack black	3402.32 3127.834	7.609532 6.529814	.826842 .528963	.909308 .727298

Because the NMIHS survey was stratified on race, marital status, age, and birthweight, we believe it reasonable to consider design effects computed with respect to SRS within an individual race group. Consequently, we would recommend here the alternative hypothetical design for computing design effects; that is, we would use the srssubpop option.

Example 3: Misspecification effects

Misspecification effects assess biases in variance estimators that are computed under the wrong assumptions. The survey literature (for example, Scott and Holt 1982, 850; Skinner 1989) defines misspecification effects with respect to a general set of "wrong" variance estimators. estat effects considers only one specific form: variance estimators computed under the incorrect assumption that our *observed* sample was selected through SRS.

The resulting "misspecification effect" measure is informative primarily when an unweighted point estimator is approximately unbiased for the parameter of interest. See Eltinge and Sribney (1996a) for a detailed discussion of extensions of misspecification effects that are appropriate for *biased* point estimators.

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Note the difference between a misspecification effect and a design effect. For a design effect, we compare our complex-design-based variance estimate with an estimate of the true variance that we would have obtained under a hypothetical true simple random sample. For a misspecification effect, we compare our complex-design-based variance estimate with an estimate of the variance from fitting the same model without weighting, clustering, or stratification.

estat effects defines MEFF and MEFT as

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MEFF} &= \widehat{V}/\widehat{V}_{\mathrm{msp}} \\ \text{MEFT} &= \sqrt{\text{MEFF}} \end{aligned}$$

where \hat{V} is the appropriate design-based estimate of variance and \hat{V}_{msp} is the variance estimate computed with a misspecified design—ignoring the sampling weights, stratification, and clustering.

Here we request that the misspecification effects be displayed for the estimation of mean zinc levels from our NHANES II data.

- . use http://www.stata-press.com/data/r11/nhanes2b
- . svy: mean zinc, over(sex)
 (output omitted)
- . estat effects, meff meft

Male: sex = Male
Female: sex = Female

	Over	Mean	Linearized Std. Err.	MEFF	MEFT
zinc					
	Male	90.74543	.5850741	6.28254	2.5065
	Female	83.8635	.4689532	6.32648	2.51525

If we run ci without weights, we get the standard errors that are $(\hat{V}_{msp})^{1/2}$.

- . sort sex
- . ci zinc if sex == "Male":sex

Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. Err.	[95% Conf.	Interval]
zinc	4375	89.53143	.2334228	89.0738	89.98906

- . display [zinc]_se[Male]/r(se)
- 2.5064994
- . display ([zinc]_se[Male]/r(se))^2
- 6.2825393
- . ci zinc if sex == "Female":sex

Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. Err.	[95% Conf.	Interval]
zinc	4827	83.76652	.186444	83.40101	84.13204

- . display [zinc]_se[Female]/r(se)
- 2.515249
- . display ([zinc]_se[Female]/r(se))^2
- 6.3264774

Example 4: Design and misspecification effects for linear combinations

Let's compare the mean of total serum cholesterol (tcresult) between men and women in the NHANES II dataset.

. use http://www.stata-press.com/data/r11/nhanes2

. svy: mean tcresult, over(sex)
(running mean on estimation sample)

Survey: Mean estimation

 Number of strata =
 31
 Number of obs =
 10351

 Number of PSUs =
 62
 Population size =
 117157513

 Design df =
 31

Male: sex = Male
Female: sex = Female

Over	Mean	Linearized Std. Err.	[95% Conf.	Interval]
tcresult				
Male	210.7937	1.312967	208.1159	213.4715
Female	215.2188	1.193853	212.784	217.6537

We can use estat lceffects to report the standard error, design effects, and misspecification effects of the difference between the above means.

