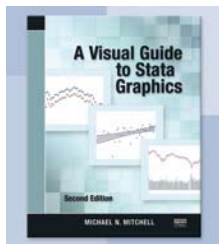


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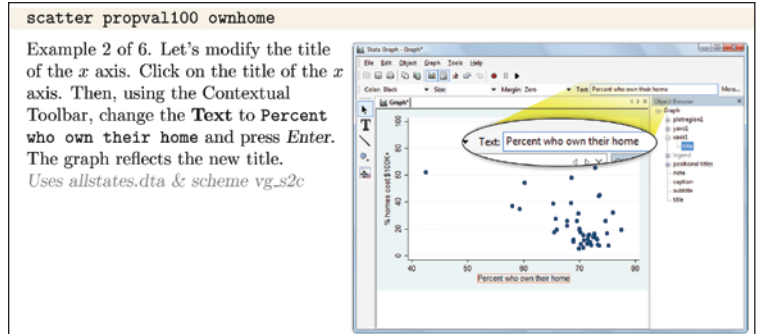
Title: *A Visual Guide to Stata Graphics, 2nd Edition*
Author: Michael N. Mitchell
Publisher: Stata Press
Copyright: 2008
Pages: 471; paperback
ISBN-10: 1-59718-039-4
ISBN-13: 978-1-59718-039-9
Price: \$57.50

Weighing in with 20% more pages than the original, the second edition of *A Visual Guide to Stata Graphics* is no mere update. Author Michael Mitchell adds coverage of almost every feature added to Stata graphics since the first edition. Foremost among these additions is the interactive Graph Editor, introduced in Stata 10, of which the author says,

[...] You need to use the Graph Editor for only a short amount of time to see what a smart and powerful tool it is. Whereas commands offer the power of repeatability, the Graph Editor provides a nimble interface that permits you to tangibly modify graphs like a potter directly handling clay.

Mitchell adds an extensive chapter about the Graph Editor, where he first introduces it and then shows it in action. This chapter maintains the overarching style of the book by using over 120 color graphics and screen captures to show exactly how things are done and exactly how they look on the graph. With pictures and words, Mitchell shows you how to change the color, size, or placement of any titles, markers, annotations, or other objects on your graph by using just a few mouse clicks. More subtly, he shows you how to change such things as the number of ticks and labels on your axes, the number of columns in your legends, the label on an individual point, and more. He even shows you how to convert, for example, a scatterplot to a line plot and how to rotate or pivot bar charts. Mitchell also covers such advanced topics as how to draw lines and arrows on graphs so that they continue to reference your objects of interest even if you resize the graph, combine it with other graphs, or change the scale or range of the axes. In short, he exposes all the Graph Editor's tools, from the simplest to the most powerful. Mitchell does not stop there; almost every example in the book now shows you how to accomplish the desired graph or effect not only by using a command or command-line option but also by using the Graph Editor.

Beyond the Graph Editor, Mitchell covers major new features such as time-series axes with intuitive controls for labeling and adding text and lines, panel-data plots, and local polynomial smooths and CIs (which



Excerpt from *A Visual Guide to Stata Graphics, Second Edition*

join a host of previously discussed smooths and fits). He also covers more-specific new features such as options for controlling aspect ratios and for changing all text sizes simultaneously.

The book retains its visual style, presenting the reader with a color-coded, visual table of contents that runs along the right edge of every page and shows readers exactly where they are in the book. You can see the color-coded chapter tabs without opening the book, providing quick visual access to each chapter.

The heart of each chapter is a series of entries that are typically formatted three to a page. Each entry shows a graph command (with the emphasized portion of the command highlighted in red), the resulting graph, a description of what is being done, the dataset and scheme used, and, new in the second edition, a section showing how to produce the result by using the Graph Editor. Because every feature, option, and edit is demonstrated with a graph or screen capture, you can often flip through a section of the book to find exactly the effect you are seeking.

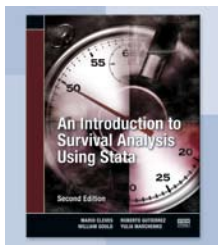
The second edition of *A Visual Guide to Stata Graphics* is a complete guide to Stata's **graph** command and the associated Graph Editor. Whether you want to tame the Stata **graph** command, find out how to produce a graphical effect, master the Stata Graph Editor, or learn approaches that can be used to construct custom graphs, this is the book to read.

