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Stata tip 90: Displaying partial results

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Stata provides several features that allow users to display only part of their results. If, for instance, you merely wanted to inspect the analysis of variance table returned by anova or the coefficients returned by regress, you could instruct Stata to omit other results:

- . sysuse auto (1978 Automobile Data)
- . regress weight length price, notable

Source	SS	df	MS
Model Residual	40378658.3 3715520.06	2 71	20189329.2 52331.2685
Total	44094178.4	73	604029.841

Number of obs = 74 F(2, 71) = 385.80 Prob > F = 0.0000 R-squared = 0.9157 Adj R-squared = 0.9134 Root MSE = 228.76

. regress weight length price, noheader

weight	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf.	Interval]
length price	30.60949 .042138	1.333171 .0100644	22.96 4.19	0.000 0.000	27.95122 .0220702	33.26776 .0622058
_cons	-2992.848	232.1722	-12.89	0.000	-3455.786	-2529.91

Other examples of this type can be found in the help files for xtivreg for its first-stage results and for xtmixed for its random-effects and fixed-effects table. Generally, to check whether Stata does provide such options, you would look for them under the heading *Reporting* in the respective help files.

If you want to further customize output to your own needs, you could use the estimates table command; see [R] estimates table. It is part of the comprehensive estimates suite of commands that save and manipulate estimation results in Stata. See [R] estimates or Baum (2006, sec. 4.4), where user-written alternatives are introduced as well.

estimates table can provide several benefits to the user. For one, you can restrict output to selected coefficients or equations with its keep() and drop() options.

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- . sysuse auto (1978 Automobile Data)
- . quietly regress weight length price trunk turn
- . estimates table, keep(turn price)

Variable	active
turn	35.214901
price	.04624804

The original output of the estimation command itself is suppressed with $\mathtt{quietly}$; see [P] $\mathtt{quietly}$. The $\mathtt{keep}()$ option also changes the order of the coefficients according to your wishes. Additionally, you can elect to have Stata display results in a specific format, for example, with fewer or more decimal places. The format can differ between the elements that you choose to put into the table. In the case shown below, the coefficients have three decimal places, while the standard error and the p-value have two decimal places:

- . sysuse auto (1978 Automobile Data)
- . quietly regress weight length price trunk turn
- . estimates table, keep(turn price) b(%9.3fc) se(%9.2fc) p(%9.2fc)

Variable	active
turn	35.215 11.65
price	0.00 0.046
•	0.01 0.00

legend: b/se/p

estimates table can also deal with models featuring multiple equations. If you want to omit the coefficients for weight and the constant from every equation of your sureg model, you could type

- . sysuse auto (1978 Automobile Data)
- . qui sureg (price foreign weight length turn) (mpg foreign weight turn)
- . estimates table, drop(weight _cons)

Variable	active	
price foreign length turn	3320.6181 -78.75447 -144.37952	
mpg foreign turn	-2.0756325 23516574	

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If your interest rests in the entire first equation and the constant from the second equation, you would prepend coefficients with the equation names and separate the two with a colon. The names of equations and coefficients are more accessible in Stata 11 with the coeflegend option, which is accepted by most estimation commands.

. sureg, coeflegend noheader

	Coef.	Legend
price		
foreign	3320.618	_b[price:foreign]
weight	6.04491	_b[price:weight]
length	-78.75447	_b[price:length]
turn	-144.3795	_b[price:turn]
_cons	7450.657	_b[price:_cons]
mpg		
foreign	-2.075632	_b[mpg:foreign]
weight	0055959	_b[mpg:weight]
turn	2351657	_b[mpg:turn]
_cons	48.13492	_b[mpg:_cons]

. estimates table, keep(price: mpg:weight)

Variable	active	
price		
foreign	3320.6181	
weight	6.0449101	
length	-78.75447	
turn	-144.37952	
_cons	7450.657	
mpg		
weight	00559588	

See help estimates table to learn more about the syntax.

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