. estat lceffects [tcresult]Male - [tcresult]Female, deff deft meff meft

(1) [tcresult]Male - [tcresult]Female = 0

Mean	Coef.	Std. Err.	DEFF	DEFT	MEFF	MEFT
(1)	-4.425109	1.086786	1.31241	1.1456	1.27473	1.12904

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Example 5: Using survey data to determine Neyman allocation

Suppose that we have partitioned our population into L strata and stratum h contains N_h individuals. Also let σ_h represent the standard deviation of a quantity we wish to sample from the population. According to Cochran (1977, sec. 5.5), we can minimize the variance of the stratified mean estimator, for a fixed sample size n, if we choose the stratum sample sizes according to Neyman allocation:

$$n_h = n \frac{N_h \sigma_h}{\sum_{i=1}^L N_i \sigma_i} \tag{1}$$

We can use estat sd with our current survey data to produce a table of subpopulation standard-deviation estimates. Then we could plug these estimates into (1) to improve our survey design for the next time we sample from our population.

Here is an example using birthweight from the NMIHS data. First, we need estimation results from svy: mean over the strata.

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. use http://www.stata-press.com/data/r11/nmihs
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. svyset [pw=finwgt], strata(stratan)

pweight: finwgt
 VCE: linearized
Single unit: missing
Strata 1: stratan
 SU 1: <observations>

FPC 1: <zero>

. svy: mean birthwgt, over(stratan)
 (output omitted)

Next we will use estat size to report the table of stratum sizes. We will also generate matrix p_obs to contain the observed percent allocations for each stratum. In the matrix expression, $r(_N)$ is a row vector of stratum sample sizes and e(N) contains the total sample size. $r(_N_subp)$ is a row vector of the estimated population stratum sizes.

. estat size

1: stratan = 1 2: stratan = 2 3: stratan = 3 4: stratan = 4 5: stratan = 5 6: stratan = 6

Mean	Std. Err.	Obs	Size
049.434	19.00149	841	18402.98161
189.561	9.162736	803	67650.95932
303.492	7.38429	3578	579104.6188
036.626	12.32294	710	29814.93215
211.217	9.864682	714	153379.07445
3485.42	8.057648	3300	3047209.10519
	189.561 303.492 036.626 211.217	049.434 19.00149 189.561 9.162736 303.492 7.38429 036.626 12.32294 211.217 9.864682	049.434 19.00149 841 189.561 9.162736 803 303.492 7.38429 3578 036.626 12.32294 710 211.217 9.864682 714

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. matrix p_{obs} = 100 * r(N)/e(N)
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Now we call estat sd to report the stratum standard-deviation estimates and generate matrix p_neyman to contain the percent allocations according to (1). In the matrix expression, r(sd) is a vector of the stratum standard deviations.

[.] matrix nsubp = r(_N_subp)

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. estat sd
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1: stratan = 1
2: stratan = 2
3: stratan = 3
4: stratan = 4
5: stratan = 5
6: stratan = 6
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	Over	Mean	Std. Dev.
birthwgt	1	1049.434	2305.931
	2	2189.561	555.7971
	3	3303.492	687.3575
	4	1036.626	999.0867
	5	2211.217	349.8068
	6	3485.42	300.6945

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. matrix p_neyman = 100 * hadamard(nsubp,r(sd))/el(nsubp*r(sd)',1,1)
. matrix list p_obs, format(%4.1f)
p_obs[1,6]
    birthwgt:
              birthwgt: birthwgt: birthwgt:
                                               birthwgt:
                                                          birthwgt:
                      2
                                3
                                           4
                                                     5
           1
r1
         8.5
                    8.1
                              36.0
                                         7.1
                                                    7.2
                                                              33.2
. matrix list p_neyman, format(%4.1f)
p_neyman[1,6]
    birthwgt:
              birthwgt: birthwgt: birthwgt: birthwgt:
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We can see that strata 3 and 6 each contain about one-third of the observed data, with the rest of the observations spread out roughly equally to the remaining strata. However, plugging our sample estimates into (1) indicates that stratum 6 should get 62% of the sampling units, stratum 3 should get about 27%, and the remaining strata should get a roughly equal distribution of sampling units.

