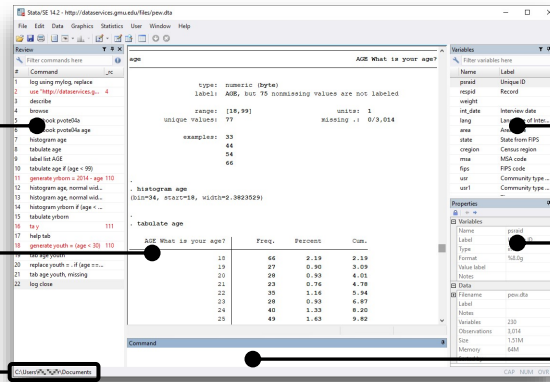


# Stata Windows

Review commands you ran, left or right click to reuse

Begin a log to start recording results that appear here

The working directory of files set with `cd "path"`



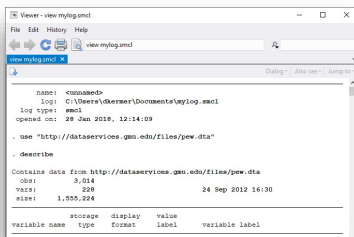
If data is loaded/open, a list of the variables will be here

See variable properties, unlock to change

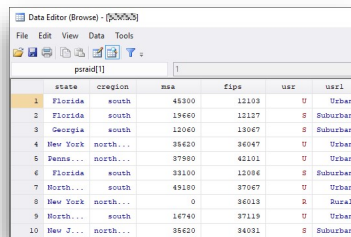
Type commands here, then press Enter

## Main Window

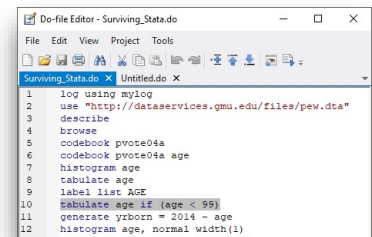
## Viewer



## Data Editor



## Do File Editor



## Log File .smcl / .log

Keeps a record of what you did and the results. Not reusable.

## Data File .dta

Data in Stata format can include labels and metadata.

## Do File .do

Save, edit, and re-run syntax to replicate analysis or fix errors.

File → Log → **Begin**  
File → Log → **Close**  
File → Log → **View**

File → **Open** & File → **Save As**  
Window → **Data Editor** or  
Data → **Data Editor**

Window → **Do File Editor**  
In the Do File Editor:  
File → **Open** & File → **Save As**



**log** using `mylog`  
**log** close

**use** `mydata`  
**save** `mydata`

**edit** **browse**

**doedit**  
**do** `mydofile.do`

Begin a log *before* doing any work; close a log when done.

No need to specify `.dta`; add the option **replace** as needed.

Highlight syntax then Execute (mouse or Ctrl-L) (Ctrl-D)

**help** *command* or **help** *topic*  
Shows help docs in Viewer

**clear** or add **clear** as an option  
Closes the data *without* saving

\* *describe* what is happening  
Ways to comment **//** *comment*

Unless you purchased Stata, use the extension **.log** so you can view in any text editor.

If your data is not in Stata format, choose File → Import or use **import** (GSS Section 8 ).

A do file is just a text file. Type directly there or copy/paste from Review and make changes.

**command** *varlist* *qualifiers* using *file*, *options*