APPENDIX F EXAMPLES IN STATA

In Stata, the NCVS sample design must be appropriately specified using the *svyset* command, as follows, each time a new data set is put in use for analysis. Note that the nested stratification requires creation of a stratum recode prior to *svyset*.

```
egen strat=group(yr_grp v2117)
svyset v2118 [pweight=newwgt], strata(strat) vce(linearized)
```

Note that examples are presented as if they were run in sequence. Therefore, data sets are cleared and set to use and the *svyset* command is included only when necessary and not for each example.

For the calculation of victimization rates, analysts must first create a new variable equal to the product of the victimization count and the adjustment factor (*ADJINC_WT*), multiplied by 1,000 (as outlined in the examples below). The *subpop* option is used to limit the analysis to the appropriate set of cases. Prior to each analysis a "sub" variable is created based on all exclusions (e.g. victimizations occurring outside of the US and outside the year(s) of interest).

Examples 1 and 2 demonstrate how to estimate the total number of victimizations.

Examples 3 and 4 demonstrate how to calculate the proportion of victimizations with given characteristics. Examples 5 and 6 demonstrate the calculation of personal and property victimization rates for victimization characteristics included on the modified person and household files, and Example 7 demonstrates the calculation of victimization rates for victimization characteristics not on the modified files. Examples are included for both single-and pooled-year estimates. Finally, Example 8 demonstrates how to identify low-quality estimates and implement the rounding recommended as discussed in Section 4 of the user's guide.

F.1 Victimization Totals

The Stata *total* command is used to estimate the total number of victimizations from the modified incident-level file. The domain(s) of interest (i.e. subsets of the population based on characteristics of the victimization or victim) are specified with the *over* option, and the subpopulation is specified within the *svy* prefix command, which must be included for each

analytic command. *Examples 1A-1C* demonstrate the calculation of victimization totals for single years, and *Examples 2A-2C* demonstrate pooled year estimates.

Example 1: Number of victimizations, single year

Examples 1A and 1B below are estimates of personal crimes, while Example 1C is an estimate of property crimes. Examples 1A and 1C provide overall crime estimates, while Example 1B provides estimated totals for person-level characteristics of interest.

Example 1A - Total number of violent victimizations, 2011

Year(s): 2011

Crime Type: violent victimizations (*vcrime*)

Domain(s): n/a **Weight:** newwgt

Subpopulation: within the United States (exclude_outUS=0); non-dummy records (dummy=0);

2011 (year=**2011**)

Code:

```
use "<long path of incident-level .dta file>" //a
egen strat=group(yr_grp v2117) //b
svyset v2118 [pweight=newwgt], strata(strat) vce(linearized) //c
generate sub=(exclude_outus==0 & dummy==0 & year==2011) //d
svy, subpop(sub): total vcrime //e
```

Code Comment(s):

- a) Read in input data
- b) Create nested stratification recode
- c) Specify the NCVS design
- d) Create subpopulation indicator
- e) Estimate totals

Example 1B - Total number of violent victimizations by sex, age category, and race/ethnicity, 2011

Year(s): 2011

Crime Type: *violent* victimizations (*vcrime*)

Domain(s): sex (sex), age category (agecat), and race/ethnicity (race_eth)

Weight: newwgt

Subpopulation: within the United States (exclude_outUS=0); non-dummy records (dummy=0);

2011 (year=**2011**)

Code:

```
svy, subpop(sub): total vcrime, over(sex)
svy, subpop(sub): total vcrime, over(agecat)
svy, subpop(sub): total vcrime, over(race_eth)
```

Output:

Survey: Total estimation

| Number of | <i>str</i> ata | = | 160 | Number of obs | = | 37853 |
|-----------|----------------|---|-----|-----------------|---|------------|
| Number of | <i>PSU</i> s | = | 320 | Population size | = | 115824878 |
| | | | | Subpop. no. obs | = | 7255 |
| | | | | Subpop. size | = | 23041440.8 |
| | | | | Design df | = | 160 |

Male: sex = Male
Female: sex = Female

| Over | Total | Linearized Std. Err. | [95% Conf. | Interval] |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| vcrime Male Female | 3209725 2602798 | 236960.6 252785.9 | 2741751 2103571 | 3677699 3102025 |

Survey: Total estimation

| Number | of | <i>str</i> ata | = | 160 | Number of obs | = | 37853 |
|--------|----|----------------|---|-----|-----------------|---|------------|
| Number | of | <i>PSU</i> s | = | 320 | Population size | = | 115824878 |
| | | | | | Subpop. no. obs | = | 7255 |
| | | | | | Subpop. size | = | 23041440.8 |
| | | | | | Design df | = | 160 |

_subpop_1: agecat = 12 to 14 _subpop_2: agecat = 15 to 17 _subpop_3: agecat = 18 to 20 _subpop_4: agecat = 21 to 24 _subpop_5: agecat = 25 to 34 _subpop_6: agecat = 35 to 49 _subpop_7: agecat = 50 to 64 _subpop_8: agecat = 65 or older

| 0ver | Total | Linearized Std. Err. | [95% Conf. I | interval] |
|-----------|----------|-------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| vcrime | | | | |
| _subpop_1 | 488382.9 | 77367.96 | 335588.8 | 641177 |
| _subpop_2 | 428879.6 | 64692.5 | 301118.3 | 556640.9 |
| _subpop_3 | 843753.1 | 220103.6 | 409070.3 | 1278436 |
| _subpop_4 | 617719.6 | 69925.52 | 479623.6 | 755815.6 |
| _subpop_5 | 1114834 | 118262.1 | 881278 | 1348390 |
| _subpop_6 | 1365450 | 141010.7 | 1086968 | 1643933 |
| _subpop_7 | 776857.5 | 90922.04 | 597295.4 | 956419.5 |
| _subpop_8 | 176645.7 | 46321.04 | 85166.22 | 268125.2 |

Survey: Total estimation

| Number | of | strata | = | 160 | Number of obs | = | 37853 |
|--------|----|--------|---|-----|-----------------|---|------------|
| Number | of | PSUs | = | 320 | Population size | = | 115824878 |
| | | | | | Subpop. no. obs | = | 7255 |
| | | | | | Subpop. size | = | 23041440.8 |
| | | | | | Design df | = | 160 |

_subpop_1: race_eth = Non-Hispanic White _subpop_2: race_eth = Non-Hispanic Black

_subpop_3: race_eth = Hispanic

_subpop_4: race_eth = Non-Hispanic Other

_subpop_5: race_eth = Non-Hispanic More than One Race

Linearized Over | Total Std. Err. [95% Conf. Interval] ----vcrime

Example 1C - Total number of property victimizations, 2011

Year(s): 2011

Crime Type: property victimizations (*pcrime*)

Domain(s): n/a **Weight:** newwgt

Subpopulation: within the United States (*exclude_outUS=***0**); non-dummy records (*dummy=***0**);

2011 (*year*=**2011**)

Code:

```
svy, subpop(sub): total pcrime
display %20.10f _b[pcrime]
```

```
Survey: Total estimation
```

[.] display %20.10f _b[pcrime] 17063147.83

Example 2: Number of crimes, aggregated years

Examples 2A and 2B are estimates of personal crimes, while Example 2C is an estimate of a property crime. Examples 2A and 2C provide overall crime estimates and Example 2B provides estimated totals for a victimization-level characteristic of interest. The code provided calculates the estimated number of victimization across the pooled years. To calculate the average number of victimizations per year, estimated totals and standard errors must be divided by the number of pooled years, as shown in the following examples.

