table summary — Table of summary statistics

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Description

In this entry, we discuss how to use table to create a table of summary statistics.

Quick start

Table with the mean of v1, v2, and v3 for each category of a1 and a2; rows are defined by categories of a1 and variables v1, v2, and v3

```
table a1 a2, stat(mean v1 v2 v3)
```

Same as above, but also report standard deviations and suppress the totals; rows are defined by the results for each variable within each category of a1

```
table (a1 var result) (a2), stat(mean v1 v2 v3) ///
stat(sd v1 v2 v3) nototals
```

Table with number of observations in each category of a2 and a3, for each level of a1

```
table a1, stat(fvfrequency a2 a3)
```

Same as above, and report percentage of observations in each category

```
table a1, stat(fvfrequency a2 a3) ///
  stat(fvpercent a2 a3)
```

Same as above, and report the percentages with a percent sign, using two decimal places, and enclose them in parentheses

```
table (a1) (var result), stat(fvfrequency a2 a3) ///
  stat(fvpercent a2 a3) ///
  nformat(%5.2f fvpercent) sformat("(%s%%)" fvpercent)
```

Menu

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Syntax

Basic table of summary statistics

```
table [rowvar] [colvar] [if] [in] [weight], statistic(statspec)
  [statistic(statspec) [...]] [options]
```

Customized table of summary statistics

```
table [(rowspec)] [(colspec)] [(tabspec)] [if] [in] [weight], statistic(statspec)
  [statistic(statspec) [...]] [options]
```

rowspec, colspec, and tabspec may be empty or may include variable names or any of the following keywords:

| keyword | Description |
|---------|-----------------------------------|
| result | requested statistics |
| var | variables from statistic() option |
| across | index across() specifications |

| options | Description | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| Main | | | |
| totals(totals) | report only the specified totals | | |
| nototals | suppress the marginal totals | | |
| Statistics | | | |
| <pre>statistic(statspec)</pre> | statistic to be reported; default is statistic(frequency) when no weights are specified and statistic(sumw) otherwise | | |
| Formats | | | |
| nformat(%fmt[results][,basestyle]) | specify numeric format | | |
| <pre>sformat(sfmt [results])</pre> | specify string format | | |
| Title | | | |
| title(string) | add table title | | |
| <u>titlesty</u> les(text_styles) | change table title styles | | |
| Notes | | | |
| note(string) | add table note | | |
| <pre>notestyles(text_styles)</pre> | change table note styles | | |
| Export | | | |
| <pre>export(filename.suffix[, export_opts])</pre> | export table | | |
| Options | | | |
| listwise | use listwise deletion to handle missing values | | |
| <u>miss</u> ing | treat numeric missing values of variables in <i>rowspec</i> , <i>colspec</i> , and <i>tabspec</i> like other values | | |
| showcounts | show sample size for all variables in statistic() option | | |
| zerocounts | report 0 for empty cell counts | | |
| name(cname) | collect results into a collection named <i>cname</i> | | |
| append | append results to an existing collection | | |
| replace | replace results of an existing collection | | |
| label(filename) | specify the collection labels | | |
| ${	t style}(ilde{	t file} 	ext{\it lea} 	ext{\it me} \ [ext{ , override} \])$ | specify the collection style | | |
| markvar(newvar) | create <i>newvar</i> that identifies observations used in the tabulation | | |

fweights, aweights, iweights, and pweights are allowed; see [U] 11.1.6 weight. strL variables are not allowed; see [U] 12.4.8 strL. markvar() does not appear in the dialog box.

