

Data Visualization with Stata 14.1 Cheat Sheet

For more info see Stata's reference manual (stata.com)

ONE VARIABLE sysuse auto, clear

CONTINUOUS

histogram mpg, **width(5)** **freq** **kdensity** **kdenopts(bwidth(5))**
histogram
 bin(#) • width(#) • density • fraction • frequency • percent • addlabels
 addlabopts(<options>) • normal • normopts(<options>) • kdensity
 kdenopts(<options>)

kdensity mpg, **bwidth(3)**
smoothed histogram
 bwidth • kernel(<options>) ← **main plot-specific options; see help for complete set**
 normal • normopts(<line options>)

DISCRETE

graph bar (count), **over**(foreign, **gap(*0.5)**) **intensity(*0.5)**
bar plot
graph hbar draws horizontal bar charts
 (asis) • (percent) • (count) • **over**(<variable>, <options: gap(*#) •
 relabel • descending • reverse>) • cw • missing • nofill • allcategories •
 percentages • stack • bargap(#) • **intensity(*#)** • **yalternate** • **xalternate**

graph bar (percent), **over**(rep78) **over**(foreign)
grouped bar plot
graph hbar ...
 (asis) • (percent) • (count) • **over**(<variable>, <options: gap(*#) •
 relabel • descending • reverse>) • cw • missing • nofill • allcategories •
 percentages • stack • bargap(#) • **intensity(*#)** • **yalternate** • **xalternate**

DISCRETE X, CONTINUOUS Y

graph bar (median) price, **over**(foreign) **graph hbar** ...
bar plot (asis) • (percent) • (count) • (stat: mean median sum min max ...)
over(<variable>, <options: gap(*#) • relabel • descending • reverse
 sort(<variable>)>) • cw • missing • nofill • allcategories • percentages
 stack • bargap(#) • **intensity(*#)** • **yalternate** • **xalternate**

graph dot (mean) length headroom, **over**(foreign) **m(1, ms(S))**
dot plot (asis) • (percent) • (count) • (stat: mean median sum min max ...)
over(<variable>, <options: gap(*#) • relabel • descending • reverse
 sort(<variable>)>) • cw • missing • nofill • allcategories • percentages
 linegap(#) • marker(#, <options>) • **linetype**(dot | line | rectangle)
 dots(<options>) • **lines**(<options>) • **rectangles**(<options>) • rwidth

graph hbox mpg, **over**(rep78, descending) **by**(foreign) **missing**
box plot
graph box draws vertical boxplots
over(<variable>, <options: total • gap(*#) • relabel • descending • reverse
 sort(<variable>)>) • **missing** • allcategories • **intensity(*#)** • **boxgap**(#)
 medtype(line | line | marker) • **medline**(<options>) • **medmarker**(<options>)

vioplot price, **over**(foreign) **ssc install vioplot**
violin plot
over(<variable>, <options: total • missing>) • **nofill** •
 vertical • horizontal • obs • kernel(<options>) • **bwidth**(#) •
 barwidth(#) • **dscale**(#) • **vgap**(#) • **ogap**(#) • **density**(<options>)
 bar(<options>) • **median**(<options>) • **obsopts**(<options>)

Plot Placement

JUXTAPOSE (FACET)

twoway scatter mpg price, **by**(foreign, **norescale**)
 total • missing • **colfirst** • **rows**(#) • **cols**(#) • **holes**(<numlist>)
 compact • **noledglabel** • **norescale** • **noyrescale** • **noxrescale**
nojyaxes • **nojxaxes** • **nojytitle** • **nojxtitle** • **nojylabel**
nojxlabel • **nojytitle** • **nojxtitle** • **imargin**(<options>)

SUPERIMPOSE

graph combine plot1.gph plot2.gph...
 combine 2+ saved graphs into a single plot
scatter y3 y2 y1 x, **marker(o i)** **mlabel**(var3 var2 var1)
 plot several y values for a single x value
graph twoway scatter mpg price in 27/74 || **scatter** mpg price /*
 */ if mpg < 15 & price > 12000 in 27/74, **mlabel**(make) m(i)
 combine twoway plots using ||

BASIC PLOT SYNTAX:

graph <plot type> **variables:** y first $y_1 y_2 \dots y_n$ x **[in] [if],** **plot-specific options** **– facet –** **by**(var) **xline**(xint) **yline**(yint) **text**(y x "annotation")
titles **title**("title") **subtitle**("subtitle") **xtitle**("x-axis title") **ytitle**("y axis title") **axes** **xscale**(range(low high) **log reverse off noline**) **yscale**(<options>)
custom appearance **plot size** **save**
 <marker, line, text, axis, legend, background options> **scheme**(s1mono) **play**(customTheme) **xsize**(5) **ysize**(4) **saving**("myPlot.gph", **replace**)

