

# 28 Commands everyone should know

Putting aside the statistical commands that might particularly interest you, here is a list of commands that everyone should know:

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Getting help                    |   |
| help, net search, search        | [U] <a href="#">4 Stata's help and search facilities</a>                    |
| Keeping Stata up to date        |   |
| ado, net, update                | [U] <a href="#">29 Using the Internet to keep up to date</a>                |
| ado update                      | [R] <a href="#">ado update</a>  |
| Operating system interface      |   |
| pwd, cd                         | [D] <a href="#">cd</a>  |
| Using and saving data from disk |   |
| save                            | [D] <a href="#">save</a>  |
| use                             | [D] <a href="#">use</a>   |
| compress                        | [D] <a href="#">compress</a>  |
| Inputting data into Stata       | [U] <a href="#">22 Entering and importing data</a>                          |
| import                          | [D] <a href="#">import</a>  |
| edit                            | [D] <a href="#">edit</a>  |
| Basic data reporting            |   |
| describe                        | [D] <a href="#">describe</a>  |
| codebook                        | [D] <a href="#">codebook</a>  |
| list                            | [D] <a href="#">list</a>  |
| browse                          | [D] <a href="#">edit</a>  |
| count                           | [D] <a href="#">count</a>   |
| inspect                         | [D] <a href="#">inspect</a>   |
| table                           | [R] <a href="#">table</a>   |
| tabulate                        | [R] <a href="#">tabulate oneway</a> and [R] <a href="#">tabulate twoway</a> |
| summarize                       | [R] <a href="#">summarize</a>   |
| Data manipulation               | [U] <a href="#">13 Functions and expressions</a>                            |
| append, merge                   | [U] <a href="#">23 Combining datasets</a>                                   |
| generate, replace               | [D] <a href="#">generate</a>  |
| egen                            | [D] <a href="#">egen</a>  |
| rename                          | [D] <a href="#">rename</a> , [D] <a href="#">rename group</a>               |
| clear                           | [D] <a href="#">clear</a>   |
| drop, keep                      | [D] <a href="#">drop</a>  |
| sort                            | [D] <a href="#">sort</a>  |
| encode, decode                  | [D] <a href="#">encode</a>  |
| order                           | [D] <a href="#">order</a>   |
| by                              | [U] <a href="#">11.5 by varlist: construct</a>                              |
| reshape                         | [D] <a href="#">reshape</a>   |
| frames                          | [D] <a href="#">frames</a>  |

Graphing data

graph

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Keeping track of your work

log

[U] **15 Saving and printing output—log files**

notes

[D] **notes**

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Stata Customizable Tables and Collected  
Reference Manual*

Convenience

display

[R] **display**