Example 2A - Total and average number of aggravated assaults, 2009-2011

Year(s): 2009-2011

Crime Type: aggravated assaults (*aast*)

Domain(s): n/a **Weight:** newwgt

Subpopulation: within the United States (*exclude_outUS=***0**); non-dummy records (*dummy=***0**);

2009-2011 ((2009 <= year) and (year <=2011))

Code:

Code Comment(s):

a) Subpopulation indicator incorporates the range of years to be analyzed

Output:

NOTE: The estimate above represents the total number of aggravated assaults from 2009-2011. To obtain the average number of aggravated assaults, both the estimate and the standard error must be divided by the number of pooled years (3), as follows:

$$avg \ number \ of \ aggravated \ assaults = \frac{total \ number \ of \ aggravated \ asaults}{number \ of \ pooled \ years}$$

$$= \frac{2940416}{3}$$

$$= 980138.67$$

$$SE(avg \ number \ of \ aggravated \ assaults) = \frac{se(total \ number \ of \ aggravated \ asaults)}{number \ of \ pooled \ years}$$

$$= \frac{160814.1}{3}$$

$$= 53604.7$$

Example 2B - Total and average number of aggravated assaults involving firearm, 2009–2011

Year(s): 2009-2011

Crime Type: aggravated assaults (*aast*) **Domain(s):** weapon category (*weapcat*)

Weight: newwgt

Survey: Total estimation

Subpopulation: within the United States ($exclude_outUS=0$); non-dummy records (dummy=0); 2009-2011 ((2009 <= year) and (year <= 2011))

Code:

```
svy, subpop(sub): total aast, over(weapcat)
```

Output:

```
Number of strata = 160 Number of obs = 21040
Number of PSUs = 320 Population size = 67127145
Subpon no obs = 3888
```

Subpop. no. obs = 3888 Subpop. size = 16855065 Design df = 160

```
_subpop_1: weapcat = No Weapon
_subpop_2: weapcat = Firearm
_subpop_3: weapcat = Knife or sharp object
_subpop_4: weapcat = Other type weapon
_subpop_5: weapcat = Type weapon unknown
_subpop_6: weapcat = Do Not Know if off had weapon
```

| 0ver | Total | Linearized Std. Err. | [95% Conf. | Interval] |
|-----------|-------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------|
| aast | | | | |
| _subpop_1 | 318541.9 | 53739.51 | 212411.7 | 424672.2 |
| _subpop_2 | 778706.3 | 81552.16 | 617648.8 | 939763.8 |
| _subpop_3 | 642022.3 | 65520.62 | 512625.6 | 771419.1 |
| subpop 4 | 939927.3 | 96628.22 | 749096.1 | 1130759 |
| _subpop_5 | 228754.8 | 52287.67 | 125491.8 | 332017.8 |
| _subpop_6 | 32462.99 | 11505.77 | 9740.229 | 55185.74 |

NOTE: The estimate above represents the total number of aggravated assaults involving a firearm from 2009-2011. To obtain the average number of aggravated assaults involving a firearm, both the estimate and the standard error must be divided by the number of pooled years (3), as follows:

$$avg \ number \ of \ aggravated \ assaults \ w \ firearm = \frac{total \ number \ of \ aggravated \ asaults \ w \ firearm}{number \ of \ pooled \ years}$$

$$=\frac{778706.3}{3}$$

$$SE(avg\ number\ of\ aggravated\ assaults\ w\ firearm) = \frac{se(total\ number\ of\ aggravated\ asaults\ w\ firearm)}{number\ of\ pooled\ years}$$

$$= \frac{81552.16}{3}$$

= 27184.05

Example 2C - Total and average number of household burglaries, 2009-2011

Year(s): 2009-2011

Crime Type: household burglary (*hburg*)

Domain(s): n/a **Weight:** newwgt

Subpopulation: Within the United States (*exclude_outUS=***0**); non-dummy records (*dummy=***0**);

2009-2011 ((2009 <= year) and (year <=2011))

Code:

svy, subpop(sub): total hburg

Output:

Survey: Total estimation

. display %20.2f _b[hburg] 10201317.31

NOTE: The estimate above represents the total number of household burglaries from 2009-2011. To obtain the average number of household burglaries, both the estimate and the standard error must be divided by the number of pooled years (3), as follows:

$$avg \ number \ of \ household \ burglaries = \frac{total \ number \ of \ household \ burglaries}{number \ of \ pooled \ years}$$

$$= \frac{10201317.31}{3}$$

$$= 3400439.10$$

$$SE(avg \ number \ of \ household \ burglaries) = \frac{se(total \ number \ of \ household \ burglaries)}{number \ of \ pooled \ years}$$

$$= \frac{336711.5}{3}$$

$$= 112237.17$$

F.2 Victimization Proportions

The Stata *prop* command is used to estimate the percent distribution of victimizations in a specific domain across covariates from the modified incident-level file.

Example 3: Percent distribution of victims across characteristics, single year

Example 3A is an estimate of personal crimes, while Example 3B is an estimate of property crimes. In Example 3A, both the analysis domain and covariates are specified based on person- and incident-level characteristics. In Example 3B, the analysis domain is specified based on an incident-level characteristic, while the covariates are household-level characteristics.

Example 3A - Distribution of female violent crime victims by age category, race/ethnicity, and victim-offender relationship, 2011

```
Year(s): 2011
```

Domain(s): female (*sex*=2); violent victimizations (*vcrime*=1)

Covariate(s): age category (agecat); race/ethnicity (race_eth); victim-offender relationship

(direl)

Weight: newwgt

Subpopulation: within the United States (*exclude_outUS=***0**); non-dummy records (*dummy=***0**); 2011 (*year=***2011**); female (*sex=*2); violent victimizations (*vcrime=*1)

Code:

Code Comment(s):

a) Subpopulation indicator

```
Survey: Proportion estimation
```

```
_prop_1: agecat = 12 to 14
_prop_2: agecat = 15 to 17
_prop_3: agecat = 18 to 20
_prop_4: agecat = 21 to 24
```

```
_prop_5: agecat = 25 to 34
_prop_6: agecat = 35 to 49
_prop_7: agecat = 50 to 64
_prop_8: agecat = 65 or older
_prop_9: race_eth = Non-Hispanic White
_prop_10: race_eth = Non-Hispanic Black
_prop_12: race_eth = Non-Hispanic Other
_prop_13: race_eth = Non-Hispanic More than One Race
_prop_15: direl = other relatives
_prop_16: direl = well known/casual acquaintances
_prop_18: direl = do not know relationship
_prop_19: direl = do not know number of offenders
```

| | | Linearized | | |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| | Proportion | Std. Err. | [95% Conf. | Interval] |
| agecat | | | | |
| _prop_1 | .0764283 | .0185879 | .0468795 | .1222141 |
| _prop_2 | .0626202 | .0133092 | .0409354 | .0946582 |
| _prop_3 | .1550198 | .0536768 | .0754829 | .2919037 |
| _prop_4 | .0931161 | .0163669 | .065431 | .1308748 |
| _prop_5 | .193023 | .0236158 | .1505845 | .2439863 |
| _prop_6 | .245841 | .0305423 | .1905589 | .310999 |
| _prop_7 | .1291292 | .0199286 | .094593 | .1738535 |
| _prop_8 | .0448224 | .0172203 | .020758 | .0941036 |
| race eth | | | | |
| _ _prop_9 | .5986556 | .0445676 | .5083471 | .6827289 |
| _prop_10 | .194289 | .0518122 | .111422 | .3168124 |
| _prop_11 | .1167428 | .0198261 | .0829049 | .1619528 |
| _prop_12 | .0442116 | .0150832 | .0223406 | .0856186 |
| _prop_13 | .046101 | .0128716 | .0263906 | .0793332 |
| | + | | | |
| direl | | | | |
| _prop_14 | .2323057 | .0350176 | .1703326 | .3084441 |
| _prop_15 | .0998217 | .0164185 | .0717442 | .1372627 |
| _prop_16 | .3528307 | .0455939 | .2687222 | .4471669 |
| _prop_17 | .2533559 | .031567 | .1961575 | .3205815 |
| _prop_18 | .0270556 | .0060991 | .0172898 | .0421011 |
| _prop_19 | .0346305 | .0093803 | .0201909 | .0587772 |

Example 3B - Distribution of property crime victims by household income, MSA status, and region, 2011

Year(s): 2011

Domain(s): property victimizations (*pcrime*=1)

Covariate(s): household income (hincome); MSA status (msa); region (region)

Weight: newwgt

Subpopulation: within the United States (*exclude_outUS=***0**); non-dummy records (*dummy=***0**); 2011 (*year=***2011**); property victimizations (*pcrime=*1)