You can find the table of contents and online ordering information at <http://www.stata-press.com/books/vgsg.html>. You can also order using the enclosed bookstore order form.

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THE STATA NEWS is published four times a year and is free to all registered users of Stata.



Title: *An Introduction to Survival Analysis Using Stata, 2nd Edition*
 Authors: Mario Cleves, William W. Gould, Roberto G. Gutierrez, and Yulia Marchenko
 Publisher: Stata Press
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 Pages: 372; paperback
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 ISBN-13: 978-1-59718-041-2
 Price: \$56.00

An Introduction to Survival Analysis Using Stata, Second Edition is the ideal tutorial for professional data analysts who want to learn survival analysis for the first time or who are well versed in survival analysis but not as dexterous in using Stata to analyze survival data. This text also serves as a valuable reference to those who already have experience using Stata's survival analysis routines.

The second edition has been updated for Stata 10, containing a new chapter on power and sample-size calculations for survival studies and sections that describe how to fit regression models (`stcox` and `streg`) in the presence of complex survey data. Other enhancements include discussions about nonparametric estimation of mean/median survival, survival graphs with embedded at-risk tables, better hazard graphs through the use of boundary kernels, and concordance measures for assessing the predictive accuracy of the Cox model, as well as an expanded discussion of model-building strategies including the use of fractional polynomials. Survival analysis is a field of its own requiring specialized data management and analysis procedures. Toward this end, Stata provides the `st` family of commands for organizing and summarizing survival data. The authors of this text are also the authors of Stata's `st` commands.

This book provides statistical theory, step-by-step procedures for analyzing survival data, an in-depth usage guide for Stata's most widely used `st` commands, and a collection of tips for using Stata to analyze survival data and present the results. This book develops the statistical concepts unique to survival data and assumes only a knowledge of basic probability and statistics and a working knowledge of Stata.

The first three chapters of the text cover basic theoretical concepts: hazard functions, cumulative hazard functions, and their interpretations; survivor functions; hazard models; and a comparison of nonparametric, semiparametric, and parametric methodologies. Chapter 4 deals with censoring and truncation. The next three chapters cover the formatting, manipulation, `stsetting`, and error checking involved in preparing survival data for analysis using Stata's `st` analysis commands. Chapter 8 covers nonparametric methods, including the Kaplan–Meier and Nelson–Aalen estimators, and the various nonparametric tests for the equality of survival experience.

Chapters 9–11 discuss Cox regression and include various examples of fitting a Cox model, obtaining predictions, interpreting results, building models, and model diagnostics. The next four chapters cover parametric models, which are fit using Stata's `streg` command. These chapters include detailed derivations of all six parametric models currently supported in Stata and methods for determining which model is appropriate, as well as information on obtaining predictions,

stratification, and advanced topics such as frailty models. The final chapter is devoted to power and sample-size calculations for survival studies.

You can find the table of contents and online ordering information at <http://www.stata-press.com/books/saus.html>. You can also order using the enclosed bookstore order form.



Titre: *Stata par la pratique : statistiques, graphiques et éléments de programmation*
 Auteurs: Eric Cahuzac et Christophe Bontemps
 Éditeur: Stata Press
 Droits d'auteur: 2008
 Pages: 254; livre broché
 ISBN-10: 1-59718-042-4
 ISBN-13: 978-1-59718-042-9
 Prix: \$48.00

Stata par la pratique par Eric Cahuzac et Christophe Bontemps propose une introduction complète à l'usage de Stata en Français. S'appuyant sur des exemples clairs écrits dans un langage simple, cet ouvrage guide l'utilisateur au travers des différentes fonctionnalités de Stata 10. L'ensemble des outils nécessaires à un travail sur données est abordé : exploration des données, statistiques descriptives, modélisation, inférence, tests, graphiques, ainsi que les sorties pour publication. En outre, l'ouvrage inclut également une introduction à la programmation et propose des extraits de code utiles pour résoudre les problèmes fréquemment rencontrés par les utilisateurs. Il contient le matériel essentiel pour transformer le débutant en expert, la clarté de l'ouvrage rendant ce processus particulièrement rapide.