| text_styles | | Description | |
|--|---------------|--|--|
| font([fontfamily][| , font_opts]) | specify font style | |
| smcl(smcl) | | specify formatting for SMCL files | |
| latex(latex) | | specify LATEX macro | |
| shading(sspec) | | set background color, foreground color, and fill pattern | |
| <u> </u> | | 5 1.1 | |
| font_opts | | Description | |
| size(#[unit]) | | specify font size | |
| color(color) | | specify font color | |
| variant(variant) | | specify font variant and capitalization | |
| [no]bold | | specify whether to format text as bold | |
| [no]italic | | specify whether to format text as italic | |
| no strikeout | | specify whether to strike out text | |
| [no]underline | | specify whether to underline text | |
| suffix | fileformat | Output format | |
| docx | as(docx) | Microsoft Word | |
| html | as(html) | HTML 5 with CSS | |
| pdf | as(pdf) | PDF | |
| xlsx | as(xlsx) | Microsoft Excel 2007/2010 or newer | |
| xls | as(xls) | Microsoft Excel 1997/2003 | |
| tex | as(tex) | Ŀ₹X | |
| smcl | as(smcl) | SMCL | |
| txt | as(txt) | plain text | |
| markdown | as(markdow | | |
| md ———————————————————————————————————— | as(md) | Markdown | |
| export_opts | | Description | |
| as(fileformat) | | specify document type | |
| replace | | overwrite existing file | |
| docx_options | | available when exporting to .docx files | |
| html_options | | available when exporting to .html files | |
| pdf_options | | available when exporting to .pdf files | |
| excel_options | | available when exporting to .xls and .xlsx files | |
| tex_options | | available when exporting to .tex files | |
| smcl_option | | available when exporting to .smcl files | |
| txt_option | | available when exporting to .txt files available when exporting to .markdown and .md files | |
| md_option | | available when exporting to .markdown and .md mes | |
| docx_options | | Description | |
| <u>noi</u> sily | | show the putdocx commands used to export to the Microsoft Word file | |
| $dofile(\emph{filename}[$, | replace]) | save the putdocx commands used for exporting to the named do-file | |

| html_options | Description | |
|--|---|--|
| append | append to an existing file | |
| tableonly | export only the table to the specified file | |
| cssfile(cssfile) | define the styles in <i>cssfile</i> instead of <i>filename</i> | |
| prefix(prefix) | use prefix to identify style classes | |
| pdf_options | Description | |
| <u>noi</u> sily | show the putpdf commands used to export to the PDF file | |
| <pre>dofile(filename[, replace])</pre> | save the putpdf commands used for exporting to the named do-file | |
| excel_options | Description | |
| noisily | show the putexcel commands used to export to the Excel file | |
| dofile(filename[, replace]) | save the putexcel commands used for exporting to the named do-file | |
| $\verb sheet (sheetname[, \verb replace]) $ | specify the worksheet to use; the default sheet name is Sheet1 | |
| cell(cell) | specify the Excel upper-left cell as the starting position to export the table; the default is cell(A1) | |
| modify | modify Excel file | |
| noopen | do not open Excel file in memory | |
| noopen does not appear in the dialog box. | | |
| tex_options | Description | |
| append | append to an existing file | |
| tableonly | export only the table to the specified file | |
| smcl_option | Description | |
| append | append to an existing file | |
| txt_option | Description | |
| append | append to an existing file | |
| md_option | Description | |
| append | append to an existing file | |
| | | |

fontfamily specifies a valid font family.

unit may be in (inch), pt (point), or cm (centimeter). An inch is equivalent to 72 points and 2.54 centimeters. The default is pt.

variant may be allcaps, smallcaps, or normal.

variant (allcaps) changes the text to all uppercase letters; applicable when publishing items from a collection to Microsoft Word, PDF, LATEX, and HTML files.

variant (smallcaps) changes the text to use large capitals for uppercase letters and smaller capitals for lowercase letters; applicable when publishing items from a collection to Microsoft Word, LATEX, and HTML files.

variant (normal) changes the font variant back to normal and leaves the capitalization unchanged from the original text; applicable when publishing items from a collection to Microsoft Word, PDF, LATEX, and HTML files.

smcl specifies the name of the SMCL directive to render text for SMCL output. The supported SMCL directives are input, error, result, and text.

latex specifies the name of a LATEX macro to render text for LATEX output. Example LATEX macro names are textbf, textsf, textrm, and texttt. Custom LATEX macros are also allowed. If text is to be rendered in a cell, title, or note, then *latex* is translated to the following when you export to LATEX:

 $\text{latex } \{text\}$

sspec is

[background(bgcolor) foreground(fgcolor) pattern(fpattern)]

bgcolor specifies the background color.

fgcolor specifies the foreground color.

fpattern specifies the fill pattern. A complete list of fill patterns is shown in the Appendix.

bgcolor, fgcolor, and color may be one of the colors listed in the Appendix; a valid RGB value in the form ### ### ###, for example, 171 248 103; or a valid RRGGBB hex value in the form ######, for example, ABF867.

