

Research Resources

Our library of practical resources is available for researchers undertaking randomized evaluations and those teaching the technique to others. The resources presented here are curated by J-PAL in partnership with Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA).

Stata 103

You have used Stata for a major school project or in a work environment. You feel comfortable with all basic commands and are very familiar with the following concepts:

- Locals (note: this is absolutely necessary!!)
- The foreach command
- Naming and labelling variables
- Variable types (strings, numerics)
- Importing data through use, merge and append

You are likely somewhat familiar with:

- Loops using varlist or numlist
- by
- egen

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Stata 104

This is an advanced, applied, Stata class. You should be quite comfortable using Stata. You are very familiar with the following concepts:

- Loops with varlist and numlist, as well as while loops
- The if command (distinct from the if qualifier)
- N and _n
- by
- egen

You are likely somewhat familiar with:

- capture and assert
- Saved results such as r(N), r(levels)

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The Lessons of Administrative Data

A document that highlights examples of landmark studies made possible by administrative data.

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Using Administrative Data for Randomized Evaluations

A guide that provides practical guidance on how to obtain and use nonpublic administrative data for a randomized evaluation.

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Administrative Steps for Launching a Randomized Evaluation in the United States

A checklist that provides guidance on the logistical and administrative steps that are necessary to launch a randomized evaluation that adheres to legal regulations, follows transparency guidelines required by many academic journals, and complies with security procedures required by

regulatory or ethical standards.

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Administrative Data Poster

A poster that summarizes some of the key takeaways and visuals from the guide: Using Administrative Data for Randomized Evaluations.

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Common Questions and Concerns about Randomized Evaluations

A two-page document that addresses concerns potential evaluators may have about the logistical, ethical, and financial implications of running a randomized evaluation.

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