Code:

```
Survey: Proportion estimation
```

```
Number of strata = 160 Number of obs = 37853 

Number of PSUs = 320 Population size = 115824878 

Subpop. no. obs = 5857 

Subpop. size = 17063147.8 

Design df = 160
```

```
_prop_1: hincome = Less than $7,500
_prop_2: hincome = $7,500 to $14,999
_prop_3: hincome = $15,000 to $24,999
_prop_4: hincome = $25,000 to $34,999
_prop_5: hincome = $35,000 to $49,999
_prop_6: hincome = $50,000 to $74,999
_prop_7: hincome = $75,000 or more
_prop_8: hincome = Unknown
```

| | Proportion | Linearized Std. Err. | [95% Conf. | Interval] |
|---------|------------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------|
| hincome | | | | |
| _prop_1 | .0645022 | .0067548 | .0523787 | .0791972 |
| _prop_2 | .0867627 | .0065909 | .0745994 | .1006934 |
| _prop_3 | .1024865 | .0065767 | .0902078 | .1162232 |

| _prop_4 _prop_5 _prop_6 _prop_7 _prop_8 | .0888547 .1171942 .1149773 .1646692 .2605532 | .0060064 .006256 .0069595 .0073005 .0112839 | .0776856 .1053927 .1019313 .1507533 .2388927 | .1014531 .1301249 .1294523 .1795979 .2834463 |
|---|--|---|--|--|
| msa | | | | |
| Urban | .4059674 | .0151111 | .376505 | .4361227 |
| Suburban | .4661668 | .0161604 | .4344328 | .498177 |
| Rural | .1278657 | .0162809 | .0990085 | .1636065 |
| region | + | | | |
| Northeast | .1340047 | .0108131 | .11405 | .1568326 |
| Midwest | .2141045 | .0144778 | .1868994 | .244081 |
| South | .3480723 | .0151951 | .3186965 | .3786511 |
| West | .3038185 | .013962 | .2769696 | .3320746 |
| | | | | |

Example 4: Percent distribution of victims across characteristics, aggregated years

Example 4A is an estimate of personal crimes, while Example 4B is an estimate of property crimes. Both examples specify multiple covariates based on incident-level characteristics.

Example 4A - Percent of violent victimizations reported and not reported to police by type of crime, 2009-2011

```
Year(s): 2009-2011
```

Domain(s): violent victimizations (*vcrime*=1)

Covariate(s): report status (*notify*); type of crime (*newoff*)

Weight: newwgt

Subpopulation: within the United States ($exclude_outUS=0$); non-dummy records (dummy=0); 2009-2011 (($2009 \le year$) and ($year \le 2011$)); violent victimizations (vcrime=1)

Code:

```
replace sub=(exclude_outus==0 & dummy==0 & year>=2009 /// &
    year<=2011 & vcrime==1)
svy, subpop(sub): prop notify, over(newoff)</pre>
```

```
Survey: Proportion estimation
```

```
Number of strata =
                                Number of obs =
Number of PSUs =
                                Population size = 115775395
                      320
                                Subpop. no. obs =
                                                        3744
                                Subpop. size = 16368259.8
Design df = 160
                                Design df
      _prop_1: notify = reported to police
      _prop_2: notify = not reported to police
      _prop_3: notify = do not know
    _subpop_1: newoff = Rape & Sexual Assault
    subpop 2: newoff = Robbery
   _subpop_3: newoff = Aggravated Assault
    _subpop_4: newoff = Simple Assault
```

| | | Linearized | | |
|-----------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------|
| Over | Proportion | Std. Err. | [95% Conf. | Interval] |
| | | | | |
| _prop_1 | | | | |
| _subpop_1 | .324803 | .0641144 | .2126291 | .4614713 |
| _subpop_2 | .6159029 | .0332389 | .5485241 | .6791087 |
| _subpop_3 | .590134 | .0255435 | .5389107 | .6394737 |
| _subpop_4 | .4412306 | .017906 | .4062232 | .4768322 |
| | · | | | |
| _prop_2 | | | | |
| _subpop_1 | .675197 | .0641144 | .5385287 | .7873709 |
| _subpop_2 | .3765311 | .0338498 | .3123699 | .4453358 |
| _subpop_3 | .3949489 | .0266856 | .3436439 | .4486774 |
| _subpop_4 | .544175 | .0179034 | .5086541 | .5792521 |
| | | | | |
| _prop_3 | | | | |
| _subpop_1 | | (no observa | tions) | |
| _subpop_2 | .007566 | .0046406 | .0022445 | .0251858 |
| _subpop_3 | .0149171 | .0093124 | .0043131 | .0502748 |
| _subpop_4 | .0145944 | .0044527 | .0079715 | .0265724 |
| | | | | |

Example 4B - Percent of property victimizations reported and not reported to police by type of crime, 2009-2011

Year(s): 2009-2011

Domain(s): property victimizations (*pcrime*=1)

Covariate(s): report status (*notify*); type of crime (*newoff*)

Weight: newwgt

Subpopulation: within the United States (*exclude_outUS=0*); non-dummy records (*dummy=0*); 2009-2011 ((2009 <= year) and (year <=2011)); property victimizations (*pcrime=1*)

Code:

Output:

```
Survey: Proportion estimation
```

```
_prop_1: notify = reported to police
_prop_2: notify = not reported to police
_prop_3: notify = do not know
```

_subpop_1: newoff = Household Burglary _subpop_2: newoff = Motor Vehicle Theft

_subpop_3: newoff = Theft

| | | Linearized | | |
|-----------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Over | Proportion | Std. Err. | [95% Conf. | Interval] |
| | + | | | |
| _prop_1 | | | | |
| _subpop_1 | .5455355 | .0150821 | .5156222 | .5751237 |
| _subpop_2 | .8373771 | .0139997 | .8078049 | .8631699 |
| _subpop_3 | .3116783 | .0049623 | .3019634 | .3215617 |
| | + | | | |
| _prop_2 | | | | |
| _subpop_1 | .4465001 | .0149794 | .4171403 | .4762378 |
| subpop 2 | .1599003 | .0138978 | .13432 | .1892871 |
| _subpop_3 | .6816541 | .0049686 | .6717621 | .6913849 |
| | + | | | |
| _prop_3 | | | | |
| _subpop_1 | .0079644 | .0040704 | .002894 | .0217247 |
| _subpop_2 | .0027225 | .0019217 | .0006742 | .0109255 |
| _subpop_3 | .0066676 | .0006743 | .0054598 | .0081404 |
| | | | | |

F.3 Victimization Rates

Victimization rates are calculated from the modified person-level file (for personal crimes) or the modified household-level file (for property crimes) using the Stata *means* command. Since the victimization rate is a function of a constant and two variables, the analysis variable is created as a recode prior to creating the estimates. The victimization count for the victimization type of interest is multiplied by the victimization adjustment factor (*ADJINC_WT*), and this product is multiplied by 1,000. This new variable is used as the analysis variable, as demonstrated in the examples below. Exclusions based on the incident characteristics must be made when calculating victimization summaries, as outlined in *Section 3.2*. For example, the modified person- and household-level files exclude victimizations occurring outside of the United States. Because there are no dummy records on the modified person and household files, no exclusions are needed to remove dummy records from the analysis.

The modified person and household files contain the victimization counts needed to calculate victimization rates for the most common victimization characteristics analyzed using NCVS data. *Examples 5A-5C* demonstrate the calculation of personal and property victimizations rates that can be calculated directly from the modified person and household level files provided for a single year and *Examples 6A-6B* demonstrate these calculations for pooled year estimates. If an analyst wants to calculate a victimization rate for an incident-level characteristic that is not included on the modified files, preprocessing steps are needed to calculate victimization summaries from the incident-level file and move these summaries to the person file (for personal crimes) or the household file (for property crimes). *Section 3.2* documents these steps. *Examples 7A-7B* demonstrate the calculation of personal and property victimization rates for incident characteristics not included on the modified person and household files.

