

svy sdr — Successive difference replication for survey data

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Description

`svy sdr` performs successive difference replication (SDR) estimation of specified statistics (or expressions) for a Stata command or a community-contributed command. The command is executed once for each replicate using sampling weights that are adjusted according to the SDR methodology. Any Stata estimation command listed in [\[SVY\] svy estimation](#) may be used with `svy sdr`. Community-contributed commands that meet the requirements in [\[P\] program properties](#) may also be used.

Quick start

Estimate population mean of `v1` using SDR standard-error estimates with sampling weight `wvar1` and replicate weights in variables with prefix `rwvar`

```
svyset [pweight=wvar1], sdrweight(rwvar*)
svy sdr _b: mean v1
```

Same as above

```
svyset [pweight=wvar1], sdrweight(rwvar*) vce(sdr)
svy: mean v1
```

SDR estimate of the standard error of the difference between the means of `v2` and `v3` using either `svyset` command above

```
svy sdr (_b[v2]-_b[v3]): mean v2 v3
```

As above, but name the result `diff` and save results from each replication to `mydata.dta`

```
svy sdr diff=(_b[v2]-_b[v3]), saving(mydata): mean v2 v3
```

Same as above

```
sdr diff=(_b[v2]-_b[v3]), saving(mydata): mean v2 v3
```

Note: Any estimation command meeting the requirements specified in the *Description* may be substituted for `mean` in the examples above.

Menu

Statistics > Survey data analysis > Resampling > Successive difference replications estimation

Syntax

```
[svy] sdr exp_list [, svy_options sdr_options eform_option] : command
```

<i>svy_options</i>	Description
<i>if/in</i>	
<u>subpop</u> ([<i>varname</i>] [<i>if</i>])	identify a subpopulation
Reporting	
<u>level</u> (#)	set confidence level; default is <code>level(95)</code>
<u>noheader</u>	suppress table header
<u>nolegend</u>	suppress table legend
<u>noadjust</u>	do not adjust model Wald statistic
<u>nocnsreport</u>	do not display constraints
<u>display_options</u>	control columns and column formats, row spacing, line width, display of omitted variables and base and empty cells, and factor-variable labeling

<u>coeflegend</u>	display legend instead of statistics
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`coeflegend` is not shown in the dialog boxes for estimation commands.

<i>sdr_options</i>	Description
Options	
<u>saving</u> (<i>filename</i> [, ...])	save results to <i>filename</i> ; save statistics in double precision; save results to <i>filename</i> every # replications
<u>mse</u>	use MSE formula for variance
Reporting	
<u>verbose</u>	display the full table legend
<u>nodots</u>	suppress replication dots
<u>dots</u> (#)	display dots every # replications
<u>noisily</u>	display any output from <i>command</i>
<u>trace</u>	trace <i>command</i>
<u>title</u> (<i>text</i>)	use <i>text</i> as title for SDR results
Advanced	
<u>nodrop</u>	do not drop observations
<u>reject</u> (<i>exp</i>)	identify invalid results
<u>dof</u> (#)	design degrees of freedom

`svy` requires that the survey design variables be identified using `svyset`; see [\[SVY\] svyset](#).

command defines the statistical command to be executed. The `by` prefix cannot be part of *command*.

See [\[U\] 20 Estimation and postestimation commands](#) for more capabilities of estimation commands.

Warning: Using `if` or `in` restrictions will often not produce correct variance estimates for subpopulations. To compute estimates for subpopulations, use the `subpop()` option.

`svy sdr` requires that the successive difference replicate weights be identified using `svyset`.

exp_list specifies the statistics to be collected from the execution of *command*. *exp_list* is required unless *command* has the `svyb` program property, in which case *exp_list* defaults to `_b`; see [P] [program properties](#). The expressions in *exp_list* are assumed to conform to the following:

```
exp_list contains      (name: elist)
                      elist
                      eexp
elist contains        newvarname = (exp)
                      (exp)
eexp is               specname
                      [eqno]specname
specname is           _b
                      _b []
                      _se
                      _se []
eqno is               ##
                      name
```

exp is a standard Stata expression; see [U] [13 Functions and expressions](#).

Distinguish between `[]`, which are to be typed, and `[][]`, which indicate optional arguments.

Options

svy_options; see [SVY] [svy](#).

Options

`saving(filename [, suboptions])` creates a Stata data file (`.dta` file) consisting of (for each statistic in *exp_list*) a variable containing the replicates.

`double` specifies that the results for each replication be stored as `doubles`, meaning 8-byte reals.

By default, they are stored as `floats`, meaning 4-byte reals. This option may be used without the `saving()` option to compute the variance estimates by using double precision.

`every(#)` specifies that results be written to disk every *#*th replication. `every()` should be specified in conjunction with `saving()` only when *command* takes a long time for each replication.