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Example 6: Summarizing singleton and certainty strata

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Use estat strata with svy estimation results to produce a table that reports the number of singleton and certainty strata in each sampling stage. Here is an example using (fictional) data from a complex survey with five sampling stages (the dataset is already svyset). If singleton strata are present, estat strata will report their effect on the standard errors.

```
. use http://www.stata-press.com/data/r11/strata5
. svy: total y
  (output omitted)
```

estat	strata

Stage	Singleton strata	Certainty strata	Total strata
1	0	1	4
2	1	0	10
3	0	3	29
4	2	0	110
5	204	311	865

Note: missing standard error because of stratum with single sampling unit.

estat strata also reports the scale factor used when the singleunit(scaled) option is svyset. Of the 865 strata in the last stage, 204 are singleton strata and 311 are certainty strata. Thus the scaling factor for the last stage is

$$\frac{865-311}{865-311-204}\approx 1.58$$

- . svyset, singleunit(scaled) noclear
 (output omitted)
- . svy: total y (output omitted)
- . estat strata

Stage	Singleton strata	Certainty strata	Total strata	Scale factor
1	0	1	4	1
2	1	0	10	1.11
3	0	3	29	1
4	2	0	110	1.02
5	204	311	865	1.58

Note: variances scaled within each stage to handle strata with a single sampling unit.

The singleunit(scaled) option of svyset is one of three methods in which Stata's svy commands can automatically handle singleton strata when performing variance estimation; see [SVY] variance estimation for a brief discussion of these methods.

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Example 7: Goodness-of-fit test for svy: logistic

From example 2 in [SVY] **svy estimation**, we modeled the incidence of high blood pressure as a function of height, weight, age, and sex (using the female indicator variable).

. use http://www.stata-press.com/data/r11/nhanes2d

. svyset

pweight: finalwgt
 VCE: linearized
Single unit: missing
 Strata 1: strata
 SU 1: psu
 FPC 1: <zero>

. svy: logistic highbp height weight age female

(running logistic on estimation sample)

Survey: Logistic regression

Number of strata	=	31	Number of obs	=	10351
Number of PSUs	=	62	Population size	=	117157513
	Design df		=	31	
			F(4, 28)	=	178.69
			Prob > F	=	0.0000

highbp	Odds Ratio	Linearized Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf.	Interval]
height	.9688567	.0056822	-5.39	0.000	.9573369	.9805151
weight	1.052489	.0032829	16.40	0.000	1.045814	1.059205
age	1.050473	.0024816	20.84	0.000	1.045424	1.055547
female	.7250087	.0641188	-3.64	0.001	.605353	.8683158

We can use estat gof to perform a goodness-of-fit test for this model.

. estat gof

Logistic model for highbp, goodness-of-fit test

F(9,23) = 3.49Prob > F = 0.0074

The F statistic is significant at the 5% level, indicating that the model is not a good fit for these data.

