

Getting Started with Stata

Stata is a general-purpose statistical package; others include SPSS^x, SAS, and R. Stata is quite widely used within the Harvard Sociology Department; many faculty and students in the Department rely on it for their research work.

The most recent version of Stata available at Harvard is Version 15. Among its advantages is that much work may be done using menus, instead of having to remember particular commands.

You may gain access to Stata 15 via Harvard's computer labs, but many of you may find it easier to use on your own machines.

To install Stata 15 on your computer, download the program from the FAS Software Downloads page: <https://downloads.fas.harvard.edu/download> and follow the installation instructions.

Stata 15 will run on Windows, Mac, and Linux computers. Please see this page for more information about Stata's platform and hardware requirements: <https://www.stata.com/products/compatible-operating-systems/>.