Example 5: Rate of crime, single year

Example 5A is an estimate of an overall personal victimization rate. Example 5B is an estimate of a property victimization rate with the inclusion of household-level domain characteristics. Example 5C is an estimate of a personal victimization rate, where the domain characteristics of interest are incident-level characteristics. All three estimates are computed with variables available on the modified person and household files.

Example 5A - Rate of simple assaults, 2011

Year(s): 2011

Crime Type(s): simple assault (*sast*)

Domain(s): n/a **Weight:** wgtpercy

Subpopulation: 2011 (*year*=**2011**)

Calculated Directly from Adjusted Files?: yes

Code:

```
use "<long path of person-level .dta file>" //a
egen strat=group(yr_grp v2117) //b
svyset v2118 [pweight=newwgt], strata(strat) vce(linearized) //c
generate sub=(year==2011) //d
generate vrsast=adjinc_wt*sast*1000 //e
svy, subpop(sub): mean vrsast //f
```

Code Comment(s):

- a) Read in input data
- b) Create nested stratification recode
- c) Specify the NCVS design
- d) Create subpopulation indicator
- e) Create analysis recode
- f) Estimate rate

Example 5B - Rate of household burglary by MSA status, household income, and family structure, 2011

Year(s): 2011

Crime Type(s): household burglary (*hburg*)

Domain(s): MSA status (*msa*); household income (*hincome*); family structure (*fam_structure2*)

Weight: wgthhcy

Subpopulation: 2011 (*year*=**2011**)

Calculated Directly from Adjusted Files?: yes

Code:

```
clear
use "<long path of household-level .dta file>"
egen strat=group(yr_grp v2117)
svyset v2118 [pweight=wgthhcy], strata(strat) vce(linearized)

generate sub=(year==2011)
generate vrburg=adjinc_wt*hburg*1000
svy, subpop(sub): mean vrburg, over(msa)
svy, subpop(sub): mean vrburg, over(hincome)
svy, subpop(sub): mean vrburg, over(fam_structure2)
```

Output:

```
Survey: Mean estimation
```

Urban: msa = Urban Suburban: msa = Suburban Rural: msa = Rural

| 0ver | Mean | Linearized Std. Err. | [95% Conf. | Interval] |
|----------|------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------|
| vrburg | | | | |
| Urban | 33.48701 | 2.515425 | 28.51929 | 38.45473 |
| Suburban | 25.44535 | 2.008611 | 21.47854 | 29.41215 |
| Rural | 33.01906 | 4.534446 | 24.06397 | 41.97414 |
| | | | | |

```
. svy, subpop(sub): mean vrburg, over(hincome)
(running mean on estimation sample)

Survey: Mean estimation

Number of strata = 160  Number of obs = 527673
```

| 0ver | Mean | Linearized Std. Err. | [95% Conf. | Interval] |
|---|---|--|---|--|
| vrburgsubpop_1 _subpop_2 _subpop_3 _subpop_4 subpop_5 | 67.16497 58.8451 42.77625 33.34014 26.30117 | 14.00675 9.944788 5.556782 5.830933 2.682444 | 39.50302 39.20512 31.80215 21.82462 21.0036 | 94.82692 78.48508 53.75034 44.85566 31.59873 |
| _subpop_5 _subpop_6 _subpop_7 _subpop_8 | 21.50634 12.2887 29.54958 | 3.006216 1.235878 2.702723 | 15.56936 9.847966 24.21196 | 27.44332 14.72944 34.88719 |

. svy, subpop(sub): mean vrburg, over(fam_structure2)
(running mean on estimation sample)

```
Survey: Mean estimation
```

Number of obs = Number of strata = 160 501100 Number of PSUs = Population size = 608892986 320 Subpop. no. obs = 79800 Subpop. size = 123035576 Design df _subpop_1: fam_structure2 = Two or more adults - W/O Childre _subpop_2: fam_structure2 = Two or more adults - With Childr _subpop_3: fam_structure2 = One Male Adult - W/O Children _subpop_4: fam_structure2 = One Male Adult - With Children _subpop_5: fam_structure2 = One Female Adult - W/O Children _subpop_6: fam_structure2 = One Female Adult - With Children

| 0.000 | Maan | Linearized Std. Err. | IOE% Conf | Tntonvoll |
|-----------|----------|-------------------------|------------|-----------|
| 0ver | Mean | | [95% Conf. | intervaij |
| vrburg | | | | |
| _subpop_1 | 24.20889 | 2.304288 | 19.65814 | 28.75963 |
| _subpop_2 | 29.61002 | 2.381918 | 24.90597 | 34.31408 |
| _subpop_3 | 30.99701 | 2.922347 | 25.22566 | 36.76836 |
| _subpop_4 | 46.66971 | 14.31937 | 18.39038 | 74.94905 |
| _subpop_5 | 30.10567 | 4.79787 | 20.63035 | 39.58099 |
| _subpop_6 | 61.96275 | 8.315094 | 45.54126 | 78.38424 |
| | | | | |

Example 5C - Rate of violent crime by weapon involvement, injury, and victim-offender relationship, 2011

Year(s): 2011

Crime Type(s): violent victimizations (*rsa+rob+aast+sast*)

Domain(s): weapon involvement (wpnuse); injury (inj), victim-offender relationship (rel)

Weight: wgtpercy

Subpopulation: 2011 (*year*=**2011**)

Calculated Directly from Adjusted Files?: yes

Code:

```
clear
use "<long path of person-level .dta file>"
egen strat=group(yr_grp v2117)
svyset v2118 [pweight=wgtpercy], strata(strat) vce(linearized)
generate sub=(year==2011)
generate viol_weap1=(rsa_wpnuse1+rob_wpnuse1+aast_wpnuse1+sast_wpnuse1)*adjinc_wt*1000
//a
generate viol_weap
2=(rsa_wpnuse2+rob_wpnuse2+aast_wpnuse2)*adjinc_wt*1000 //b
generate viol weap
3=(rsa_wpnuse3+rob_wpnuse3+aast_wpnuse3+sast_wpnuse3)*adjinc_wt*1000 //c
generate viol_inj1=(rsa_inj1+rob_inj1+aast_inj1+sast_inj1)*adjinc_wt*1000 //d
generate viol_inj2=(rsa_inj2+rob_inj2+aast_inj2+sast_inj2)*adjinc_wt*1000 //e
generate viol_inj3=(rsa_inj3+rob_inj3+aast_inj3+sast_inj3)*adjinc_wt*1000 //f
generate viol_inj4=(rsa_inj4+rob_inj4+aast_inj4+sast_inj4)*adjinc_wt*1000 //g
generate viol rel1=(rsa rel1+rob rel1+aast rel1+sast rel1)*adjinc wt*1000 //h
generate viol_rel2=(rsa_rel2+rob_rel2+aast_rel2+sast_rel2)*adjinc_wt*1000 //i
generate viol_rel3=(rsa_rel3+rob_rel3+aast_rel3+sast_rel3)*adjinc_wt*1000 //j
generate viol_rel4=(rsa_rel4+rob_rel4+aast_rel4+sast_rel4)*adjinc_wt*1000 //k
generate viol_rel5=(rsa_rel5+rob_rel5+aast_rel5+sast_rel5)*adjinc_wt*1000 //1
generate viol_rel6=(rsa_rel6+rob_rel6+aast_rel6+sast_rel6)*adjinc_wt*1000 //m
svy, subpop(sub): mean viol_weap1
svy, subpop(sub): mean viol_weap2
svy, subpop(sub): mean viol_weap3
svy, subpop(sub): mean viol_inj1
svy, subpop(sub): mean viol_inj2
svy, subpop(sub): mean viol_inj3
svy, subpop(sub): mean viol_inj4
svy, subpop(sub): mean viol_rel1
svy, subpop(sub): mean viol_rel2
svy, subpop(sub): mean viol_rel3
svy, subpop(sub): mean viol_rel4
svy, subpop(sub): mean viol_rel5
svy, subpop(sub): mean viol_rel6
```

Code Comment(s):

- a) Yes, offender had a weapon
- b) No, offender did not have a weapon
- c) Do not know if offender had a weapon
- d) No injury
- e) Serious injury
- f) Minor injury
- g) Rape without other injuries
- h) Intimates
- i) Other relatives
- j) well known/casual acquaintances
- k) Strangers
- 1) Do not know relationship
- m) Do not know number of offenders

