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Stata from the ground up

For Analysis and Decision Making - 3 days

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Data & Analytics

Introduction

Welcome to our comprehensive three-day training on "Data Analysis and Decision Making using Stata." In today's data-driven world, the ability to analyze large sets of data and make informed decisions is crucial across many sectors. Whether in public health, economics, education, or marketing, the insights drawn from data analysis are pivotal for strategic planning and policy-making.

This course is designed to equip participants with the essential skills needed to handle data effectively using Stata, one of the leading statistical software packages. By the end of this training, participants will be equipped to undertake their own data analysis projects and contribute to data-driven decision-making processes within their organizations.

Learning outcomes

By the end of this training, participants will be able to:

- Understand the fundamental principles of data analysis and its implications in decision-making.
- Navigate and utilize Stata software proficiently.
- Perform basic to intermediate data manipulation tasks.
- Conduct descriptive and inferential statistical analyses.
- Interpret statistical outputs and translate data into strategic insights.
- Prepare and present data analysis reports effectively.

Prerequisites

Participants are expected to:

- Have a basic understanding of statistics (e.g., mean, median, mode, variance).

- Possess fundamental computer skills, including managing files and folders.
- Be familiar with Microsoft Excel or any other spreadsheet software.

Training outline

1. Introduction to Stata

1. Overview of Stata interface and features
2. Installation and setup
3. Basic commands and syntax

2. Data Management

1. Importing data from various sources (CSV, Excel, databases)
2. Exploring dataset structures
3. Variables: creation, modification, and labeling

   Data cleaning techniques

   1. Handling missing values
   2. Filtering and sorting data
   3. Data type conversions

3. Descriptive Statistics

1. Summarizing and tabulating data
2. Measures of central tendency and dispersion

   Graphical representations of data

   1. Histograms
   2. Box plots
   3. Scatter plots

4. Statistical Analysis

Hypothesis testing fundamentals

1. t-tests
2. Chi-square tests

Correlation and regression analysis

1. Simple linear regression

    2. Multiple regression analysis
3. ANOVA (Analysis of Variance)

5. Advanced Data Management

1. Merging and appending data files
2. Panel data and time-series operations
3. Creating and using do-files for reproducible analysis

6. Reporting and Visualization

1. Customizing graphs and charts
2. Exporting results to external files (Excel, PDF)
3. Dynamic documents and presentation of results

7. Practical Applications

1. Case studies from various domains
2. Group assignments to apply learned skills on real data sets
3. Discussion and analysis of results

8. Review and Closing

1. Recap of key concepts and techniques
2. Q&A session
3. Guidance on further learning resources and community engagement

This outline ensures a gradual buildup of skills, from fundamental concepts to more complex analyses, preparing participants to effectively contribute to data-driven projects and decision making.

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