L'ouvrage propose un apprentissage de Stata par des approches variées. Pour certains sujets (statistiques descriptives par exemple), les commandes appropriées sont exposées et leur utilisation expliquée de manière simple. Si différents choix sont possibles, les avantages et inconvénients de chaque commande sont explicités afin de guider l'utilisateur dans ses choix. Pour les sujets plus complexes, l'approche est de type exploratoire : le lecteur est accompagné dans l'utilisation des différentes commandes pour analyser ou visualiser les données sur la base d'exemples choisis. Une autre originalité intéressante de ce livre réside dans le fait qu'il ne se limite pas aux commandes standard de Stata, mais présente aussi de nombreuses commandes additionnelles issues de la communauté des utilisateurs de Stata. Les exemples proposés sont principalement tirés de l'économie et des sciences sociales, mais sont illustratifs pour tout lecteur intéressé par une application statistique, quelle que soit sa spécialité. Cet ouvrage couvre un champ très large et s'adresse aux débutants comme aux utilisateurs confirmés, qu'ils soient étudiants ou chercheurs.

Vous trouverez la table des matières et les renseignements pour passer commande en ligne à <http://www.stata-press.com/books/splp.html>. Vous pouvez également commander en utilisant le bon de commande de bibliothèque ci-joint.

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Become intimately familiar with all three components of Stata: data management, analysis, and graphics. These two-day courses are taught by a senior member of the StataCorp staff and offer hands-on, individualized instruction, with each participant having access to a computer with Stata 10 installed. The courses are aimed at both new Stata users and those who would like to optimize their work flow and to pick up tips for efficient day-to-day usage of Stata. Upon completion of the course, you will be able to use Stata efficiently for basic analyses and graphics. You will be able to do this in a reproducible manner, making collaborative changes and follow-up analyses much simpler. Finally, you will be able to make your datasets self-explanatory to your co-workers and your future self.

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Cost: \$950

Register: <http://www.stata.com/training/enroll.html>

Deadline: August 14, 2008*

Date: September 25–26, 2008

Location: MicroTek
333 Bush Street
Suite 1200
San Francisco, CA 94104

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Deadline: September 18, 2008*

Whether you currently own Stata 10 or you are considering an upgrade or new purchase, these courses will unquestionably make you more proficient with Stata's wide-ranging capabilities.

Course topics include

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 - Keeping organized
 - Knowing how Stata treats data
 - Using dialog boxes efficiently

- Using the Command window
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- Generating new variables in an efficient fashion, including leading, lagging, generating statistics within groups, and working across variables
- Combining datasets, both by adding observations and by adding variables
- Reshaping datasets for repeated measurements

◆ Work flow

- Using both menus and the Command window to work quickly
- Setting up Stata to one's liking
- Keeping complete records of what is done inside Stata
- Creating a reproducible analysis, which is completely documented
- Finding, installing, and removing user-written extensions to Stata
- Customizing how Stata starts up and where it looks for files

◆ Analysis

- Using basic statistical commands
- Reusing results of Stata commands
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◆ Graphics

- Making common, simple graphs
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- Using the Graph Editor

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*Enrollment is limited to 24 participants per course. Computers with Stata 10 installed are provided at all public training sessions. A continental breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack will also be provided. All training courses run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. All participants are encouraged to bring a USB flash drive to all public training sessions; this is the safest and simplest way to save your work from the session.

For a schedule of upcoming training courses, visit <http://www.stata.com/training/public.html>.

2008 Summer North American Stata Users Group meeting

Dates: July 24–25, 2008

Venue: Gleacher Center, University of Chicago

450 North Cityfront Plaza Drive

Chicago, IL 60611

<http://www.gleachercenter.com>

	Price	Student price
Single day	\$95	\$40
Both days	\$160	\$65
Optional dinner at Maggiano's Little Italy	\$38	

<http://www.stata.com/meeting/snasug08>

Register now (deadline: July 17, 2008)

The Summer North American Stata Users Group (SNASUG) meeting will be held July 24–25, 2008, at the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business Gleacher Center. This will be the first Stata users' meeting held in Chicago; previous North American meetings have been held in Boston and Los Angeles. The Gleacher Center is located downtown on the bank of the Chicago River, just steps from Michigan Avenue and within walking distance from most downtown attractions.

