



Stata 15 | Data management

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Importing/exporting data

- **Import and export data from Excel .xls and .xlsx files** 
- **Import and export CSV and delimited data** 
- Copy/paste data from spreadsheets 
- Input data in spreadsheet editor
- Read from and write to SQL sources with ODBC (see below) 
- Import and export fixed-format data using a dictionary  
- Import and export any type of text data 
- Unicode (UTF-8) support, including conversion from/to extended ASCII  
- Import EBCDIC data and convert EBCDIC to ASCII  
- Import and export data in the format required by the FDA for NDA submittals 
- Import and export SAS Transport XPORT files 
- **Import Federal Reserve Economic Data**  **New**
- Import from Haver Analytics databases 
- **Import data from Wharton Research Data Services (WRDS) via ODBC**
- Import and export dBase files  **New**
- High-level import/export of full Excel worksheets 
- **Low-level cell-by-cell access to write results to and read data from Excel, including graphs, formulas, date formats, currency formats, bold, italics, and more**  

Watch **Import FRED (Import Federal Reserve Economic Data)**.

Watch **Import Excel® data into Stata**.

Watch **Copy/Paste from Excel® into Stata**.

ODBC support

- Import data from any ODBC data source, such as Oracle, SQL Server, Access, Excel, MySQL, and DB2
- Export data to new or existing ODBC tables
- Execute custom SQL commands individually or in batches

Automatic memory management

- Up to 1.5 TB of RAM supported
- Up to 120,000 variables in Stata/MP; up to 32,767 variables in Stata/SE  **Updated**
- **20 billion or more observations in Stata/MP**
- Up to 2.1 billion observations (Stata/SE and Stata/IC)

Sorting

- Ascending  or descending sorts 
- Multiple-key sorts
- Numeric and string sorts
- Locale-aware Unicode string sorting and comparison 

Combining datasets

- Merge datasets 
 - By key variables
 - By observations
- Join datasets 
- Outer join 
- Append datasets 
- Append time series 

Special datasets

- **Longitudinal data/panel data** 
- **Survival/duration data** 
- **Time series** 
- **Survey data** 
- **Multiple imputations** 

Dynamic document generation **New**

- **Create HTML files with embedded Stata code, output, and graphs**    
- **Markdown** 

Watch **Automatic production of web pages from dynamic Markdown documents**.

- Customize ODBC connection strings
- Support for ODBC
- Support for VARCHARs/CLOBs and BLOBs
- Support for Unicode

Built-in spreadsheet editor

- Clipboard Preview Tool lets you control how data will be pasted
- Manage variables with the Variables Tool
- For Windows , Mac , and Unix 

Properties window

- Manage variables
- Manage dataset properties
- For Windows , Mac , and Unix 

Variables Manager

- Change storage types, names, and formats
- Add and edit value labels
- Attach notes to variables
- Filter variables
- For Windows , Mac , and Unix 

Watch [Label variables](#).

Watch [Label the values of categorical variables](#).

Watch [Change the display format of a variable](#).

Watch [Add notes to a variable](#).

Functions

- Statistical functions  Updated
- Mathematical functions 
- Trigonometric functions 
- String functions 
- Unicode functions 
- Regular expressions 
- Date and time functions 
- Time-series functions 
- Random-number functions 
 - 18 functions  Updated
 - Stream random numbers  New
- Matrix functions  
- Programming functions 

Watch [Round a continuous variable](#).

Data reorganization

- Row-column transposition 
- Data reshaping 
- Stacking of variables 
- Collapsing into means, totals, etc. 

Watch [Reshape data from wide format to long format](#).

Watch [Reshape data from long format to wide format](#).

Creation of Word, Excel, and PDF files

- [High-level creation of Word documents containing Stata results and graphs](#)  New
- Low-level programmatic access for fine-control creation of Word documents  Updated
- [High-level creation of PDF files containing Stata results and graphs](#)  New
- Low-level programmatic access for fine-control creation of PDF files  Updated
- High level import/export of full Excel worksheets 
- Low-level cell-by-cell access to write results to and read data from Excel, including graphs, formulas, date formats, currency formats, bold, italics, and more.  

Watch [Create Word[®] documents from within Stata](#).

Watch [Create PDF reports from within Stata](#).

Image output

- Save graphs as PDFs 
- Save graphs to EPS or TIFF files for publication   
- Save graphs to PNG or SVG files for the web    Updated

Utilities

- Count number of observations that satisfy specified conditions 
- Formatted and unformatted disk I/O  
- Zip-file support 
- Unicode conversion from/to extended ASCII  
- Custom filters to manipulate text files 

Variable management

- Generation of new variables  
- Replacement of existing variables 
- Renaming variables  
- Encoding and decoding string variables 
- Reordering variables in dataset 

Watch [Create a new variable that is calculated from other variables](#).

Watch [Convert categorical string variables to labeled numeric variables](#).

Watch [Create a categorical variable from a continuous variable](#).

Watch [Convert a string variable to a numeric variable](#).

Watch [Identify and replace unusual data values](#).

Dataset utilities

- Flexible description of variables, labels, and types 

Unicode support

- UTF-8
- Translation of extended ASCII to UTF-8  
- Unicode-aware string functions  
- Locale-based sorting and string comparison 

Watch [Unicode in Stata](#).

Labels

- Dataset labels
- Variable labels
- Value labels (e.g., male and female for 0 and 1)
- Ability to switch between multiple sets of data, variable, and value labels
- Missing-value labels
- Support for multiple languages, including Unicode support 

Notes

- Extensive notes can be attached to a dataset

Data snapshots

- Allow multiple levels of undo to modified datasets

- List values of variables 
- Data signatures to verify the integrity of datasets 
- Codebooks for variables 
- Value-label reports 
- Duplicates  and missing values  tables
- Compress (make dataset as small as possible without loss of accuracy) 

Watch [Optimize the storage of variables](#).

Watch [Identify and remove duplicate observations](#).

Variable types

- Numeric storage types 
 - Byte
 - Integer (int)
 - Long
 - Float
 - Double
- String (including Unicode, very long strings and BLOBs) 
- Dates and times  
- [Business calendars](#)  

Watch [Create a date variable from a date stored as a string](#).

Long string support

- Up to 2 billion character long strings
- Coalescing of duplicate values to save memory
- Binary 'strings' (BLOBs)
- Import and export entire files into long strings/BLOBs
- Unicode (UTF-8) strings  

Stored results

- Save results to disk for later use 
- Store estimation results in memory 
- Create tables to compare results 