

**bayes: regress** — Bayesian linear regression

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## Description

`bayes: regress` fits a Bayesian linear regression to a continuous outcome; see [\[BAYES\] bayes](#) and [\[R\] regress](#) for details.

## Quick start

Bayesian linear regression of  $y$  on  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , using default normal priors for regression coefficients and default inverse-gamma prior for the variance

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bayes: regress y x1 x2
```

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

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

Use a shape of 1 and a scale of 2 instead of values of 0.01 for the default inverse-gamma prior

```
bayes, igammaprior(1 2): regress 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)): regress y x1 x2
```

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

```
bayes, saving(simdata) rseed(123): regress 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): regress 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 [\[R\] regress](#).

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## Syntax

```
bayes [ , bayesopts ] : regress depvar [indepvars] [if] [in] [weight] [ , options ]
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<i>options</i>	Description
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## Model

<u>noconstant</u>	suppress constant term
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## Reporting

<u>eform</u> ( <i>string</i> )	report exponentiated coefficients and label as <i>string</i>
<u>display_options</u>	control spacing, line width, and base and empty cells

<u>level</u> (#)	set credible level; default is level(95)
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*indepvars* may contain factor variables; see [U] 11.4.3 Factor variables.

*depvar* and *indepvars* may contain time-series operators; see [U] 11.4.4 Time-series varlists.

*fweights* are allowed; see [U] 11.1.6 weight.

`bayes: regress, level()` is equivalent to `bayes, clevel(): regress`.

For a detailed description of *options*, see *Options* in [R] regress.

<i>bayesopts</i>	Description
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## Priors

* <u>gibbs</u>	specify Gibbs sampling; available only with normal priors for regression coefficients and an inverse-gamma prior for variance
* <u>normalprior</u> (#)	specify standard deviation of default normal priors for regression coefficients; default is normalprior(100)
* <u>igammaprior</u> (# #)	specify shape and scale of default inverse-gamma prior for variance; default is igammaprior(0.01 0.01)
<u>prior</u> ( <i>priorspec</i> )	prior for model parameters; this option may be repeated
<u>dryrun</u>	show model summary without estimation

## Simulation

<u>mcmcsize</u> (#)	MCMC sample size; default is mcmcsize(10000)
<u>burnin</u> (#)	burn-in period; default is burnin(2500)
<u>thinning</u> (#)	thinning interval; default is thinning(1)
<u>rseed</u> (#)	random-number seed
<u>exclude</u> ( <i>paramref</i> )	specify model parameters to be excluded from the simulation results

## Blocking

* <u>blocksize</u> (#)	maximum block size; default is blocksize(50)
<u>block</u> ( <i>paramref</i> [ , <i>blockopts</i> ])	specify a block of model parameters; this option may be repeated
<u>blocksummary</u>	display block summary
* <u>noblocking</u>	do not block parameters by default

## Initialization

<u>initial</u> ( <i>initspec</i> )	initial values for model parameters
<u>nomleinitial</u>	suppress the use of maximum likelihood estimates as starting values
<u>initransom</u>	specify random initial values
<u>initsummary</u>	display initial values used for simulation
* <u>noisily</u>	display output from the estimation command during initialization

## Adaptation

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

## Reporting

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

## Advanced

<code>search(<i>search_options</i>)</code>	control the search for feasible initial values
<code>corrlag(#)</code>	specify maximum autocorrelation lag; default varies
<code>corrtol(#)</code>	specify autocorrelation tolerance; default is <code>corrtol(0.01)</code>

\*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}` and variance `{sigma2}`. 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 adaptive Metropolis–Hastings and Gibbs algorithms, see [BAYES] `bayesmh`. For remarks and examples specific to the `bayes` prefix, see [BAYES] `bayes`. For details about the estimation command, see [R] `regress`.

For a simple example of the `bayes` prefix, see *Introductory example* in [BAYES] `bayes`. Also see *Linear regression: A case of informative default priors* in [BAYES] `bayes`.

## Video examples

Bayesian linear regression using the bayes prefix

Bayesian linear regression using the bayes prefix: How to specify custom priors

Bayesian linear regression using the bayes prefix: Checking convergence of the MCMC chain

Bayesian linear regression using the bayes prefix: How to customize the MCMC chain

## 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] **regress** — Linear 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**