Saved results

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estat syyset saves the following in r():
Scalars
    r(stages)
                              number of sampling stages
Macros
    r(wtype)
                              weight type
    r(wexp)
                              weight expression
    r(wvar)
                              weight variable name
    r(su#)
                              variable identifying sampling units for stage #
    r(strata#)
                              variable identifying strata for stage #
    r(fpc#)
                              FPC for stage #
    r(brrweight)
                              brrweight() variable list
                              Fay's adjustment
    r(fay)
                              bsrweight() variable list
    r(bsrweight)
    r(bsn)
                              bootstrap mean-weight adjustment
                              jkrweight() variable list
    r(jkrweight)
                              sdrweight() variable list
    r(sdrweight)
    r(sdrfpc)
                              fpc() value from within sdrweight()
    r(vce)
                              vcetype specified in vce()
    r(dof)
                              dof() value
    r(mse)
                              mse, if specified
    r(poststrata)
                              poststrata() variable
    r(postweight)
                              postweight() variable
    r(settings)
                              svyset arguments to reproduce the current settings
    r(singleunit)
                              singleunit() setting
estat strata saves the following in r():
Matrices
    r(_N_strata_single)
                              number of strata with one sampling unit
    r(_N_strata_certain)
                              number of certainty strata
    r(_N_strata)
                              number of strata
    r(scale)
                              variance scale factors used when singleunit(scaled) is svyset
estat effects saves the following in r():
Matrices
    r(deff)
                              vector of DEFF estimates
    r(deft)
                              vector of DEFT estimates
    r(deffsub)
                              vector of DEFF estimates for srssubpop
    r(deftsub)
                              vector of DEFT estimates for srssubpop
                              vector of MEFF estimates
    r(meff)
    r(meft)
                              vector of MEFT estimates
estat lceffects saves the following in r():
Scalars
    r(estimate)
                              point estimate
    r(se)
                              estimate of standard error
    r(df)
                              degrees of freedom
    r(deff)
                              DEFF estimate
    r(deft)
                              DEFT estimate
    r(deffsub)
                              DEFF estimate for srssubpop
                              DEFT estimate for srssubpop
    r(deftsub)
                              MEFF estimate
    r(meff)
                              MEFT estimate
    r(meft)
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estat size saves the following in r():
Matrices
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r(_N) vector of numbers of nonmissing observations

r(_N_subp) vector of subpopulation size estimates

estat sd saves the following in r():

Macros

r(srssubpop) srssubpop, if specified

Matrices

r(mean) vector of subpopulation mean estimates

r(sd) vector of subpopulation standard-deviation estimates

r(variance) vector of subpopulation variance estimates

estat cv saves the following in r():

Matrices

r(b) estimates

r(se) standard errors of the estimates

r(cv) coefficients of variation of the estimates

estat gof saves the following in r():

Scalars

r(p) p-value associated with the test statistic

r(F) F statistic, if $e(df_r)$ was saved by estimation command

r(df1) numerator degrees of freedom for F statistic r(df2) denominator degrees of freedom for F statistic

r(chi2) χ^2 statistic, if e(df_r) was not saved by estimation command

r(df) degrees of freedom for χ^2 statistic

estat vce saves the following in r():

Matrices

r(V) VCE or correlation matrix

Methods and formulas

estat is implemented as an ado-file.

Methods and formulas are presented under the following headings:

Design effects

Linear combinations

Misspecification effects

Population and subpopulation standard deviations

Coefficients of variation

Goodness of fit for binary response models

Design effects

estat effects produces two estimators of design effect, DEFF and DEFT.

DEFF is estimated as described in Kish (1965) as

$$\mathrm{DEFF} = \frac{\widehat{V}(\widehat{\theta})}{\widehat{V}_{\mathrm{srswor}}(\widetilde{\theta}_{\mathrm{srs}})}$$

where $\widehat{V}(\widehat{\theta})$ is the design-based estimate of variance for a parameter, θ , and $\widehat{V}_{\mathrm{srswor}}(\widetilde{\theta}_{\mathrm{srs}})$ is an estimate of the variance for an estimator, $\widetilde{\theta}_{\mathrm{srs}}$, that would be obtained from a similar hypothetical survey conducted using SRS without replacement (wor) and with the same number of sample elements, m, as in the actual survey. For example, if θ is a total Y, then

$$\widehat{V}_{\text{srswor}}(\widetilde{\theta}_{\text{srs}}) = (1 - f) \frac{\widehat{M}}{m - 1} \sum_{j=1}^{m} w_j \left(y_j - \widehat{\overline{Y}} \right)^2$$
 (1)

where $\widehat{\overline{Y}} = \widehat{Y}/\widehat{M}$. The factor (1-f) is a finite population correction. If the user sets an FPC for the first stage, $f = m/\widehat{M}$ is used; otherwise, f = 0.