Options

totals (totals) and nototals control which totals are to be displayed in the table. By default, all totals are reported.

totals (totals) specifies which margin totals to display in the reported table. totals can contain variables in rowspec, colspec, tabspec, and their interaction. Interactions can be specified by using the # operator.

nototals prevents table from displaying any totals.

Statistics

statistic(statspec) specifies the statistic to be displayed. statistic() may be repeated to request multiple statistics. Frequency statistics, summary statistics, and ratio statistics are available by specifying statistic(freqstat), statistic(sumstat varlist), and statistic(ratiostat [varlist] [, ratio_options]), respectively.

statistic() may be repeated to request multiple statistics.

statistic (fregstat) specifies that frequencies be computed.

| freqstat | Definition |
|-----------|----------------|
| frequency | frequency |
| sumw | sum of weights |

statistic(sumstat varlist) specifies that summary statistic sumstat be computed for the variables in varlist.

| sumstat | Definition |
|-----------------|--|
| mean | mean |
| semean | standard error of the mean |
| sebinomial | standard error of the mean, binomial |
| sepoisson | standard error of the mean, Poisson |
| variance | variance |
| sd | standard deviation |
| skewness | skewness |
| kurtosis | kurtosis |
| cv | coefficient of variation |
| | |
| count | number of nonmissing values |
| median | median |
| p# | #th percentile |
| q1 | first quartile |
| q2 | second quartile |
| q3 | third quartile |
| iqr | interquartile range |
| min | minimum value |
| max | maximum value |
| range | range |
| first | first value |
| last | last value |
| firstnm | first nonmissing value |
| lastnm | last nonmissing value |
| total | total |
| rawtotal | unweighted total |
| fvfrequency | frequency of each factor-variable level |
| fvrawfrequency | unweighted frequency of each factor-variable level |
| fvproportion | proportion within each factor-variable level |
| fvrawproportion | unweighted proportion within each factor-variable level |
| fvpercent | percentage within each factor-variable level |
| fvrawpercent | unweighted percentage within each factor-variable level |
| | an weighted percentage within each factor variable level |

statistic (ratiostat [varlist] [, ratio_options]) specifies that ratio statistic ratiostat be computed. If varlist is specified, ratios are computed based on the totals of the specified variables. If varlist is not specified, ratios are computed based on frequencies.

| ratiostat | Definition |
|---|--|
| proportion | proportion |
| percent | percentage |
| $\underline{\mathtt{rawprop}}\mathtt{ortion}$ | proportion ignoring optionally specified weights |
| rawpercent | percentage ignoring optionally specified weights |

| ratio_options | Definition |
|------------------|---|
| across(cellspec) | percentages or proportions across levels of |
| | variables or interactions |
| total | compute overall percentages or proportions |

cellspec may contain any variables in rowspec, colspec, tabspec, or an interaction between any of these variables. Interactions can be specified by using the # operator.

Formats

nformat (% fmt [results] [, basestyle]) changes the numeric format, such as the number of decimal places, for specified results. If results are not specified, the numeric format is changed for all results.

results may be any statistic named in option statistic() (that is, any fregstat, sumstat, or ratiostat).

This option is repeatable, and when multiple formats apply to one result, the rightmost specification is applied.

This option does not affect the format of numeric layout variables (rowspec, colspec, and tabspec) or the format of factor variables specified in the statistic() option. The default format of these variables is taken from the dataset.

basestyle indicates that the format be applied to results that do not already have their own format instead of overriding the format for all results.

sformat(sfmt [results]) changes the string format for specified results. You can, for instance, add symbols or text to the values reported in the table by modifying the string format.

sfmt may contain a mix of text and %s. Here %s refers to the numeric value that is formatted as specified using nformat(). The text will be placed around the numeric values in your table as it is placed around \%s in this option. For instance, to place parentheses around the percent statistics, you can specify sformat("(%s)" percent).

results may be any statistic named in option statistic() (that is, any freqstat, sumstat, or ratiostat).

Two text characters must be specified using a special character sequence if you want them to be displayed in your table. To include \\, type \\\. For instance, to place a percent sign following percent statistics, you can specify sformat("%s%%" percent).