Output:

```
Survey: Mean estimation
```

Number of strata = 160 Number of obs = 814680 Number of PSUs = 320 Population size = 1270197175 Subpop. no. obs = 143122 Subpop. size = 257542238.4 Design df = 160

| | Mean | Linearized Std. Err. | [95% Conf. | Interval] |
|------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------|
| viol_weap1 | 4.637771 | .3481812 | 3.950147 | 5.325395 |

. svy, subpop(sub): mean viol_weap2
(running mean on estimation sample)

Survey: Mean estimation

. svy, subpop(sub): mean viol_weap3
(running mean on estimation sample)

Survey: Mean estimation

Number of strata = 160 Number of obs = 814680 Number of PSUs = 320 Population size = 1270197175 Subpop. no. obs = 143122 Subpop. size = 257542238.4

viol_inj3 | 4.085352 .384823 3.325364 4.845339

. svy, subpop(sub): mean viol_inj4
(running mean on estimation sample)

Survey: Mean estimation Number of strata = 160 Number of obs = 814680 Population size = 1270197175 Number of PSUs = 320 Subpop. no. obs = 143122Subpop. size = 257542238.4 Design df = 160 | Linearized Mean Std. Err. [95% Conf. Interval] viol_inj4 | .4174086 .0970625 .2257197 .6090974 _____ . svy, subpop(sub): mean viol_rel1 (running mean on estimation sample) Survey: Mean estimation Number of strata = Number of obs = 814680 Number of PSUs = 320 Population size = 1270197175 Subpop. no. obs = 143122 Subpop. size = 257542238.4 Design df = 160 Linearized Mean Std. Err. [95% Conf. Interval] viol_rel1 | 3.303427 .4996533 2.316661 4.290193 . svy, subpop(sub): mean viol_rel2 (running mean on estimation sample) Survey: Mean estimation Number of strata = 160 Number of obs = 814680 Number of PSUs = 320 Population size = 1270197175 Subpop. no. obs = 143122Subpop. size = 257542238.4 Design df Linearized
Mean Std. Err. [95% Conf. Interval] ----viol_rel2 | 1.957484 .3548145 1.25676 2.658207 ______ . svy, subpop(sub): mean viol_rel3 (running mean on estimation sample) Survey: Mean estimation Number of strata = 160 Number of obs = 814680 Population size = 1270197175 Number of PSUs = 320 Subpop. no. obs = 143122Subpop. size = 257542238.4 Design df Linearized

Mean Std. Err. [95% Conf. Interval]

| viol_rel3 | 6.910004 | | 5.373674 | |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| . svy, subpop((running mean | | | | |
| Survey: Mean e | estimation | | | |
| Number of stra Number of PSUs | ata = 160 s = 320 | Subpop Subpop | of obs = tion size = . no. obs = . size = df = | 1270197175 143122 257542238.4 |
| | | Linearized | [95% Conf | |
| viol_rel4 | 8.333804 | .6867007 | 6.977638 | 9.689971 |
| | | | | |
| . svy, subpop((running mean | | | | |
| Survey: Mean 6 | estimation | | | |
| Number of stra Number of PSUs | | Popula Subpop | of obs = tion size = . no. obs = . size = df = | 1270197175 143122 |
| | | Linearized | | |
| | Mean | Std. Err. | [95% Conf | . Interval] |
| viol_rel5 | .9355984 | .1256837 | .6873855 | 1.183811 |
| . svy, subpop((running mean Survey: Mean e Number of stra Number of PSUs | on estimation estimation ata = 160 | n sample) Number Popula | of obs = tion size = . no. obs = . size = df = | 1270197175 143122 257542238.4 |
| | | | | |
| | Mean | | [95% Conf | |
| viol_rel6 | 1.128885 | | .7038395 | 1.55393 |

Example 6: Rate of crime, aggregated years

(running mean on estimation sample)

Survey: Mean estimation

Example 6A is an estimate of a personal victimization rate with person-level domain characteristics of interest. Example 6B is an estimate of a property victimization rate with the inclusion of a household-level domain characteristic. Both estimates are computed with variables available on the modified person and household files.

Example 6A - Rate of violent crimes reported to police by sex, age category, race/ethnicity, and marital status. 2009–2011

and marital status, 2009–2011 **Year(s):** 2009-2011 **Crime Type(s):** violent victimizations reported to police (rsa rpt1+rob rpt1+aast rpt1+sast rpt1) **Domain(s):** sex (sex); age category (agecat); race/ethnicity (race_eth); marital status (marital) Weight: wgtpercy **Subpopulation:** 2009-2011 (($2009 \le year$) and ($year \le 2011$)) Calculated Directly from Adjusted Files?: yes Code: replace sub=(year>=2009 & year<=2011) generate viol rpt1=(rsa rpt1+rob rpt1+aast rpt1+sast rpt1)*adjinc wt*1000 svy, subpop(sub): mean viol rpt1, over(sex) svy, subpop(sub): mean viol rpt1, over(agecat) svy, subpop(sub): mean viol_rpt1, over(race_eth) svy, subpop(sub): mean viol_rpt1, over(marital) **Output:** Survey: Mean estimation Number of strata = 160 Number of obs = 814680 Number of PSUs = 320 Population size = 1270197175Subpop. no. obs = 427018 Subpop. size = 767609782 Design df = 160 Male: sex = Male Female: sex = Female ______ | Linearized Over | Mean Std. Err. [95% Conf. Interval] viol_rpt1 |

 Male | 9.682951
 .5353547
 8.625678
 10.74022

 Female | 10.80133
 .7500923
 9.319975
 12.28269

 . svy, subpop(sub): mean viol_rpt1, over(agecat)

```
Number of strata =
                      160
                               Number of obs =
                                                      814680
Number of PSUs =
                      320
                               Population size = 1270197175
                               Subpop. no. obs =
                                                      427018
                               Subpop. size =
                                                   767609782
                               Design df
                                                         160
    _subpop_1: agecat = 12 to 14
    __subpop_2: agecat = 15 to 17
   _subpop_3: agecat = 18 to 20
   _subpop_4: agecat = 21 to 24
   _subpop_5: agecat = 25 to 34
    _subpop_6: agecat = 35 to 49
    _subpop_7: agecat = 50 to 64
   _subpop_8: agecat = 65 or older
```

| 0ver | Mean | Linearized Std. Err. | [95% Conf. | Interval] |
|-----------|----------|-------------------------|------------|-----------|
| viol_rpt1 | | | | |
| _subpop_1 | 10.14255 | 1.528288 | 7.12433 | 13.16077 |
| _subpop_2 | 13.04128 | 1.607437 | 9.866752 | 16.21581 |
| _subpop_3 | 22.577 | 4.639424 | 13.41459 | 31.7394 |
| _subpop_4 | 16.93357 | 1.895897 | 13.18936 | 20.67778 |
| _subpop_5 | 14.07592 | 1.173494 | 11.75839 | 16.39346 |
| _subpop_6 | 11.41399 | .8939789 | 9.648466 | 13.17951 |
| _subpop_7 | 6.593241 | .5823092 | 5.443238 | 7.743245 |
| _subpop_8 | 1.902745 | .3719552 | 1.16817 | 2.637319 |
| | | | | |

```
. svy, subpop(sub): mean viol_rpt1, over(race_eth)
(running mean on estimation sample)
```

Survey: Mean estimation

```
_subpop_1: race_eth = Non-Hispanic White
_subpop_2: race_eth = Non-Hispanic Black
_subpop_3: race_eth = Hispanic
_subpop_4: race_eth = Non-Hispanic Other
```

_subpop_5: race_eth = Non-Hispanic More than One Race

| Over | Mean | Linearized Std. Err. | [95% Conf. | Interval] |
|---|-----------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------|
| viol_rpt1 _subpop_1 _subpop_2 _subpop_3 _subpop_4 _subpop_5 | 9.591058 | .5561921 | 8.492633 | 10.68948 |
| | 16.32449 | 2.150383 | 12.0777 | 20.57129 |
| | 9.110811 | .9057507 | 7.322043 | 10.89958 |
| | 6.215577 | 1.431772 | 3.387968 | 9.043186 |
| | 20.78554 | 3.675282 | 13.52722 | 28.04386 |

