

>SPSS 13.0 Brief Guide

Preface

The *SPSS® 13.0 Brief Guide* provides a set of tutorials designed to acquaint you with the various components of the SPSS system. You can work through the tutorials in sequence or turn to the topics for which you need additional information. You can use this guide as a supplement to the online tutorial that is included with the SPSS Base 13.0 system or ignore the online tutorial and start with the tutorials found here.

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SPSS 13.0 is a comprehensive system for analyzing data. SPSS can take data from almost any type of file and use them to generate tabulated reports, charts, and plots of distributions and trends, descriptive statistics, and complex statistical analyses.

SPSS makes statistical analysis more accessible for the beginner and more convenient for the experienced user. Simple menus and dialog box selections make it possible to perform complex analyses without typing a single line of command syntax. The Data Editor offers a simple and efficient spreadsheet-like facility for entering data and browsing the working data file.

Internet Resources

The SPSS Web site (<http://www.spss.com>) offers answers to frequently asked questions about installing and running SPSS software and provides access to data files and other useful information.

In addition, the SPSS USENET discussion group (not sponsored by SPSS) is open to anyone interested in SPSS products. The USENET address is *comp.soft-sys.stat.spss*. It deals with computer, statistical, and other operational issues related to SPSS software.

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