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1 // Stata Workshop 1
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6 // Source of Data
7 // psychology.dta is used here. It is originally a SPSS data file (psychology.sav), which was
8 // downloaded from
9 // https://edge.sagepub.com/field5e/student-resources/datasets
10 // (website of Discovering Statistics Using IBM SPSS Statistics [by Andy Field]; access date: Oct
11 // 14, 2020).
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13 // Part 1 Descriptive Statistics
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15 // 1.1
16 codebook group // check the coding of a categorical variable
17 tab1 group // show frequency distribution
18 tab1 group, nolabel // show the original code, not the label
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20 // 1.2
21 codebook stats // "codebook" can also be applied to a continuous variable
22 sum stats // show descriptive statistics
23 h sum // seek help to learn more about a command
24 sum stats, detail // show more descriptive statistics
25 histogram stats // graphically illustrate the distribution
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27 // 1.3
28 sort group // need this code before showing descriptive statistics by categories
29 by group: sum stats // show descriptive statistics by categories
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31 // Part 2 Data Management
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33 // 2.1
34 label variable group "Group" // change variable label
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36 // 2.2
37 rename group year // change variable name
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39 label variable year "University Year"
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41 // 2.3
42 codebook year
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44 label define yearlabel 0 "year 1" 1 "year 2" 2 "year 3" // change labels of categories step 1:
45 // come up with a labeling scheme
46 label values year yearlabel // step 2: attach the labeling scheme
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48 codebook year
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50 // 2.4
51 gen freshman=. // recode: come up with a new categorical variable
52 replace freshman =1 if year==0
53 replace freshman =0 if year==1
54 replace freshman =0 if year==2
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56 recode year (0=1) (1/2=0), gen (freshman2) // an alternative way
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58 codebook year
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60 recode year (0=1) (1=2) (2=3) // recode: same variable
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62 codebook year
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64 label define yearlabel2 1 "year 1" 2 "year 2" 3 "year 3"
65 label values year yearlabel2

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66 codebook year  
67  
68 // 2.5  
69 replace stats=stats/10 // do calculation on a variable: replace  
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71 replace stats=stats*10  
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73 gen newstats=stats/10 // do calculation on a variable: without replace  
74  
75 // 2.6  
76 gen total = exper+stats+social+develop+person // total: listwise deletion  
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78 gen average = (exper+stats+social+develop+person)/5 // average: listwise deletion  
79  
80 egen total2 = rowtotal (exper stats social develop person) // total: ignore missing (make sense?)  
81  
82 egen average2 = rowmean (exper stats social develop person) // average: ignore missing (make good  
sense)
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