. svy, subpop(sub): mean viol_rpt1, over(marital)
(running mean on estimation sample)

Survey: Mean estimation

| Over | Mean | Linearized Std. Err. | [95% Conf. | Interval] |
|---|--|--|---|---|
| viol_rpt1 Never Married Married Widowed Divorced Separated | 15.24882 5.035802 3.73865 18.3727 38.60338 | 1.034491 .3831138 .9161769 1.868214 5.885568 | 13.20581 4.27919 1.929291 14.68316 26.97997 | 17.29184 5.792414 5.548009 22.06224 50.2268 |

Example 6B - Rate of property crimes reported to police by household income, 2009-2011

Year(s): 2009-2011

Crime Type(s): property crimes reported to police (hburg_rpt1+tft_rpt1+mvtft_rpt1)

Domain(s): household income (*hincome*)

Weight: wgthhcy

Subpopulation: 2009-2011 (($2009 \le year$) and ($year \le 2011$))

Calculated Directly from Adjusted Files?: yes

Code:

```
clear
use "<long path of household-level .dta file>"
egen strat=group(yr_grp v2117)
svyset v2118 [pweight=wgthhcy], strata(strat) vce(linearized)

generate sub=(year>=2009 & year<=2011)
generate prop_rpt1=(hburg_rpt1+tft_rpt1+mvtft_rpt1)*adjinc_wt*1000
svy, subpop(sub): mean prop_rpt1, over(hincome)</pre>
```

```
Survey: Mean estimation
```

```
_subpop_1: hincome = Less than $7,500
_subpop_2: hincome = $7,500 to $14,999
_subpop_3: hincome = $15,000 to $24,999
_subpop_4: hincome = $25,000 to $34,999
_subpop_5: hincome = $35,000 to $49,999
_subpop_6: hincome = $50,000 to $74,999
_subpop_7: hincome = $75,000 or more
_subpop_8: hincome = Unknown
```

| 0ver | Mean | Linearized Std. Err. | [95% Conf. | Interval] |
|-----------|------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------|
| prop_rpt1 | | | | |
| _subpop_1 | 64.05274 | 4.366416 | 55.4295 | 72.67598 |
| _subpop_2 | 60.84082 | 3.678508 | 53.57613 | 68.10551 |
| _subpop_3 | 54.83199 | 2.794859 | 49.31241 | 60.35156 |
| _subpop_4 | 54.83207 | 3.222495 | 48.46796 | 61.19618 |
| _subpop_5 | 55.92131 | 3.030289 | 49.93679 | 61.90583 |
| _subpop_6 | 49.01113 | 2.029558 | 45.00296 | 53.01931 |
| _subpop_7 | 49.94612 | 1.490552 | 47.00243 | 52.88981 |
| _subpop_8 | 43.61699 | 1.544342 | 40.56706 | 46.66691 |

Example 7: Computing victimization rates based on incident characteristics not included on the provided file

The two examples below estimate personal and property victimization rates for incident-level characteristics not contained on the modified person and household files, and thus require the pre-processing steps outlined in *Section 3.2*. Stata is used to calculate victimization summaries from the incident-level file and merge incident summaries onto the household and person files. Victimization rates are then calculated from the modified person-level file (for personal crimes) or the modified household-level file (for property crimes). *Example 7A* is an estimate of a personal victimization rate and *Example 7B* is an estimate of a property victimization rate. *Example 7A* is for a single year, and *Example 7B* is for aggregated years.

Example 7A - Rate of violent crimes by location of crime, 2011

Year(s): 2011

Crime Type(s): violent victimizations by location of crime (*violent_home*; *violent_other*)

Domain(s): n/a **Weight:** wgtpercy

Subpopulation: 2011 (*year*=**2011**)

Calculated Directly from Adjusted Files?: no

Code:

```
clear
use "<long path of incident-level .dta file>"
generate violcr=(inlist(newoff,1,2,3,4)) //a
generate place_inc=. //b
replace place_inc=1 if inlist(v4024,1,2,3,4) //c
replace place_inc=2 if inlist(v4024,5,6,7) //d
replace place_inc=3 if inlist(v4024,8,9,10,11) //e
replace place_inc=4 if inlist(v4024,12,13,14,24,25,26,27) //f
replace place_inc=5 if inlist(v4024,15,16,17) //g
replace place_inc=6 if inlist(v4024,18,19) //h
replace place_inc=7 if inlist(v4024,20,21,22) //i
replace place_inc=8 if inlist(v4024,23) //j
replace place_inc=9 if inlist(v4024,.) //k
generate place=2 //1
replace place=1 if inlist(place_inc,1,2) //m
generate violent_home=(vcrime==1 & place==1 & exclude_outus==0 &
dummy==0) //n
generate violent_other=(vcrime==1 & place==2 & exclude_outus==0 &
dummy==0) //o
```

```
collapse (sum) violent_home violent_other [fw=serieswgt], by(yearq
idhh idper) //p
sort yearq idhh idper
save summary, replace
clear
use "<long path of person-level .dta file>"
egen strat=group(yr_grp v2117)
svyset v2118 [pweight=wgtpercy], strata(strat) vce(linearized)
sort yearq idhh idper
merge m:1 yearq idhh idper using summary //q
generate sub=(year==2011)
replace violent_home=0 if violent_home==.
replace violent_other=0 if violent_other==.
generate vrviolrhome =violent home*adjinc wt*1000
generate vrviolother=violent_other*adjinc_wt*1000
svy, subpop(sub): mean vrviolrhome
svy, subpop(sub): mean vrviolother
Code Comment(s):
  a) Violent crime indicator
  b) Location of crime
  c) Location: respondent's home
  d) Location: near respondent's home
  e) Location: friend's home
  f) Location: commercial
  g) Location: parking lot/garage
  h) Location: school
  i) Location: open area, on street or public transportation
  i) Location: other
  k) Location: missing
```

m) Collapsed location of crime: in or near respondent's home

1) Collapsed location of crime: other

o) Violent crime in other location indicator

q) Bring crime sums onto person-level file

n) Violent crime at home indicator

p) Crime sums by person

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Output:

Survey: Mean estimation

| Number | of | strata | = | 160 | Number of obs | = | 814680 |
|--------|----|--------|---|-----|-----------------|---|------------|
| Number | of | PSUs | = | 320 | Population size | = | 1270197175 |

Subpop. no. obs = 143122 Subpop. size = 257542238.4 Design df = 160

| | | Linearized | |
|----------|----------|------------|----------------------|
| <u> </u> | | Std. Err. | [95% Conf. Interval] |
| | 8.334482 | | 7.087579 9.581385 |

. svy, subpop(sub): mean vrviolother (running mean on estimation sample)

Survey: Mean estimation

Number of strata = 160 Number of PSUs = 320 Number of obs = 814680 Population size = 1270197175 Subpop. no. obs = 143122 Subpop. size = 257542238.4 Design df = 160

_____ | Linearized | Mean Std. Err. [95% Conf. Interval] vrviolother | 14.23472 1.153994 11.9557 16.51374

Example 7B - Rate of property crimes by time of day, 2009-2011

Year(s): 2009-2011 **Crime Type(s):** property crimes by time of day (property day; property night; property_missing) **Domain(s):** n/a **Weight:** *wgthhcy* **Subpopulation:** 2009-2011 ((2009 \leq year) and (year \leq 2011)) Calculated Directly from Adjusted Files?: no Code: clear use "<long path of incident-level .dta file>" generate pcrime=(inlist(newoff,6,7,8)) //a generate time_day=. replace time_day=1 if inlist(v4021b,1,2,3,4) replace time_day=2 if inlist(v4021b,5,6,7,8) replace time_day=3 if inlist(v4021b,9,98) //b generate property_day=(pcrime==1 & time_day==1 & exclude_outus==0 & dummy==0) generate property_night=(pcrime==1 & time_day==2 & exclude_outus==0 & dummy==0) generate property_missing=(pcrime==1 & time_day==3 & exclude_outus==0 & dummy==0) //c collapse (sum) property_day property_night property_missing [fw=serieswgt], by(yearq idhh) sort yearq idhh save summary, replace clear use "<long path of household-level .dta file>" egen strat=group(yr_grp v2117) svyset v2118 [pweight=wgthhcy], strata(strat) vce(linearized) sort yearq idhh //d merge m:1 yearq idhh using summary generate sub=(year>=2009 & year<=2011)</pre> replace property_day=0 if property_day==. replace property_night=0 if property_night==.