Stata Users Group meetings are enjoyable and rewarding for Stata users at all levels and from all disciplines. As always, this year's program will consist primarily of user presentations together with a couple of longer talks by invited presenters. In addition, the program will include the ever-popular "Wishes and Grumbles" session in which users have an opportunity to share their comments and suggestions directly with developers from StataCorp, and the "Report to Users" session with StataCorp president William Gould.

Among the papers scheduled for presentation are the following:

GMM estimation in Mata

Austin Nichols, *Urban Institute*

Survival analysis for survey data in Stata 10

Roberto G. Gutierrez, *StataCorp*

Understanding statistics using **simulate**

Maarten Buis, *Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam*

Semiparametric generalized linear models

Paul Rathouz, *University of Chicago*

Inference for partial effects in nonlinear panel-data models using Stata

Jeffrey Wooldridge, *Michigan State University*

Finite mixture models

Partha Deb, *Hunter College and the Graduate Center, CUNY*

Logistic regression by means of penalized maximum likelihood estimation in cases of separation

Joseph Coveney, *Cobridge Co., Ltd.*

Survey bootstrap and bootstrap weights

Stas Kolenikov, *University of Missouri*

Teaching consumer theory with maximum likelihood estimation of demand systems

Carl Nelson, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

Econometric analysis of dynamic panel-data models

David Drukker, *StataCorp*

Multivariate mixed models for meta-analysis of paired-comparison studies of two medical diagnostic tests

Ben Dwamena, *University of Michigan Radiology and VA Nuclear Medicine Service*

Estimation of constant-CV regression models

Alan Feiveson, *NASA Johnson Space Center*

The effects of single mothers' welfare participation and work decisions on children's attainments

Hau Chyi, *WISE, Xiamen University, China*

Orgul Ozturk, *University of South Carolina*

Reshaping the World Development Indicators (WDI) for panel data and seemingly unrelated regression modeling in Stata

P. Wilner Jeanty, *The Ohio State University*

Using Stata as a computational tool in a relational database environment

Tom Mustillo, *Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis*

Sarah Mustillo, *Purdue University*

USESPSS: Processing SPSS files in Stata

Sergiy Radyakin, *The World Bank*

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Scott Long, *Indiana University*

Phil Schumm (chair), *University of Chicago*

Pravin Trivedi, *Indiana University*

Richard Williams, *University of Notre Dame*

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Chris Farrar, *StataCorp LP*

Gretchen Farrar, *StataCorp LP*

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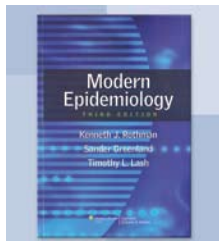
Singapore Stata Users Group

StataCorp is happy to announce the formation of the Stata Users Group in Singapore. The group is registered as an independent society with the Singapore government (Society Reference number 2048/2008). The goals of the group are to

- 1) provide a forum for sharing among Stata users in Asia,
- 2) collaborate in research with the industries and organize user meetings, and
- 3) improve the standards of statistical practice in Singapore.

Officers are Siew-Pang Chan—President, Arul Earnest—Vice President, and Robin WM Choo—Treasurer.

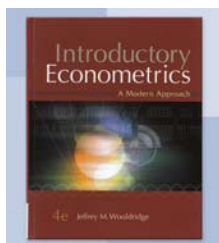
From the Stata Bookstore



Title: *Modern Epidemiology, 3rd Edition*
 Authors: Kenneth J. Rothman, Sander Greenland, and Timothy L. Lash with 19 contributors
 Publisher: Lippincott, Williams, & Wilkins
 Copyright: 2008
 Pages: 851; hardcover
 ISBN-10: 0-7817-5564-6
 ISBN-13: 978-0-7817-5564-1
 Price: \$89.00

Modern Epidemiology, Third Edition provides a complete desk reference of the methods of modern epidemiology, with contributions from the 3 authors plus 19 leading experts from various subfields. Intended as a sort of encyclopedia, the text has broad coverage and the discussions are clear and concise, including citations to every reference imaginable.

The third edition updates the second (published in 1998) to include coverage of new methods being applied in epidemiology in this century. Among these new methods are the following: Bayesian analysis of tables, risk/policy analysis, the use of secondary data sources such as registry databases, and statistical genetics.