This option is repeatable, and when multiple formats apply to one result, the rightmost specification is applied.

title(string) adds the text string as a title to the table.

titlestyles (text_styles) changes the style for the table title. text_styles are the following:

font([fontfamily] [, size(#[unit]) color(color) variant(variant) [no]bold
 [no]italic[no]strikeout[no]underline]) specifies the font style. These font style properties are applicable when exporting the table to Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, PDF, HTML,
 and LATEX files, unless otherwise specified.

fontfamily specifies a valid font family. This font style property is applicable when publishing items from a collection to Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, PDF, and HTML files.

size(#[unit]) specifies the font size as a number optionally followed by units. This font style property is applicable when publishing items from a collection to Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, PDF, and HTML files.

color (color) specifies the text color.

variant (variant) specifies the font variant and capitalization.

bold and nobold specify the font weight. bold changes the font weight to bold; nobold changes the font weight back to normal.

italic and noitalic specify the font style. italic changes the font style to italic; noitalic changes the font style back to normal.

strikeout and nostrikeout specify whether to add a strikeout mark to the title. strikeout adds a strikeout mark to the title; nostrikeout changes the title back to normal.

underline and nounderline specify whether to underline the table title. underline adds a single line under the title; nounderline removes the underline.

Only one of strikeout or underline is allowed when publishing to HTML files.

smcl(smcl) specifies how to render the table title for SMCL output. This style property is applicable only when publishing items from a collection to a SMCL file.

latex(*latex*) specifies how to render the table title for LATEX output. This style property is applicable only when publishing items from a collection to a LATEX file.

shading (*sspec*) sets the background color, foreground color, and fill pattern. The background color is applicable when exporting the table to Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, PDF, HTML, and LaTeX files. The foreground color and fill pattern are applicable when exporting the table to Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel.

Notes

- note(string) adds the text string as a note to the table. note() may be specified multiple times to add multiple notes. Each note is placed on a new line.
- notestyles (text_styles) changes the style for the table notes. text_styles are the following:
 - font([fontfamily] [, size(#[unit]) color(color) variant(variant) [no]bold no italic no strikeout no underline) specifies the font style. These font style properties are applicable when exporting the table to Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, PDF, HTML, and LATEX files, unless otherwise specified.
 - fontfamily specifies a valid font family. This font style property is applicable when publishing items from a collection to Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, PDF, and HTML files.
 - size (# [unit]) specifies the font size as a number optionally followed by units. This font style property is applicable when publishing items from a collection to Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, PDF, and HTML files.
 - color (color) specifies the text color.
 - variant (variant) specifies the font variant and capitalization.
 - bold and nobold specify the font weight. bold changes the font weight to bold; nobold changes the font weight back to normal.
 - italic and noitalic specify the font style. italic changes the font style to italic; noitalic changes the font style back to normal.
 - strikeout and nostrikeout specify whether to add a strikeout mark to the notes. strikeout adds a strikeout mark to the note; nostrikeout changes the note back to normal.
 - underline and nounderline specify whether to underline the table notes. underline adds a single line under the notes; nounderline removes the underline.
 - Only one of strikeout or underline is allowed when publishing to HTML files.
 - smcl(smcl) specifies how to render the table notes for SMCL output. This style property is applicable only when publishing items from a collection to a SMCL file.
 - latex (latex) specifies how to render the table notes for LATEX output. This style property is applicable only when publishing items from a collection to a LATEX file.
 - shading (sspec) sets the background color, foreground color, and fill pattern. The background color is applicable when exporting the table to Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, PDF, HTML, and LATEX files. The foreground color and fill pattern are applicable when exporting the table to Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel.