DEFT is estimated as described in Kish (1987, 41) as

$$\text{DEFT} = \sqrt{\frac{\widehat{V}(\widehat{\theta})}{\widehat{V}_{\text{STSWT}}(\widetilde{\theta}_{\text{STS}})}}$$

where $\widehat{V}_{\mathrm{srswr}}(\widetilde{\theta}_{\mathrm{srs}})$ is an estimate of the variance for an estimator, $\widetilde{\theta}_{\mathrm{srs}}$, obtained from a similar survey conducted using SRS with replacement (wr). $\widehat{V}_{\mathrm{srswr}}(\widetilde{\theta}_{\mathrm{srs}})$ is computed using (1) with f=0.

When computing estimates for a subpopulation, S, and the srssubpop option is *not* specified (that is, the default), (1) is used with $w_{Sj} = I_S(j) w_j$ in place of w_j , where

$$I_{\mathcal{S}}(j) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } j \in \mathcal{S} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The sums in (1) are still calculated over all elements in the sample, regardless of whether they belong to the subpopulation: by default, the SRS is assumed to be done across the full population.

When the srssubpop option is specified, the SRS is carried out within subpopulation \mathcal{S} . Here (1) is used with the sums restricted to those elements belonging to the subpopulation; m is replaced with $m_{\mathcal{S}}$, the number of sample elements from the subpopulation; \widehat{M} is replaced with $\widehat{M}_{\mathcal{S}}$, the sum of the weights from the subpopulation; and $\widehat{\overline{Y}}$ is replaced with $\widehat{\overline{Y}}_{\mathcal{S}} = \widehat{Y}_{\mathcal{S}}/\widehat{M}_{\mathcal{S}}$, the weighted mean across the subpopulation.

Linear combinations

estat lceffects estimates $\eta=C\theta$, where θ is a $q\times 1$ vector of parameters (for example, population means or population regression coefficients) and C is any $1\times q$ vector of constants. The estimate of η is $\widehat{\eta}=C\widehat{\theta}$, and its variance estimate is

$$\widehat{V}(\widehat{\eta}) = C\widehat{V}(\widehat{\theta})C'$$

Similarly, the SRS without replacement (srswor) variance estimator used in the computation of DEFF is

$$\widehat{V}_{\text{srswor}}(\widetilde{\eta}_{\text{srs}}) = C\widehat{V}_{\text{srswor}}(\widehat{\theta}_{\text{srs}})C'$$

and the SRS with replacement (srswr) variance estimator used in the computation of DEFT is

$$\widehat{V}_{\text{srswr}}(\widetilde{\eta}_{\text{srs}}) = C\widehat{V}_{\text{srswr}}(\widehat{\theta}_{\text{srs}})C'$$

The variance estimator used in computing MEFF and MEFT is

$$\widehat{V}_{\mathrm{msp}}(\widetilde{\eta}_{\mathrm{msp}}) = C\widehat{V}_{\mathrm{msp}}(\widehat{\theta}_{\mathrm{msp}})C'$$

estat lceffects was originally developed under a different command name; see Eltinge and Sribney (1996b).

