

How can I limit the number of observations used by SUDAAN?

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SUDAAN is a software package used for analyzing complex survey data. It allows researchers to account for the complex sampling designs commonly used in surveys and provides accurate estimates of population parameters. In order to improve the efficiency and speed of data analysis, the option to limit the number of observations used by SUDAAN is available. This feature allows researchers to specify a subset of the data to be used in the analysis, reducing the computational burden and potentially improving the speed of the analysis. By limiting the number of observations, researchers can also focus on specific subgroups of the population and obtain more precise estimates for these groups. This flexibility in data selection can help researchers tailor their analysis to their specific research questions and improve the accuracy of their findings.

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If you are working with a very large data set and you find that running procedures takes a while, you can use the maxobs = option on the proc statement of all analysis procedures to limit the number of observations that are read in. This can be very useful when you are debugging a program.

Just remember to delete that option when you have the programming working correctly. Compare the results of the two proc reg calls below.

```
proc regress data=temp1 filetype=sas design =  
jackknife maxobs = 1000;
```

```
weight rakedw0;  
jackwgts rakedw1--rakedw80 / adjjack=1;  
model ae13 = ae14;  
run;
```

**Number of observations read : 1000 Weighted count:
431947**

**Observations used in the analysis : 591 Weighted
count: 242364**

Denominator degrees of freedom : 80

**Maximum number of estimable parameters for the
model is 2**

Weighted mean response is 2.262239

**Multiple R-Square for the dependent variable AE13:
0.216196**

**Variance Estimation Method: Replicate Weight
Jackknife**

Working Correlations: Independent

Link Function: Identity

Response variable AE13: AE13

Independent P-value

Variables and Beta T-Test

Effects Coeff. SE Beta T-Test B=0 B=0

Intercept 1.96 0.11 17.83 0.0000

AE14 0.32 0.08 3.78 0.0003

Contrast Degrees

of P-value

Freedom Wald F Wald F

OVERALL MODEL 2 197.90 0.0000

MODEL MINUS

INTERCEPT 1 14.29 0.0003

INTERCEPT 1 317.85 0.0000

AE14 1 14.29 0.0003

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run;
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**Number of observations read : 55428 Weighted count:
23847415**

**Observations used in the analysis : 32538 Weighted
count: 13783845**

Denominator degrees of freedom : 80

**Maximum number of estimable parameters for the
model is 2**

Weighted mean response is 2.188590

**Multiple R-Square for the dependent variable AE13:
0.241897**

**Variance Estimation Method: Replicate Weight
Jackknife**

Working Correlations: Independent

Link Function: Identity

Response variable AE13: AE13

Independent P-value

Variables and Beta T-Test

Effects Coeff. SE Beta T-Test B=0 B=0

Intercept 1.88 0.01 152.15 0.0000
AE14 0.34 0.01 25.47 0.0000

**Contrast Degrees
of P-value
Freedom Wald F Wald F**

OVERALL MODEL 2 12818.28 0.0000
MODEL MINUS
INTERCEPT 1 648.71 0.0000
INTERCEPT 1 23150.59 0.0000
AE14 1 648.71 0.0000