- export (filename.suffix , export_opts) exports the table to the specified file. export_opts are the following:
 - as (fileformat) specifies the file format to which the table is to be exported. This option is rarely specified because, by default, table determines the format from the suffix of the file being created.
 - replace permits table to overwrite an existing file.
 - noisily specifies that table show the commands used to export the table to Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, and PDF files. The putdocx, putexcel, or putpdf command used to export the table will be displayed.
 - dofile (filename, replace) specifies that table save to filename the commands used to export the table to Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, and PDF files.
 - If *filename* already exists, it can be overwritten by specifying replace. If *filename* is specified without an extension, .do is assumed.
 - append specifies that table append the table to an existing file.
 - This option is applicable when you export the table to an HTML, a LATEX, a SMCL, a txt, or a Markdown file. When you export to HTML and LATEX files, the append option implies the tableonly option. Furthermore, when you export to HTML files, if the target CSS file already exists, table will also append to it.
 - table only specifies that only the table be exported to the specified HTML or LATEX document. By default, table produces complete HTML and LATEX documents.
 - When you export to an HTML file, if the cssfile() option is not specified, a CSS filename is constructed from *filename*, with the extension replaced with .css.
 - cssfile (cssfile) specifies that table define the styles in cssfile instead of filename when you export to HTML.
 - prefix (prefix) specifies that table use prefix to identify style classes when you export to HTML.
 - sheet (sheetname [, replace]) saves to the worksheet named sheetname. For more information about this option, see [RPT] putexcel.
 - cell (cell) specifies an Excel upper-left cell as the starting position to publish the table. The default is cell(A1).
 - modify permits put excel set to modify an Excel file. For more information about this option, see [RPT] putexcel.
 - noopen prevents put excel from opening the Excel file in memory for modification. It does not appear in the dialog box. For more information about this option, see [RPT] putexcel.

Options

- listwise handles missing values through listwise deletion, meaning that the entire observation is omitted from the sample if any variable specified in a statistic() option is missing for that observation. By default, table will omit an observation only if all variables specified in all statistic() options are missing for that observation.
- missing specifies that numeric missing values of any variables specified in *rowspec*, *colspec*, or *tabspec* be treated as valid categories. By default, observations with a numeric missing value in any of these variables are omitted.
 - This option does not apply to factor variables specified with statistics fvfrequency, fvrawfrequency, fvproportion, fvrawproportion, fvpercent, or fvrawpercent.
- showcounts specifies that table report the sample size for each variable specified in option statistic().
- zerocounts specifies that table report a 0 in empty cells for results count, frequency, fvfrequency, and fvrawfrequency.
- name(*cname*) specifies that a collection named *cname* be associated with the collected statistics and results. The default is name(Table).
- append specifies that table append its collection information into the collection named in name().
- replace permits table to overwrite an existing collection. This option is implied for name(Table) when append is not specified.
- label(*filename*) specifies the *filename* containing the collection labels to use for your table. Labels in *filename* will be loaded for the table, and any labels not specified in *filename* will be taken from the labels defined in c(collect_label). The default is to use only the collection labels set in c(collect_label); see [TABLES] set collect_label.
- style(*filename* [, override]) specifies the *filename* containing the collection styles to use for your table. The default collection styles will be discarded, and only the collection styles in *filename* will be applied.
 - If you prefer the default collection styles but also want to apply any styles in *filename*, specify override. If there are conflicts between the default collection styles and those in *filename*, the ones in *filename* will take precedence.

The default is to use only the collection styles set in c(table_style); see [TABLES] set table_style.

The following option is available with table but is not shown in the dialog box:

markvar (newvar) generates an indicator variable that identifies the observations used in the tabulation.

Remarks and examples

Remarks are presented under the following headings:

Basic summary statistic tables Classic Table 1

Basic summary statistic tables

The table command can be used to compute a variety of summary statistics and display them in a table. Summary statistics can be computed for the full dataset or across levels of one or more categorical variables.

To demonstrate, we use data from the Second National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES II) (McDowell et al. 1981) and create a table reporting the mean body mass index (BMI) of individuals across four regions of the USA. We use the statistic() option to request that means be computed, and we specify region as our row variable for the table. Thus, means are computed for each region separately and for all the regions combined (Total).

- . use https://www.stata-press.com/data/r19/nhanes21 (Second National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey)
- . table region, statistic(mean bmi)

| | Mean |
|-------------------------|--|
| Region NE MW S | 25.57535 25.51936 25.63317 25.42299 |
| w Total | 25.42299 |
| | |

The mean BMI is very similar across regions. We might want to look at some additional statistics. We can add the minimums and maximums in our table by repeating our statistic() option for each statistic; we will use the stat() abbreviation.

