

Postestimation commands

The following postestimation commands are available after `xtnbreg`:

| Command | Description |
|------------------------------|---|
| <code>contrast</code> | contrasts and ANOVA-style joint tests of parameters |
| * <code>estat ic</code> | Akaike's, consistent Akaike's, corrected Akaike's, and Schwarz's Bayesian information criteria (AIC, CAIC, AICc, and BIC, respectively) |
| <code>estat summarize</code> | summary statistics for the estimation sample |
| <code>estat vce</code> | variance–covariance matrix of the estimators (VCE) |
| <code>estimates</code> | cataloging estimation results |
| <code>etable</code> | table of estimation results |
| † <code>forecast</code> | dynamic forecasts and simulations |
| <code>hausman</code> | Hausman's specification test |
| <code>lincom</code> | point estimates, standard errors, testing, and inference for linear combinations of parameters |
| * <code>lrtest</code> | likelihood-ratio test |
| <code>margins</code> | marginal means, predictive margins, marginal effects, and average marginal effects |
| <code>marginsplot</code> | graph the results from margins (profile plots, interaction plots, etc.) |
| <code>nlcom</code> | point estimates, standard errors, testing, and inference for nonlinear combinations of parameters |
| <code>predict</code> | linear predictions and their SEs, number of events, incidence rates, probabilities |
| <code>predictnl</code> | point estimates, standard errors, testing, and inference for generalized predictions |
| <code>pwcompare</code> | pairwise comparisons of parameters |
| <code>test</code> | Wald tests of simple and composite linear hypotheses |
| <code>testnl</code> | Wald tests of nonlinear hypotheses |

* `estat ic` and `lrtest` are not appropriate after `xtnbreg`, `pa`.

† `forecast` is not appropriate with `mi` estimation results.

predict

Description for predict

predict creates a new variable containing predictions such as linear predictions, standard errors, numbers of events, incidence rates, probabilities, and the equation-level score.

Menu for predict

Statistics > Postestimation

Syntax for predict

Random-effects (RE) and conditional fixed-effects (FE) overdispersion models

```
predict [type] newvar [if] [in] [ , RE/FE_statistic nooffset ]
```

Population-averaged (PA) model

```
predict [type] newvar [if] [in] [ , PA_statistic nooffset ]
```

| RE/FE_statistic | Description |
|----------------------------|--|
| Main | |
| xb | linear prediction; the default |
| stdp | standard error of the linear prediction |
| nu0 | predicted number of events; assumes fixed or random effect is zero |
| iru0 | predicted incidence rate; assumes fixed or random effect is zero |
| pr0(<i>n</i>) | probability $\Pr(y = n)$ assuming the random effect is zero; only allowed after xtnbreg, re |
| pr0(<i>a</i> , <i>b</i>) | probability $\Pr(a \leq y \leq b)$ assuming the random effect is zero; only allowed after xtnbreg, re |

| PA_statistic | Description |
|--------------|---|
| Main | |
| mu | predicted number of events; considers the offset(); the default |
| rate | predicted number of events |
| xb | linear prediction |
| stdp | standard error of the linear prediction |
| score | first derivative of the log likelihood with respect to $\mathbf{x}_{it}\beta$ |

These statistics are available both in and out of sample; type predict ... if e(sample) ... if wanted only for the estimation sample.

Options for predict

Main

`xb` calculates the linear prediction. This is the default for the random-effects and fixed-effects models.

`mu` and `rate` both calculate the predicted number of events. `mu` takes into account the `offset()`, and `rate` ignores those adjustments. `mu` and `rate` are equivalent if you did not specify `offset()`. `mu` is the default for the population-averaged model.

`stdp` calculates the standard error of the linear prediction.

`nu0` calculates the predicted number of events, assuming a zero random or fixed effect.

`iru0` calculates the predicted incidence rate, assuming a zero random or fixed effect.

`pr0(n)` calculates the probability $\Pr(y = n)$ assuming the random effect is zero, where *n* is a nonnegative integer that may be specified as a number or a variable (only allowed after `xtnbreg, re`).

`pr0(a, b)` calculates the probability $\Pr(a \leq y \leq b)$ assuming the random effect is zero, where *a* and *b* are nonnegative integers that may be specified as numbers or variables (only allowed after `xtnbreg, re`);

b missing (*b* ≥ .) means $+\infty$;

`pr0(20, .)` calculates $\Pr(y \geq 20)$;

`pr0(20, b)` calculates $\Pr(y \geq 20)$ in observations for which *b* ≥ . and calculates $\Pr(20 \leq y \leq b)$ elsewhere.

`pr0(., b)` produces a syntax error. A missing value in an observation on the variable *a* causes a missing value in that observation for `pr0(a, b)`.

`score` calculates the equation-level score, $u_{it} = \partial \ln L(\mathbf{x}_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta}) / \partial (\mathbf{x}_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})$.

`nooffset` is relevant only if you specified `offset(varname)` for `xtnbreg`. It modifies the calculations made by `predict` so that they ignore the offset variable; the linear prediction is treated as $\mathbf{x}_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta}$ rather than $\mathbf{x}_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \text{offset}_{it}$.

margins

Description for margins

margins estimates margins of response for linear predictions, numbers of events, incidence rates, and probabilities.

Menu for margins

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Syntax for margins

```
margins [marginlist] [ , options ]
margins [marginlist] , predict(statistic ...) [predict(statistic ...) ...] [options]
```

Random-effects (RE) and conditional fixed-effects (FE) overdispersion models

| statistic | Description |
|----------------------------|--|
| xb | linear prediction; the default |
| nu0 | predicted number of events; assumes fixed or random effect is zero |
| iru0 | predicted incidence rate; assumes fixed or random effect is zero |
| pr0(<i>n</i>) | probability $\Pr(y = n)$ assuming the random effect is zero; only allowed after xtnbreg, re |
| pr0(<i>a</i> , <i>b</i>) | probability $\Pr(a \leq y \leq b)$ assuming the random effect is zero; only allowed after xtnbreg, re |
| stdp | not allowed with margins |

Population-averaged (PA) model

| statistic | Description |
|-----------|---|
| mu | predicted number of events; considers the offset(); the default |
| rate | predicted number of events |
| xb | linear prediction |
| stdp | not allowed with margins |
| score | not allowed with margins |

Statistics not allowed with margins are functions of stochastic quantities other than $e(b)$.

For the full syntax, see [R] margins.

Methods and formulas

The probabilities calculated using the `pr0(n)` option are the probability $\Pr(y_{it} = n)$ for a RE model assuming the random effect is zero. A negative binomial model is an overdispersed Poisson model, and the nominal overdispersion can be calculated as $\delta = s/(r - 1)$, where r and s are as given in the estimation results. Define $\mu_{it} = \exp(\mathbf{x}_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \text{offset}_{it})$. Then the probabilities in `pr0(n)` are calculated as the probability that $y_{it} = n$, where y_{it} has a negative binomial distribution with mean $\delta\mu_{it}$ and variance $\delta(1 + \delta)\mu_{it}$.

Also see

[XT] [xtnbreg](#) — Fixed-effects, random-effects, & population-averaged negative binomial models

[U] [20 Estimation and postestimation commands](#)

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