TWO+ CONTINUOUS VARIABLES

graph matrix mpg price weight, half
scatter plot of each combination of variables
 half • jitter(#) • jitterseed(#) •
 diagonal • [aweight(<variable>)]

twoway scatter mpg weight, jitter(7)
scatter plot
 jitter(#) • jitterseed(#) • sort • **cmissing**(yes | no)
 connect(<options>) • [aweight(<variable>)]

twoway scatter mpg weight, **mlabel**(mpg)
scatter plot with labeled values
 jitter(#) • jitterseed(#) • sort • **cmissing**(yes | no)
 connect(<options>) • [aweight(<variable>)]

twoway connected mpg price, **sort**(price)
scatter plot with connected lines and symbols
 jitter(#) • jitterseed(#) • sort **see also line**
 connect(<options>) • **cmissing**(yes | no)

twoway area mpg price, **sort**(price)
line plot with area shading
 sort • **cmissing**(yes | no) • vertical • horizontal
 base(#)

twoway bar price rep78
bar plot
 vertical • horizontal • base(#) • barwidth(#)

twoway dot mpg rep78
dot plot vertical • horizontal • base(#) • ndots(#)
 dcolor(<color>) • dcolor(<color>) • dcolor(<color>)
 dsize(<markersize>) • dsymbol(<marker type>)
 dlwidth(<stroke size>) • **dotextend**(yes | no)

twoway dropline mpg price in 1/5
dropped line plot
 vertical • horizontal • base(#)

twoway rcapsym length headroom price
range plot (y1 ÷ y2) with capped lines
 vertical • horizontal **see also rcap**

twoway rarea length headroom price, **sort**
range plot (y1 ÷ y2) with area shading
 vertical • horizontal • sort
 cmissing(yes | no)

twoway rbar length headroom price
range plot (y1 ÷ y2) with bars
 vertical • horizontal • barwidth(#) • mwidth
 msize(<marker size>)

twoway pcspike wage68 ttl_exp68 wage88 ttl_exp88
Parallel coordinates plot
 vertical • horizontal (sysuse nlswide1)

twoway pccapsym wage68 ttl_exp68 wage88 ttl_exp88
Slope/bump plot
 vertical • horizontal • headlabel (sysuse nlswide1)

THREE VARIABLES

twoway contour mpg price weight, **level**(20) **crule**(intensity)
3D contour plot
 ccuts(#) • levels(#) • minmax • crule(hue | chue | intensity) •
 scolor(<color>) • ecolor (<color>) • ccolors(<colorlist>) • heatmap
 interp(thinplatespline | shepard | none)

regress price mpg trunk weight length turn, **nocons**
matrix regmat = e(V) **ssc install plotmatrix**
plotmatrix, **mat**(regmat) **color**(green)
heatmap mat(<variable>) • split(<options>) • color(<color>) • freq

SUMMARY PLOTS

twoway mband mpg weight || **scatter** mpg weight
plot median of the y values
 bands(#)

binscatter weight mpg, **line**(none) **ssc install binscatter**
plot a single value (mean or median) for each x value
 medians • nquantiles(#) • discrete • controls(<variables>) •
 linetype(fit | qfit | connect | none) • aweight(<variable>)

FITTING RESULTS

twoway lfitted mpg weight || **scatter** mpg weight
calculate and plot linear fit to data with confidence intervals
 level(#) • stdp • stdf • nofit • fitplot(<plottype>) • ciplot(<plottype>) •
 range(# #) • n(#) • atobs • estopts(<options>) • predopts(<options>)

twoway lowess mpg weight || **scatter** mpg weight
calculate and plot lowess smoothing
 bwidth(#) • mean • noweight • logit • adjust

twoway qfitted mpg weight, **alwidth**(none) || **scatter** mpg weight
calculate and plot quadratic fit to data with confidence intervals
 level(#) • stdp • stdf • nofit • fitplot(<plottype>) • ciplot(<plottype>) •
 range(# #) • n(#) • atobs • estopts(<options>) • predopts(<options>)

REGRESSION RESULTS

regress price mpg headroom trunk length turn
coefplot, **drop**(_cons) **xline**(0) **ssc install coefplot**
Plot regression coefficients
 baselevels • b(<options>) • at(<options>) • noci • levels(#)
 keep(<variables>) • drop(<variables>) • rename(<list>)
 horizontal • vertical • generate(<variable>)

regress mpg weight length turn
margins, **eyex**(weight) **at**(weight = (1800(200)4800))
marginsplot, **noci**
Plot marginal effects of regression
 horizontal • noci