

**st\_addobs()** — Add observations to current Stata dataset

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## Description

`st_addobs(n)` adds *n* observations to the current Stata dataset.

`st_addobs(n, nofill)` does the same thing but saves computer time by not filling in the additional observations with the appropriate missing-value code if *nofill*  $\neq$  0. `st_addobs(n, 0)` is equivalent to `st_addobs(n)`. Use of `st_addobs()` with *nofill*  $\neq$  0 is not recommended. If you specify *nofill*  $\neq$  0, it is your responsibility to ensure that the added observations ultimately are filled in or removed before control is returned to Stata.

`_st_addobs(n)` and `_st_addobs(n, nofill)` perform the same action as `st_addobs(n)` and `st_addobs(n, nofill)`, except that they return 0 if successful and the appropriate Stata return code otherwise (otherwise usually being caused by insufficient memory). Where `_st_addobs()` would return nonzero, `st_addobs()` aborts with error.

## Syntax

*void*                    `st_addobs(real scalar n)`

*void*                    `st_addobs(real scalar n, real scalar nofill)`

*real scalar*   `_st_addobs(real scalar n)`

*real scalar*   `_st_addobs(real scalar n, real scalar nofill)`

## Remarks and examples

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There need not be any variables defined to add observations. If you are attempting to create a dataset from nothing, you can add the observations first and then add the variables, or you can add the variables and then add the observations. Use `st_addvar()` (see [M-5] [st\\_addvar\(\)](#)) to add variables.

## Conformability

`st_addobs(n, nofill):`

*n*:                    1  $\times$  1  
*nofill*:              1  $\times$  1    (optional)  
*result*:              *void*

`_st_addobs(n, nofill):`

*n*:                    1  $\times$  1  
*nofill*:              1  $\times$  1    (optional)  
*result*:              1  $\times$  1

## Diagnostics

`st_addobs(n [, nofill])` and `_st_addobs(n [, nofill])` abort with error if  $n < 0$ . They do nothing if  $n = 0$ .

`st_addobs()` aborts with error if there is insufficient memory to add the requested number of observations.

`_st_addobs()` aborts with error if  $n < 0$  but otherwise returns the appropriate Stata return code if the observations cannot be added. If they are added, 0 is returned.

`st_addobs()` and `_st_addobs()` do not set `st_update()` (see [M-5] `st_update()`); you must set it if you want it set.

## Also see

[M-4] `Stata` — Stata interface functions