replace property_missing=0 if property_missing==.

generate vrpropday=property_day*adjinc_wt*1000
generate vrpropnight=property_night*adjinc_wt*1000
generate vrpropmiss=property_missing*adjinc_wt*1000

svy, subpop(sub): mean vrpropday
svy, subpop(sub): mean vrpropnight
svy, subpop(sub): mean vrpropmiss

Code Comments:

- a) Time of incident variable
- b) Property crime indicators by time of incident
- c) Crime totals by household
- d) Put crime totals on household-level file

Output:

Survey: Mean estimation

| | Linearized | | |
|---------|------------|----------|-----------|
| | Std. Err. | | Interval] |
| 51.6205 | | 49.19713 | 54.04386 |

. svy, subpop(sub): mean vrpropnight
(running mean on estimation sample)

Survey: Mean estimation

| Linearized | Mean Std. Err. [95% Conf. Interval] | vrpropnight | 56.47746 1.331527 53.84782 59.10709

```
. svy, subpop(sub): mean vrpropmiss
(running mean on estimation sample)
```

Survey: Mean estimation

Number of strata = 160 Number of obs = 527673 Number of PSUs = 320 Population size = 608895975 Subpop. no. obs = 239205

| Subpop. size | = | 368251383 |
|--------------|---|-----------|
| Design df | = | 160 |

| | | Linearized | | |
|------------|----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| | Mean | Std. Err. | [95% Conf. | Interval] |
| vrpropmiss | 24.14251 | .8068977 | 22.54897 | 25.73606 |

F.4 Identifying Low Quality Estimates

This section demonstrates how to implement the recommendations for identifying low-quality estimates and the rounding rules discussed in *Section 4* of the user's guide. Three types of data are needed to identify and flag low quality estimates, regardless of the estimate type: the estimate, the standard error of the estimate, and the unweighted sample size of the estimate. Because *Examples 1-7* provided details for obtaining estimates and standard errors, the examples in this section will focus primarily on calculating the percent relative standard error (RSE), calculating unweighted sample sizes, identifying estimates that should be flagged as unreliable, and verifying that estimates rounding to zero are not presented.

Unweighted sample sizes should take into account the series adjustment. For example, a series victimization with a series count of seven would count as seven victimizations in the unweighted sample size, while a non-series victimization would only count as one. This series adjustment is already incorporated in the victimization counts on the modified person and household-level files, so sample sizes for victimization rates are obtained by taking unweighted sums of victimization counts with the specified characteristic(s) of interest. However, for victimization totals and proportions, the series count must be included in the calculation of the sample size, as demonstrated in the examples below. Each example specifies the number of decimals to be displayed in the resulting report or presentation so that rounding rules can be implemented. *Example 8A* demonstrates implementation of flagging and rounding rules for victimization totals, *Example 8B* for victimization proportions, and *Example 8C* for victimization rates.

Example 8A - Total number of personal thefts by sex and race/ethnicity, 2011

Year(s): 2011

Crime Type: personal thefts (*ptft*)

Domain(s): sex (*sex*) and race/ethnicity (*race eth*)

Weight: newwgt

Subpopulation: within the United States (exclude outUS=0); non-dummy records (dummy=0);

2011 (*year*=**2011**)

Code:

```
use "<long path of incident-level .dta file>"
egen strat=group(yr_grp v2117)
svyset v2118 [pweight=newwgt], strata(strat) vce(linearized)

generate sub=(exclude_outus==0 & dummy==0 & year==2011)
svy, subpop(sub): total ptft, over(sex)
svy, subpop(sub): total ptft, over(race_eth)

svyset v2118 [pweight=serieswgt], strata(strat) vce(linearized) //a
svy, subpop(sub): total ptft, over(sex)
svy, subpop(sub): total ptft, over(race_eth)
```

Code Comment(s):

a) Weight by the series weight to obtain the series-adjusted count of victimizations

Output:

```
. svy, subpop(sub): total ptft, over(sex)
(running total on estimation sample)
```

Survey: Total estimation

Male: sex = Male
Female: sex = Female

| | Over | Total | Linearized Std. Err. | [95% Conf. | Interval] |
|------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| ptft | Male Female | 53583.48 112186.7 | 18913.9 19313.73 | 16230.39 74043.95 | 90936.56 150329.4 |

Note: 144 strata omitted because they contain no subpopulation

```
. svy, subpop(sub): total ptft, over(race_eth)
(running total on estimation sample)

Survey: Total estimation

Number of strata = 160     Number of obs = 46677
Number of PSUs = 320     Population size = 144563822
```

Subpop. no. obs = 7255 Subpop. size = 23041440.8 Design df = 160

_subpop_1: race_eth = Non-Hispanic White _subpop_2: race_eth = Non-Hispanic Black

_subpop_3: race_eth = Hispanic

_subpop_4: race_eth = Non-Hispanic Other

_subpop_5: race_eth = Non-Hispanic More than One Race

| 0ver | Total | Linearized Std. Err. | [95% Conf. | Interval] |
|--|--|---|--|---|
| ptft _subpop_1 _subpop_2 _subpop_3 _subpop_4 _subpop_5 | 83955.56 29506.98 30286.66 13519.07 8501.872 | 21478.97 10989.44 10488.6 5943.552 5281.778 | 41536.71 7803.916 9572.709 1781.144 -1929.12 | 126374.4 51210.05 51000.61 25257 18932.86 |

Note: 144 strata omitted because they contain no subpopulation members.

. svy, subpop(sub): total ptft, over(sex)
(running total on estimation sample)

Survey: Total estimation

Number of strata = 160 Number of obs = 46677 Number of PSUs = 320 Population size = 60616 Subpop. no. obs = 7255 Subpop. size = 8064 Design df = 160

Male: sex = Male
Female: sex = Female

| | Over | Total | Linearized Std. Err. | [95% Conf. | Interval] |
|------|--------|-------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------|
| ptft | | | | | |
| • | Male | 16 | 4.898979 | 6.324998 | 25.675 |
| | Female | 35 | 5.567764 | 24.00421 | 45.99579 |
| | | | | | |

Note: 144 strata omitted because they contain no subpopulation members.

. svy, subpop(sub): total ptft, over(race_eth)
(running total on estimation sample)

Survey: Total estimation

_subpop_1: race_eth = Non-Hispanic White

__subpop_2: race_eth = Non-Hispanic Black

subpop 3: race eth = Hispanic

_subpop_4: race_eth = Non-Hispanic Other

_subpop_5: race_eth = Non-Hispanic More than One Race

Linearized

| 0ver | Total | Std. Err. | [95% Conf. | Interval] |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| ptft _subpop_1 _subpop_2 _subpop_3 _subpop_4 | 24 24 9 6 | 5.09902 3 2.645751 2.44949 | 13.92994 3.075295 3.774902 1.162499 | 34.07006 14.9247 14.2251 10.8375 |
| _subpop_5 | 3 | 1.732051 | 4206298 | 6.42063 |

Note: 144 strata omitted because they contain no subpopulation

Identifying Unreliable Estimates:

As outlined in *Section 4*, it is recommended that estimated totals meeting either of the following criteria be identified as unreliable. In addition, any estimate rounding to zero should not be displayed.

- RSE > 30%
- Count sample size ≤ 10

The percent relative standard error of an estimated total is calculated as:

$$\% RSE(Total) = \frac{SE(Total)}{Total} * 100$$

Estimated totals, standard errors, and unweighted sample sizes from the output above are included in *Table F-1* (in the "Total," "SE(Total)," and "n" columns, respectively). Percent RSEs are calculated based on the formula above. Based on the recommendations, five of the eight estimates are flagged as unreliable. The estimate for males is flagged because the percent RSE is greater than 30 percent, while the other four estimates are flagged both because their RSEs exceed 30 percent and because their unweighted sample sizes are less than or equal to 10. All estimates can be displayed because the analyst plans to display estimates to the nearest whole number, and no estimates round to zero.