Misspecification effects

estat effects produces two estimators of misspecification effect, MEFF and MEFT.

$$\text{MEFF} = \frac{\widehat{V}(\widehat{\theta})}{\widehat{V}_{\text{msp}}(\widehat{\theta}_{\text{msp}})}$$

$$MEFT = \sqrt{MEFF}$$

where $\widehat{V}(\widehat{\theta})$ is the design-based estimate of variance for a parameter, θ , and $\widehat{V}_{msp}(\widehat{\theta}_{msp})$ is the variance estimate for $\widehat{\theta}_{msp}$. These estimators, $\widehat{\theta}_{msp}$ and $\widehat{V}_{msp}(\widehat{\theta}_{msp})$, are based on the incorrect assumption that the observations were obtained through SRS with replacement: they are the estimators obtained by simply ignoring weights, stratification, and clustering. When θ is a total Y, the estimator and its variance estimate are computed using the standard formulas for an unweighted total:

$$\widehat{Y}_{\text{msp}} = \widehat{M} \, \overline{y} = \frac{\widehat{M}}{m} \sum_{j=1}^{m} y_j$$

$$\widehat{V}_{\mathrm{msp}}(\widehat{Y}_{\mathrm{msp}}) = \frac{\widehat{M}^2}{m(m-1)} \sum_{j=1}^{m} (y_j - \overline{y})^2$$

When computing MEFF and MEFT for a subpopulation, sums are restricted to those elements belonging to the subpopulation, and $\widehat{M}_{\mathcal{S}}$ and $\widehat{M}_{\mathcal{S}}$ are used in place of m and \widehat{M} .

Population and subpopulation standard deviations

For srswr designs, the variance of the mean estimator is

$$V_{\rm srswr}(\overline{y}) = \sigma^2/n$$

where n is the sample size and σ is the population standard deviation. estat sd uses this formula and the results from mean and svy: mean to estimate the population standard deviation via

$$\widehat{\sigma} = \sqrt{n \ \widehat{V}_{\mathrm{srswr}}(\overline{y})}$$

Subpopulation standard deviations are computed similarly, using the corresponding variance estimate and sample size.

Coefficients of variation

The coefficient of variation (CV) for estimate $\widehat{\theta}$ is

$$\text{CV}(\widehat{\theta}) = 100 \frac{\sqrt{\widehat{V}(\widehat{\theta})}}{|\widehat{\theta}|}$$

A missing value is reported when $\widehat{\theta}$ is zero.

Goodness of fit for binary response models

Let y_j be the jth observed value of the dependent variable, \widehat{p}_j be the predicted probability of a positive outcome, and $\widehat{r}_j = y_j - \widehat{p}_j$. Let g be the requested number of groups from the group() option; then the \widehat{r}_j are placed in g quantile groups as described in *Methods and formulas* for the xtile command in [D] **pctile**. Let $\overline{\mathbf{r}} = (\overline{r}_1, \dots, \overline{r}_g)$, where \overline{r}_i is the subpopulation mean of the \widehat{r}_j for the ith quantile group. The standard Wald statistic for testing $\overline{\mathbf{r}} = \mathbf{0}$ is

$$\widehat{X}^2 = \overline{\mathbf{r}} \{ \widehat{V}(\overline{\mathbf{r}}) \}^{-1} \overline{\mathbf{r}}'$$

where $\widehat{V}(\overline{\mathbf{r}})$ is the design-based variance estimate for $\overline{\mathbf{r}}$. Here \widehat{X}^2 is approximately distributed as a χ^2 with g-1 degrees of freedom. This Wald statistic is one of the three goodness-of-fit statistics discussed in Graubard, Korn, and Midthune (1997). estat gof reports this statistic when the design degrees of freedom is missing, such as with svy bootstrap results.

According to Archer and Lemeshow (2006), the F-adjusted mean residual test is given by

$$\widehat{F} = \widehat{X}^2 (d - g + 2) / (dg)$$

where d is the design degrees of freedom. Here \widehat{F} is approximately distributed as an F with g-1 numerator and d-g+2 denominator degrees of freedom.

With the total option, estat gof uses the subpopulation total estimator instead of the subpopulation mean estimator.

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Also see

- [SVY] **svy postestimation** Postestimation tools for svy
- [SVY] **svy estimation** Estimation commands for survey data
- [SVY] **subpopulation estimation** Subpopulation estimation for survey data
- [SVY] variance estimation Variance estimation for survey data