

**bayes: betareg** — Bayesian beta regression

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## Description

`bayes: betareg` fits a Bayesian beta regression to a fractional outcome whose values are greater than 0 and less than 1; see [\[BAYES\] bayes](#) and [\[R\] betareg](#) for details.

## Quick start

Bayesian beta regression of  $y$  on  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , using default normal priors for regression coefficients

```
bayes: betareg y x1 x2
```

Use a standard deviation of 10 instead of 100 for the default normal priors

```
bayes, normalprior(10): betareg y x1 x2
```

Use uniform priors for the slopes and a normal prior for the intercept

```
bayes, prior({y: x1 x2}, uniform(-10,10)) ///  
prior({y:_cons}, normal(0,10)): betareg y x1 x2
```

Save simulation results to `simdata.dta`, and use a random-number seed for reproducibility

```
bayes, saving(simdata) rseed(123): betareg y x1 x2
```

Specify 20,000 MCMC samples, set length of the burn-in period to 5,000, and request that a dot be displayed every 500 simulations

```
bayes, mcmcsample(20000) burnin(5000) dots(500): betareg y x1 x2
```

In the above, request that the 90% HPD credible interval be displayed instead of the default 95% equal-tailed credible interval

```
bayes, clevel(90) hpd
```

Also see [Quick start](#) in [\[BAYES\] bayes](#) and [Quick start](#) in [\[R\] betareg](#).

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## Syntax

```
bayes [ , bayesopts ] : betareg depvar indepvars [if] [in] [weight] [ , options ]
```

<i>options</i>	Description
<b>Model</b>	
<code><u>noconstant</u></code>	suppress constant term
<code><u>scale</u>(<i>varlist</i> [ , <u>noconstant</u> ])</code>	specify independent variables for scale
<code><u>link</u>(<i>linkname</i>)</code>	specify link function for the conditional mean; default is <code>link(logit)</code>
<code><u>slink</u>(<i>slinkname</i>)</code>	specify link function for the conditional scale; default is <code>slink(log)</code>
<b>Reporting</b>	
<code><u>display_options</u></code>	control spacing, line width, and base and empty cells
<code><u>level</u>(#)</code>	set credible level; default is <code>level(95)</code>
<i>indepvars</i> and <i>varlist</i> may contain factor variables; see [U] 11.4.3 <b>Factor variables</b> .	
<i>fweights</i> are allowed; see [U] 11.1.6 <b>weight</b> .	
bayes: <code>betareg</code> , <code>level()</code> is equivalent to <code>bayes, clevel()</code> : <code>betareg</code> .	
For a detailed description of <i>options</i> , see <i>Options</i> in [R] <b>betareg</b> .	
<i>bayesopts</i>	Description
<b>Priors</b>	
* <code><u>normalprior</u>(#)</code>	specify standard deviation of default normal priors for regression coefficients; default is <code>normalprior(100)</code>
<code><u>prior</u>(<i>priorspec</i>)</code>	prior for model parameters; this option may be repeated
<code><u>dryrun</u></code>	show model summary without estimation
<b>Simulation</b>	
<code><u>mcmcsize</u>(#)</code>	MCMC sample size; default is <code>mcmcsize(10000)</code>
<code><u>burnin</u>(#)</code>	burn-in period; default is <code>burnin(2500)</code>
<code><u>thinning</u>(#)</code>	thinning interval; default is <code>thinning(1)</code>
<code><u>rseed</u>(#)</code>	random-number seed
<code><u>exclude</u>(<i>paramref</i>)</code>	specify model parameters to be excluded from the simulation results
<b>Blocking</b>	
* <code><u>blocksize</u>(#)</code>	maximum block size; default is <code>blocksize(50)</code>
<code><u>block</u>(<i>paramref</i> [ , <i>blockopts</i> ])</code>	specify a block of model parameters; this option may be repeated
<code><u>blocksummary</u></code>	display block summary
* <code><u>noblocking</u></code>	do not block parameters by default
<b>Initialization</b>	
<code><u>initial</u>(<i>initspec</i>)</code>	initial values for model parameters
<code><u>nonleinitial</u></code>	suppress the use of maximum likelihood estimates as starting values
<code><u>initransom</u></code>	specify random initial values
<code><u>initsummary</u></code>	display initial values used for simulation
* <code><u>noisily</u></code>	display output from the estimation command during initialization

Adaptation

`adaptation(adaptopts)` control the adaptive MCMC procedure  
`scale(#)` initial multiplier for scale factor; default is `scale(2.38)`  
`covariance(cov)` initial proposal covariance; default is the identity matrix

Reporting

`clevel(#)` set credible interval level; default is `clevel(95)`  
`hpd` display HPD credible intervals instead of the default equal-tailed credible intervals  
`eform[ (string) ]` report exponentiated coefficients and, optionally, label as *string*  
`batch(#)` specify length of block for batch-means calculations; default is `batch(0)`  
`saving(filename [, replace ])` save simulation results to *filename.dta*  
`nomodelsummary` suppress model summary  
`[no]dots` suppress dots or display dots every 100 iterations and iteration numbers every 1,000 iterations; default is `nodots`  
`dots(#[ , every(#) ])` display dots as simulation is performed  
`[no]show(paramref)` specify model parameters to be excluded from or included in the output  
`notable` suppress estimation table  
`noheader` suppress output header  
`title(string)` display *string* as title above the table of parameter estimates  
`display_options` control spacing, line width, and base and empty cells

Advanced

`search(search_options)` control the search for feasible initial values  
`corrlag(#)` specify maximum autocorrelation lag; default varies  
`corrtol(#)` specify autocorrelation tolerance; default is `corrtol(0.01)`

\*Starred options are specific to the `bayes` prefix; other options are common between `bayes` and `bayesmh`.

Options `prior()` and `block()` can be repeated.

`priorspec` and `paramref` are defined in [BAYES] `bayesmh`.

`paramref` may contain factor variables; see [U] 11.4.3 Factor variables.

See [U] 20 Estimation and postestimation commands for more capabilities of estimation commands.

Model parameters are regression coefficients `{depvar:indepvars}` for the main regression and `{scale:varlist}` for the scale equation. Use the `dryrun` option to see the definitions of model parameters prior to estimation.

For a detailed description of `bayesopts`, see `Options` in [BAYES] `bayes`.

## Remarks and examples

[stata.com](http://www.stata.com)

For a general introduction to Bayesian analysis, see [BAYES] `intro`. For a general introduction to Bayesian estimation using an adaptive Metropolis–Hastings algorithm, see [BAYES] `bayesmh`. For remarks and examples specific to the `bayes` prefix, see [BAYES] `bayes`. For details about the estimation command, see [R] `betareg`.

For a simple example of the `bayes` prefix, see *Introductory example* in [BAYES] `bayes`.

## Stored results

See *Stored results* in [BAYES] **bayesmh**.

## Methods and formulas

See *Methods and formulas* in [BAYES] **bayesmh**.

## Also see

[BAYES] **bayes** — Bayesian regression models using the bayes prefix

[R] **betareg** — Beta regression

[BAYES] **bayesian postestimation** — Postestimation tools for bayesmh and the bayes prefix

[BAYES] **bayesian estimation** — Bayesian estimation commands

[BAYES] **bayesian commands** — Introduction to commands for Bayesian analysis

[BAYES] **intro** — Introduction to Bayesian analysis

[BAYES] **Glossary**