Table F-1. Identifying Low Quality Victimization Totals

| Domain | Total | SE(Total) | n | %RSE (Total) | Flag as Unreliable? | Rounds to Zero? |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Overall | 165770.15 | 24276.55 | 51 | 14.64 | | |
| Male | 53583.48 | 18913.90 | 16 | 35.30 | $\sqrt{}$ | |
| Female | 112186.67 | 19313.73 | 35 | 17.22 | | |
| Non-Hispanic White | 83955.56 | 21478.97 | 24 | 25.58 | | |
| Non-Hispanic Black | 29506.98 | 10989.44 | 9 | 37.24 | $\sqrt{}$ | |
| Hispanic | 30286.66 | 10488.60 | 9 | 34.63 | $\sqrt{}$ | |
| Non-Hispanic Other | 13519.07 | 5943.55 | 6 | 43.96 | $\sqrt{}$ | |
| Non-Hispanic More than One Race | 8501.87 | 5281.78 | 3 | 62.12 | \checkmark | |

Example 8B – Distribution of motor vehicle theft in the Northeast Census Region by report status, 2011

Year(s): 2011

Domain(s): Northeast Census Region (*region*=1); motor vehicle theft (*mvtft*=1)

Covariate(s): report status (*notify*)

Weight: newwgt

Subpopulation: within the United States (*exclude_outUS=***0**); non-dummy records (*dummy=***0**);

2011 (year=2011); Northeast Census Region (region=1); motor vehicle theft (mvtft=1)

Code:

Code Comment(s):

a) Weight by the series weight to obtain the series-adjusted count of victimizations. Because flagging rules are based on the denominator sample size, only the overall sample size is needed (not estimates by report status).

Output:

Number of strata = 12 Number of obs = 2590 Number of PSUs = 24 Population size = 8426594 Subpop. no. obs = 19 Subpop. size = 57944.13 Design df = 12

_prop_1: notify = reported to police _prop_2: notify = not reported to police _prop_3: notify = do not know

| | Proportion | Linearized Std. Err. | [95% Conf. | Interval] |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| notify _prop_1 _prop_2 _prop_3 | .9260112 .0739888 | .0540324 .0540324 (no observa | .6918327 .0141297 tions) | .9858703 .3081673 |

Note: 292 strata omitted because they contain no subpopulation members.

. tabulate notify if sub==1 [fweight=serieswgt]

| notify | Freq. | Percent | Cum. |
|--------------------|-------|---------|-------|
| | + | | |
| reported to police | 17 | 89.47 | 89.47 |

| not reported to police | 2 | 10.53 | 100.00 |
|------------------------|----|--------|--------|
| | | | |
| Total | 19 | 100.00 | |

Identifying Unreliable Estimates:

As outlined in *Section 4*, it is recommended that victimization percentages (P) meeting either of the following criteria be flagged as unreliable. In addition, any estimate rounding to zero should not be displayed.

- 1. RSE > 30%, where
 - a. If the percentage is $\leq 50\%$, use the RSE of $\log(P)$
 - b. If the percentage is > 50%, use the RSE of $\log(100-P)$; or
- 2. Denominator sample size ≤ 10

The percent relative standard errors of the log of the percentages (P) and (1-P) are calculated as:

$$\% RSE(\log(P)) = \frac{SE(P)}{P * abs(\log(\frac{P}{100}))} * 100$$

$$\% RSE(\log(100 - P)) = \frac{SE(P)}{(100 - P) * abs(\log(1 - \frac{P}{100}))} * 100$$

Estimated percentages, standard errors, and the unweighted denominator sample size from the output above are included in *Table F-2* (in the "P," "SE(P)," and "n (denom)" columns, respectively). Percent RSEs are calculated based on the formulas above. Based on these recommendations, none of the estimates are flagged as unreliable. The denominator sample size is 19, which is greater than the recommended threshold of 10. The percent RSEs for the reported and not reported estimates are 28.03, which are below the 30 percent threshold. However, because no respondents reported that they did not know whether or not the motor vehicle theft was reported to the police, the estimated percent is 0. This estimate should not be presented because it rounds to zero.

Table F-2. Identifying Low Quality Victimization Percentages

| Estimate | P | SE(P) | n (denom) | %RSE(P) OR %RSE(100-P) | Flag as Unreliable? | Rounds to Zero? |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-----------|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Reported to Police | 92.60 | 5.40 | 19 | 28.03 | | |
| Not Reported to Police | 7.40 | 5.40 | 19 | 28.03 | | |
| Do Not Know | 0.00 | - | 19 | - | | $\sqrt{}$ |

Example 8C - Rate of rape/sexual assault by sex, 2011

Year(s): 2011

Crime Type(s): rape/sexual assault (*rsa*)

Domain(s): sex (sex) **Weight:** wgtpercy

Subpopulation: 2011 (*year*=**2011**)

Calculated Directly from Adjusted Files?: yes

Code:

```
clear
use "<long path of person-level .dta file>"
egen strat=group(yr_grp v2117)
svyset v2118 [pweight=wgtpercy], strata(strat) vce(linearized)

generate sub=(year==2011)
generate vrrsa=adjinc_wt*rsa*1000

svy, subpop(sub): mean vrrsa
svy, subpop(sub): mean vrrsa, over(sex)

svyset v2118, strata(strat) vce(linearized) //a

svy, subpop(sub): total rsa, over(sex)
```

Code Comment(s):

a) Unweighted because the victimization count RSA already includes the series adjustment

Output:

```
. svy, subpop(sub): mean vrrsa, over(sex)
(running mean on estimation sample)
```

Survey: Mean estimation

Number of strata = 160 Number of obs = 814680

```
Number of PSUs = 320
                            Population size = 1270197175
                            Subpop. no. obs = 143122
                            Subpop. size = 257542238.4
Design df = 160
          1: sex = 1
          2: sex = 2
     | Linearized
Over | Mean Std. Err. [95% Conf. Interval]
 vrrsa | 1 | .2760193 .0897017 .0988673 .4531713 | 2 | 1.592869 .3323435 .9365229 2.249214
. svy, subpop(sub): total rsa, over(sex)
(running total on estimation sample)
Survey: Total estimation
Number of strata =
                   160
                               Number of obs = 814680
                               Population size = 814680
Number of PSUs =
                   320
                               Subpop. no. obs = 162867
                               Subpop. size = 162867
Design df = 160
          1: sex = 1
          2: sex = 2
______
     | Linearized
Over | Total Std. Err. [95% Conf. Interval]
```

Identifying Unreliable Estimates:

As outlined in *Section 4*, it is recommended that victimization rates meeting either of the following criteria be flagged as unreliable. In addition, any estimate rounding to zero should not be displayed.

- RSE > 30%
- Numerator sample size ≤ 10

The percent relative standard errors of the victimization rates (VR) are calculated as:

$$\% RSE(VR) = \frac{SE(VR)}{VR} * 100$$

Estimates, standard errors, and unweighted sample sizes from the output above are included in *Table F-3* (in the "VR," "SE(VR)," and "n (num)" columns, respectively). Percent RSEs are calculated based on the formula above. Based on these recommendations, the estimated victimization rate for males is flagged as unreliable because the percent RSE is greater than 30 percent and the sample size of the numerator is less than or equal to 10. Because neither estimate would round to zero when one decimal place is displayed, all three estimates can be presented.

Table F-3. Identifying Low Quality Victimization Rates

| Domain | VR | SE(VR) | n (num) | %RSE(VR) | Flag as Unreliable? | Rounds to Zero? |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Overall | 0.94815 | 0.16253 | 79 | 17.14 | | |
| Male | 0.27602 | 0.0897 | 10 | 32.50 | \checkmark | |
| Female | 1.59287 | 0.33234 | 69 | 20.86 | | |