

**sts generate** — Create variables containing survivor and related functions

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## Syntax

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sts generate newvar =
{ s | se(s) | h | se(l1s) | lb(s) | ub(s) | na | se(na) | lb(na) | ub(na) | n | d }
[ newvar = { ... } ... ] [ if ] [ in ] [ , options ]
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<i>options</i>	Description
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### Options

<code>by(<i>varlist</i>)</code>	calculate separately for each group formed by <i>varlist</i>
<code>adjustfor(<i>varlist</i>)</code>	adjust the estimates to zero values of <i>varlist</i>
<code>strata(<i>varlist</i>)</code>	stratify on different groups of <i>varlist</i>
<code>level(#)</code>	set confidence level; default is <code>level(95)</code>

You must `stset` your data before using `sts generate`; see [\[ST\] stset](#).

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## Description

`sts generate` creates new variables containing the estimated survivor (failure) function, the Nelson–Aalen cumulative hazard (integrated hazard) function, and related functions. See [\[ST\] sts](#) for an introduction to this command.

`sts generate` can be used with single- or multiple-record or single- or multiple-failure `st` data.

## Functions

Main

`s` produces the Kaplan–Meier product-limit estimate of the survivor function,  $\hat{S}(t)$ , or, if `adjustfor()` is specified, the baseline survivor function from a Cox regression model on the `adjustfor()` variables.

`se(s)` produces the Greenwood, pointwise standard error,  $\hat{s.e}\{\hat{S}(t)\}$ . This option may not be used with `adjustfor()`.

**h** produces the estimated hazard component,  $\Delta H_j = H(t_j) - H(t_{j-1})$ , where  $t_j$  is the current failure time and  $t_{j-1}$  is the previous one. This is mainly a utility function used to calculate the estimated cumulative hazard,  $H(t_j)$ , yet you can estimate the hazard via a kernel smooth of the  $\Delta H_j$ ; see [ST] **sts graph**. It is recorded at all the points at which a failure occurs and is computed as  $d_j/n_j$ , where  $d_j$  is the number of failures occurring at time  $t_j$  and  $n_j$  is the number at risk at  $t_j$  before the occurrence of the failures.

**se(1ls)** produces  $\hat{\sigma}(t)$ , the standard error of  $\ln\{-\ln \hat{S}(t)\}$ . This option may not be used with **adjustfor()**.

**1b(s)** produces the lower bound of the confidence interval for  $\hat{S}(t)$  based on  $\ln\{-\ln \hat{S}(t)\}$ :  $\hat{S}(t)^{\exp(-z_{\alpha/2}\hat{\sigma}(t))}$ , where  $z_{\alpha/2}$  is the  $(1 - \alpha/2)$  quantile of the standard normal distribution. This option may not be used with **adjustfor()**.

**ub(s)** produces the upper bound of the confidence interval for  $\hat{S}(t)$  based on  $\ln\{-\ln \hat{S}(t)\}$ :  $\hat{S}(t)^{\exp(z_{\alpha/2}\hat{\sigma}(t))}$ , where  $z_{\alpha/2}$  is the  $(1 - \alpha/2)$  quantile of the standard normal distribution. This option may not be used with **adjustfor()**.

**na** produces the Nelson–Aalen estimate of the cumulative hazard function. This option may not be used with **adjustfor()**.

**se(na)** produces pointwise standard error for the Nelson–Aalen estimate of the cumulative hazard function,  $\hat{H}(t)$ . This option may not be used with **adjustfor()**.

**1b(na)** produces the lower bound of the confidence interval for  $\hat{H}(t)$  based on the log-transformed cumulative hazard function. This option may not be used with **adjustfor()**.

**ub(na)** produces the corresponding upper bound. This option may not be used with **adjustfor()**.

**n** produces  $n_j$ , the number at risk just before time  $t_j$ . This option may not be used with **adjustfor()**.

**d** produces  $d_j$ , the number failing at time  $t_j$ . This option may not be used with **adjustfor()**.

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**by(varlist)** performs a separate calculation for each by-group. By-groups are identified by equal values of the variables in *varlist*. **by()** may not be combined with **strata()**.

**adjustfor(varlist)** adjusts the estimate of the survivor (failure) or hazard function to that for 0 values of *varlist*. This option is available only with functions **s** or **h**. See [ST] **sts graph** for an example of how to adjust for values different from 0.

If you specify **adjustfor()** with **by()**, **sts** fits separate Cox regression models for each group, using the **adjustfor()** variables as covariates. The separately calculated baseline survivor functions are then retrieved.

If you specify **adjustfor()** with **strata()**, **sts** fits a stratified-on-group Cox regression model using the **adjustfor()** variables as covariates. The stratified, baseline survivor function is then retrieved.

**strata(varlist)** requests estimates of the survivor (failure) or hazard functions stratified on variables in *varlist*. It requires specifying **adjustfor()** and may not be combined with **by()**.

**level(#)** specifies the confidence level, as a percentage, for the **1b(s)**, **ub(s)**, **1b(na)**, and **ub(na)** functions. The default is **level(95)** or as set by **set level**; see [U] **20.7 Specifying the width of confidence intervals**.

## Remarks and examples

`sts generate` is a seldom-used command that gives you access to the calculations listed by `sts list` and graphed by `sts graph`.

Use of this command is demonstrated in [ST] `sts`.

## Methods and formulas

See [ST] `sts`.

## References

See [ST] `sts` for references.

## Also see

- [ST] `sts` — Generate, graph, list, and test the survivor and cumulative hazard functions
- [ST] `sts graph` — Graph the survivor, hazard, or cumulative hazard function
- [ST] `sts list` — List the survivor or cumulative hazard function
- [ST] `sts test` — Test equality of survivor functions
- [ST] `stset` — Declare data to be survival-time data