. table region, stat(mean bmi) stat(min bmi) stat(max bmi)

| | Mean | Minimum value | Maximum value |
|--------|----------|---------------|---------------|
| Region | | | |
| NE | 25.57535 | 15.36715 | 57.10803 |
| MW | 25.51936 | 14.1351 | 61.1297 |
| S | 25.63317 | 12.3856 | 55.43552 |
| W | 25.42299 | 15.69046 | 54.05056 |
| Total | 25.5376 | 12.3856 | 61.1297 |

If we want to include even more statistics, the table will become very wide. We can move the statistics to the rows of our table by specifying the keyword result in the first set of parentheses. We place region on the columns by specifying this variable in the second set of parentheses.

- . table (result) (region),
- > stat(mean bmi) stat(median bmi) stat(sd bmi)
- > stat(min bmi) stat(max bmi)

| | NE | MW | Region S | W | Total |
|--------------------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|
| Mean | 25.57535 | 25.51936 | 25.63317 | 25.42299 | 25.5376 |
| Median | 25.00623 | 24.71567 | 24.98451 | 24.66734 | 24.81812 |
| Standard deviation | 4.72798 | 4.905965 | 5.084678 | 4.883534 | 4.914969 |
| Minimum value | 15.36715 | 14.1351 | 12.3856 | 15.69046 | 12.3856 |
| Maximum value | 57.10803 | 61.1297 | 55.43552 | 54.05056 | 61.1297 |

Instead of computing many statistics for one variable, we might want to compute one statistic for multiple variables. To do this, we can include a list of variables within a single statistic() option. Let's compute the means of age, BMI, and systolic blood pressure (bpsystol).

. table (result) (region), stat(mean age bmi bpsystol)

| | NE | MW | Region S | W | Total |
|---|----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|
| Age (years) Body mass index (BMI) Systolic blood pressure | 47.81584 | 46.52776 | 48.19068 | 47.83828 | 47.57965 |
| | 25.57535 | 25.51936 | 25.63317 | 25.42299 | 25.5376 |
| | 131.3836 | 130.4863 | 131.1626 | 130.5936 | 130.8817 |

Classic Table 1

In many reports, the first discussion of the data is accompanied by a "Table 1", a reporting of summary statistics for all variables of interest. Often the table includes a mixture of continuous and categorical variables. We may also want to specify these in a particular order based on importance. In many cases, the table has multiple columns with the summary statistics reported for each level of a categorical variable of interest.

Here we will demonstrate how to create one variety of such a table. We have two factor variables of interest, diabetes and hlthstat, for which we would like to compute the percentage of individuals in each category. We will use the fypercent statistic to obtain these percentages. We also have three continuous variables, age, bmi, and bpsystol, for which we would like to compute means. We specify the statistic() options in the order we wish to see the results in the table. To specify that the variables in the statistic() options appear on the rows, we include the keyword var in the first set of parentheses. We place region on the columns by listing it in the second set of parentheses.

- . table (var) (region),
- > statistic(fvpercent diabetes)
- > statistic(mean age bmi)
- > statistic(fvpercent hlthstat)
- > statistic(mean bpsystol)

| | Region | | | | | |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--|
| | NE | MW | S | W | Total | |
| Diabetes status=Not diabetic | | | | | | |
| Factor-variable percent | 95.32 | 95.49 | 94.36 | 95.62 | 95.18 | |
| Diabetes status=Diabetic | | | | | | |
| Factor-variable percent | 4.68 | 4.51 | 5.64 | 4.38 | 4.82 | |
| Age (years) | | | | | | |
| Mean | 47.81584 | 46.52776 | 48.19068 | 47.83828 | 47.57965 | |
| Body mass index (BMI) | | | | | | |
| Mean | 25.57535 | 25.51936 | 25.63317 | 25.42299 | 25.5376 | |
| Health status=Excellent | | | | | | |
| Factor-variable percent | 26.95 | 26.33 | 19.14 | 21.68 | 23.29 | |
| Health status=Very good | | | | | | |
| Factor-variable percent | 26.76 | 26.01 | 22.82 | 25.18 | 25.07 | |
| Health status=Good | | | | | | |
| Factor-variable percent | 30.26 | 26.52 | 28.29 | 29.14 | 28.43 | |
| Health status=Fair | | | | | | |
| Factor-variable percent | 12.33 | 15.12 | 18.65 | 17.60 | 16.16 | |
| Health status=Poor | | | | | | |
| Factor-variable percent | 3.69 | 6.02 | 11.11 | 6.40 | 7.05 | |
| Systolic blood pressure | | | | | | |
| Mean | 131.3836 | 130.4863 | 131.1626 | 130.5936 | 130.8817 | |

We have the statistics we want, but clearly our table could be improved. Let's start by applying one of the predefined styles, table-1, by adding the style() option.