This will allow recovery of partial results should some other software crash your computer. See [P] [postfile](#).

`replace` specifies that *filename* be overwritten if it exists. This option does not appear in the dialog box.

`mse` specifies that `svy sdr` compute the variance by using deviations of the replicates from the observed value of the statistics based on the entire dataset. By default, `svy sdr` computes the variance by using deviations of the replicates from their mean.

Reporting

`verbose` requests that the full table legend be displayed.

`nodots` suppresses display of the replication dots. By default, one dot character is printed for each successful replication. A red 'x' is printed if *command* returns with an error, and 'e' is printed if one of the values in *exp_list* is missing.

`dots(#)` displays dots every # replications. `dots(0)` is a synonym for `nodots`.

`noisily` requests that any output from *command* be displayed. This option implies the `nodots` option.

`trace` causes a trace of the execution of *command* to be displayed. This option implies the `noisily` option.

`title(text)` specifies a title to be displayed above the table of SDR results; the default title is “SDR results”.

eform_option; see [R] [eform_option](#). This option is ignored if *exp_list* is not `_b.`

Advanced

`nodrop` prevents observations outside `e(sample)` and the `if` and `in` qualifiers from being dropped before the data are resampled.

`reject(exp)` identifies an expression that indicates when results should be rejected. When *exp* is true, the resulting values are reset to missing values.

`dof(#)` specifies the design degrees of freedom, overriding the default calculation, $df = N_{psu} - N_{strata}$.

Remarks and examples

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

SDR was first introduced by [Fay and Train \(1995\)](#) as a method of variance estimation for annual demographic supplements to the Current Population Survey (CPS). In SDR, the model is fit multiple times, once for each of a set of adjusted sampling weights. The variance is estimated using the resulting replicated point estimates.

▶ Example 1

The U.S. Census Bureau publishes public-use data from several of its surveys. This data can be downloaded from <http://factfinder.census.gov>. We downloaded the American Community Survey (ACS) Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) data collected in 2007. We extracted data for the state of Texas and kept the variables containing age, sex, and sampling weight for each person in the dataset. This sample dataset also contains 80 SDR weight variables.

```
. use http://www.stata-press.com/data/r15/ss07ptx
. svyset
      pweight: pwgtp
          VCE: sdr
          MSE: off
      sdrweight: pwgtp1 .. pwgtp80
Single unit: missing
  Strata 1: <one>
    SU 1: <observations>
    FPC 1: <zero>
```

This dataset was already `svyset` as

```
. svyset [pw=pgwtp], sdrweight(pwgtp1-pwgtp80) vce(sdr)
```

Here we estimate the average age of the males and of the females for our Texas subpopulation. The standard errors are estimated using SDR.

```
. svy: mean agep, over(sex)
(running mean on estimation sample)
SDR replications (80)
-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5
..... 50
.....
Survey: Mean estimation          Number of obs   =    230,817
                                Population size = 23,904,380
                                Replications      =      80

        Male: sex = Male
        Female: sex = Female
```

Over	SDR			
	Mean	Std. Err.	[95% Conf. Interval]	
agep				
Male	33.24486	.0470986	33.15255	33.33717
Female	35.23908	.0386393	35.16335	35.31481

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Stored results

In addition to the results documented in [\[SVY\]](#) `svy`, `svy sdr` stores the following in `e()`:

Scalars

```
e(N_reps)      number of replications
e(N_misreps)   number of replications with missing values
e(k_exp)       number of standard expressions
e(k_eexp)      number of _b/_se expressions
e(k_extra)     number of extra estimates added to _b
```

Macros

```
e(cmdname)     command name from command
e(cmd)         same as e(cmdname) or sdr
e(vce)        sdr
e(exp#)       #th expression
e(sdrweight)  sdrweight() variable list
```

Matrices

```
e(b_sdr)      SDR means
e(V)          SDR variance estimates
```

When `exp_list` is `_b`, `svy sdr` will also carry forward most of the results already in `e()` from *command*.

Methods and formulas

See [\[SVY\]](#) [variance estimation](#) for details regarding SDR variance estimation.

Reference

Fay, R. E., and G. F. Train. 1995. Aspects of survey and model-based postcensal estimation of income and poverty characteristics for states and counties. In *Proceedings of the Government Statistics Section*, 154–159. American Statistical Association.

Also see

[SVY] **svy postestimation** — Postestimation tools for svy

[SVY] **svy bootstrap** — Bootstrap for survey data

[SVY] **svy brr** — Balanced repeated replication for survey data

[SVY] **svy jackknife** — Jackknife estimation for survey data

[U] **20 Estimation and postestimation commands**

[SVY] **calibration** — Calibration for survey data

[SVY] **poststratification** — Poststratification for survey data

[SVY] **subpopulation estimation** — Subpopulation estimation for survey data

[SVY] **variance estimation** — Variance estimation for survey data