Title: *Introductory Econometrics: A Modern Approach, 4th Edition*
 Author: Jeffrey M. Wooldridge
 Publisher: South-Western
 Copyright: 2008
 Pages: 912; hardcover
 ISBN-10: 0-324-58162-9
 ISBN-13: 978-0-324-58162-1
 Price: \$129.00

The fourth edition of Jeffrey Wooldridge's textbook, *Introductory Econometrics: A Modern Approach*, lives up to its subtitle. This text exemplifies a modern approach to econometrics in its choice of topics and its treatment of standard material.

Wooldridge recognizes that modern econometrics involves much more than ordinary least squares (OLS) with a few extensions to handle the special cases commonly encountered in econometric data. In addition to chapters on OLS, he includes chapters on current techniques of estimation and inference for time-series data, panel data, limited dependent variables, and sample selection.

In his treatments of standard OLS and two-stage least squares, Wooldridge breaks new ground by concentrating on advanced statistical concepts instead of matrix algebra. A traditional approach to introductory econometrics would use advanced materials sections to give courses on matrix algebra and its applications in econometrics. In contrast, Wooldridge uses the advanced sections of his text to introduce recently developed statistical concepts and techniques. This

approach leads to a text with greater breadth than is usual in books of this type. This book is equally useful for advanced undergraduate study, as the basis of a survey course at the graduate level, or as a conceptual supplement to advanced courses.

The fourth edition contains new material on the smearing estimator after log-linear OLS, expanded treatments of least-absolute-deviations estimators, linear models for heteroskedastic data, Chow tests for panel data, and panel-data methods for cluster samples. The result is that an excellent introductory book has been made even better.

To find out more about any of these books or to place an order, visit <http://www.stata.com/bookstore/>. You can also order using the enclosed bookstore order form.

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NetCourse™ schedule

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NC101: Introduction to Stata

Content: An introduction to using Stata interactively
 Prerequisites: Stata 10
 Course leaders: Theresa Boswell, Kevin Crow, Kerry Kammire
 Course length: 6 weeks (4 lectures)
 Dates: September 12–October 24, 2008
 Enrollment deadline: September 11, 2008
 Price: \$95
 Course syllabus: <http://www.stata.com/netcourse/nc101.html>

NC151: Introduction to Stata Programming

Content: An introduction to Stata programming dealing with what most statistical software users mean by programming, namely, the careful performance of reproducible analyses
 Prerequisites: Stata 10; basic knowledge of using Stata interactively
 Course leaders: Theresa Boswell, Kevin Crow, Kerry Kammire
 Course length: 6 weeks (4 lectures)
 Dates: September 12–October 24, 2008
 Enrollment deadline: September 11, 2008
 Price: \$125
 Course syllabus: <http://www.stata.com/netcourse/nc151.html>

NC152: Advanced Stata Programming

Content: This course teaches you how to create and debug new commands that are indistinguishable from those of official Stata. The course assumes that you know why and when to program and, to some extent, how. You will learn how to parse both standard and nonstandard Stata syntax by using the intuitive `syntax` command, how to manage and process saved results, how to process by-groups, and more.

Prerequisites: Stata 10; course content of NetCourse 151 or equivalent knowledge

Course leaders: Theresa Boswell, Kevin Crow, Kerry Kammire

Course length: 7 weeks (5 lectures)

Dates: October 10–November 28, 2008

Enrollment deadline: October 9, 2008

Price: \$150

Course syllabus: <http://www.stata.com/netcourse/nc152.html>

NC461: Introduction to Univariate Time Series with Stata

Content: This course introduces univariate time-series analysis, emphasizing the practical aspects most needed by practitioners and applied researchers. The course is written to appeal to a broad array of users, including economists, forecasters, financial analysts, managers, and anyone who encounters time-series data.

Prerequisites: Stata 10; course content of NetCourse 101 or equivalent knowledge. Familiarity with basic cross-sectional summary statistics and linear regression.

Course leaders: Brian Poi, Gustavo Sanchez

Course length: 7 weeks (4 lectures plus an overview of multivariate methods)

Dates: October 10–November 28, 2008

Enrollment deadline: October 9, 2008

Price: \$295

Course syllabus: <http://www.stata.com/netcourse/nc461.html>

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