- . table (var) (region),
- > statistic(fvpercent diabetes)
- > statistic(mean age bmi)
- > statistic(fvpercent hlthstat)
- > statistic(mean bpsystol) style(table-1)

| | Region | | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--|
| | NE | MW | S | W | Total | |
| Diabetes status | | | | | - | |
| Not diabetic | 95.32 | 95.49 | 94.36 | 95.62 | 95.18 | |
| Diabetic | 4.68 | 4.51 | 5.64 | 4.38 | 4.82 | |
| Age (years) | 47.81584 | 46.52776 | 48.19068 | 47.83828 | 47.57965 | |
| Body mass index (BMI) | 25.57535 | 25.51936 | 25.63317 | 25.42299 | 25.5376 | |
| Health status | | | | | | |
| Excellent | 26.95 | 26.33 | 19.14 | 21.68 | 23.29 | |
| Very good | 26.76 | 26.01 | 22.82 | 25.18 | 25.07 | |
| Good | 30.26 | 26.52 | 28.29 | 29.14 | 28.43 | |
| Fair | 12.33 | 15.12 | 18.65 | 17.60 | 16.16 | |
| Poor | 3.69 | 6.02 | 11.11 | 6.40 | 7.05 | |
| Systolic blood pressure | 131.3836 | 130.4863 | 131.1626 | 130.5936 | 130.8817 | |

This style removes the labels for the type of statistic being reported, cleans up the reporting of factor variables in the row headers, and right-aligns the content in the row headers. In addition, we may want to specify that the means be reported to two decimal places using the nformat (%6.2f mean) option.

- . table (var) (region),
- > statistic(fvpercent diabetes)
- > statistic(mean age bmi)
- > statistic(fvpercent hlthstat)
- > statistic(mean bpsystol) style(table-1) nformat(%6.2f mean)

| | NE | MW | Region S | W | Total |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|-------------|--------|--------|
| Diabetes status | | | | | |
| Not diabetic | 95.32 | 95.49 | 94.36 | 95.62 | 95.18 |
| Diabetic | 4.68 | 4.51 | 5.64 | 4.38 | 4.82 |
| Age (years) | 47.82 | 46.53 | 48.19 | 47.84 | 47.58 |
| Body mass index (BMI) | 25.58 | 25.52 | 25.63 | 25.42 | 25.54 |
| Health status | | | | | |
| Excellent | 26.95 | 26.33 | 19.14 | 21.68 | 23.29 |
| Very good | 26.76 | 26.01 | 22.82 | 25.18 | 25.07 |
| Good | 30.26 | 26.52 | 28.29 | 29.14 | 28.43 |
| Fair | 12.33 | 15.12 | 18.65 | 17.60 | 16.16 |
| Poor | 3.69 | 6.02 | 11.11 | 6.40 | 7.05 |
| Systolic blood pressure | 131.38 | 130.49 | 131.16 | 130.59 | 130.88 |

Let's go one step further. Perhaps we want the mean and standard deviation of each continuous variable, and we want the frequency and percent for each factor variable. We need to specify a few more statistic() options.

- . table (var) (region),
- > stat(fvfreq diabetes) statistic(fvpercent diabetes)
- > statistic(mean age bmi) statistic(sd age bmi)
- > statistic(fvfreq hlthstat) statistic(fvpercent hlthstat)
- > statistic(mean bpsystol) statistic(sd bpsystol)
- > style(table-1) nformat(%6.2f mean sd)

