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This manual documents Stata's **graph** commands and is referred to as [G] in references.

Following this entry, [G-1] **graph intro** provides an overview of Stata's **graph** command, and [G-1] **graph editor** describes the Stata Graph Editor. The remaining manual is divided into three sections:

<i>Commands</i>	This section is arranged alphabetically by graph subcommand and documents all the families of graphs (e.g., twoway , bar , or box) and the graph management commands (e.g., graph drop or graph use). All references to this section appear in the text as bolded command names, e.g., [G-2] graph twoway .
<i>Options</i>	This section is arranged alphabetically by option type (e.g., <i>marker_options</i> or <i>legend_options</i>) and documents the options available to graph . All references to this section appear in the text as bolded, italicized option names with <i>_options</i> appended, e.g., [G-3] <i>axis_label_options</i> .
<i>Styles, concepts, and schemes</i>	This section is arranged alphabetically by style name and documents the valid arguments for graph options; e.g., <i>colorstyle</i> shows all the valid arguments for options that take a color. Almost all references to this section appear in the text as bolded, italicized style names with <i>style</i> appended, e.g., [G-4] <i>linestyle</i> . Concept entries are the exception; these references appear in the text as bold text, such as [G-4] concept: lines or [G-4] schemes intro .

Only the **graph** command is documented in this manual, though the statistical **graph** commands documented in [BAYES], [IRT], [MV], [PSS], [R], [ST], [TE], [TS], and [XT] often refer to the *Options* and *Styles and concepts* sections of this manual.

When using this manual as documentation for the **graph** command and its families, you will typically begin in the *Commands* section and be referred to the *Options* and *Styles and concepts* sections as needed. If you are an experienced user, you might sometimes refer directly to the *Options* section for entries such as *legend_options*, where the 35 options for controlling where a legend appears and how it looks are documented. Similarly, you may jump directly to entries such as *colorstyle* in *Styles and concepts* to determine the valid arguments to an option specifying the color of a **graph** object. If you are new to Stata's graphics, see [G-1] **graph intro** for a suggested reading order.

Stata is continually being updated, and Stata users are continually writing new commands. To ensure that you have the latest features, you should install the most recent official update; see [R] **update**.

Also see

[U] [1.3 What's new](#)

[R] [intro](#) — Introduction to base reference manual