| | NE | MW | Region S | W | Total |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|-------------|--------|--------|
| Diabetes status | | | | | |
| Not diabetic | 1,997 | 2,648 | 2,692 | 2,513 | 9,850 |
| | 95.32 | 95.49 | 94.36 | 95.62 | 95.18 |
| Diabetic | 98 | 125 | 161 | 115 | 499 |
| | 4.68 | 4.51 | 5.64 | 4.38 | 4.82 |
| Age (years) | 47.82 | 46.53 | 48.19 | 47.84 | 47.58 |
| | 17.02 | 17.38 | 16.86 | 17.53 | 17.21 |
| Body mass index (BMI) | 25.58 | 25.52 | 25.63 | 25.42 | 25.54 |
| • | 4.73 | 4.91 | 5.08 | 4.88 | 4.91 |
| Health status | | | | | |
| Excellent | 562 | 730 | 546 | 569 | 2,407 |
| | 26.95 | 26.33 | 19.14 | 21.68 | 23.29 |
| Very good | 558 | 721 | 651 | 661 | 2,591 |
| | 26.76 | 26.01 | 22.82 | 25.18 | 25.07 |
| Good | 631 | 735 | 807 | 765 | 2,938 |
| | 30.26 | 26.52 | 28.29 | 29.14 | 28.43 |
| Fair | 257 | 419 | 532 | 462 | 1,670 |
| | 12.33 | 15.12 | 18.65 | 17.60 | 16.16 |
| Poor | 77 | 167 | 317 | 168 | 729 |
| | 3.69 | 6.02 | 11.11 | 6.40 | 7.05 |
| Systolic blood pressure | 131.38 | 130.49 | 131.16 | 130.59 | 130.88 |
| - | 24.31 | 22.50 | 24.21 | 22.42 | 23.33 |

Finally, to distinguish among our statistics, we can use the sformat() option to add parentheses around our standard deviations and percent signs to our percentages.

- . table (var) (region),
- > stat(fvfreq diabetes) statistic(fvpercent diabetes)
- > statistic(mean age bmi) statistic(sd age bmi)
- > statistic(fvfreq hlthstat) statistic(fvpercent hlthstat)
- > statistic(mean bpsystol) statistic(sd bpsystol)
- > style(table-1) nformat(%6.2f mean sd)
- > sformat("(%s)" sd) sformat("%s%%" fvpercent)

| | Region | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|-------------|---------|---------|
| | NE | MW | Region S | W | Total |
| Diabetes status | | | | | |
| Not diabetic | 1,997 | 2,648 | 2,692 | 2,513 | 9,850 |
| Not diabout | 95.32% | 95.49% | 94.36% | 95.62% | |
| Diabetic | 98 | 125 | 161 | 115 | 499 |
| | 4.68% | 4.51% | 5.64% | 4.38% | 4.82% |
| Age (years) | 47.82 | 46.53 | 48.19 | 47.84 | 47.58 |
| . | (17.02) | (17.38) | (16.86) | (17.53) | (17.21) |
| Body mass index (BMI) | 25.58 | 25.52 | 25.63 | 25.42 | 25.54 |
| · | (4.73) | (4.91) | (5.08) | (4.88) | (4.91) |
| Health status | | | | | |
| Excellent | 562 | 730 | 546 | 569 | 2,407 |
| | 26.95% | 26.33% | 19.14% | 21.68% | 23.29% |
| Very good | 558 | 721 | 651 | 661 | 2,591 |
| , , | 26.76% | 26.01% | 22.82% | 25.18% | 25.07% |
| Good | 631 | 735 | 807 | 765 | 2,938 |
| | 30.26% | 26.52% | 28.29% | 29.14% | 28.43% |
| Fair | 257 | 419 | 532 | 462 | 1,670 |
| | 12.33% | 15.12% | 18.65% | 17.60% | 16.16% |
| Poor | 77 | 167 | 317 | 168 | 729 |
| | 3.69% | 6.02% | 11.11% | 6.40% | 7.05% |
| Systolic blood pressure | 131.38 | 130.49 | 131.16 | 130.59 | 130.88 |
| | (24.31) | (22.50) | (24.21) | (22.42) | (23.33) |

We have added many customizations to our table. However, you may prefer a different look. For another style, you can select from the predefined styles described in [TABLES] Predefined styles. If none of these provide the exact style you want for your table, you can further customize the results by using the collect suite of commands. To learn more, see [TABLES] Intro.

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Stored results

table stores the following in r():

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r(N)number of observations

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Also see

- [R] dtable Create a table of descriptive statistics
- [R] table intro Introduction to tables of frequencies, summaries, and command results
- [R] tabstat Compact table of summary statistics

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