

What is the purpose of the Data View Window?

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The Data View Window is a tool used in computer software programs to display data in a structured and organized manner. Its purpose is to provide a clear and concise view of the data, allowing users to easily analyze and manipulate it. This window enables users to view and edit data in a tabular format, making it easier to identify patterns, trends, and anomalies. It also allows for sorting, filtering, and grouping of data, making it a useful tool for data analysis and management. Overall, the Data View Window serves as a central hub for viewing and manipulating data, enhancing the user's efficiency and productivity.

Reading the Data View Window

When you view data in SPSS, each row in the Data View represents a case, and each column represents a variable.

Cases represent independent observations, experimental units, or subjects. For example, if the data are based on a survey of college students, then each row in the data would represent a specific college student who participated in the study.

Variables are attributes, characteristics, or measurements that describe cases. For example, your data might include information such as each college student's date of birth, gender, or class rank. Each of these pieces of information is a variable that describes each case (college student).

Sample Dataset 2019.sav [DataSet1] - IBM SPSS Statistics Data Editor

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Columns are variables

Rows are cases

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	ids	bday	Gender	Age	Athlete	Height	Weight
1	20055	1998-12-27	0	20	1	64.5	
2	20075	1998-12-08	0	20	0	74.0	
3	20087	1999-03-28	.	20	0	68.5	
4	20088	2000-03-14	1	19	0	67.5	
5	20135	1999-03-16	.	20	0	75.0	
6	20161	1997-06-23	1	22	1	73.5	
7	20188	2001-07-10	0	18	0	76.0	
8	20215	1999-12-27	0	19	0	76.0	
9	20250	2000-03-09	0	19	0	66.5	

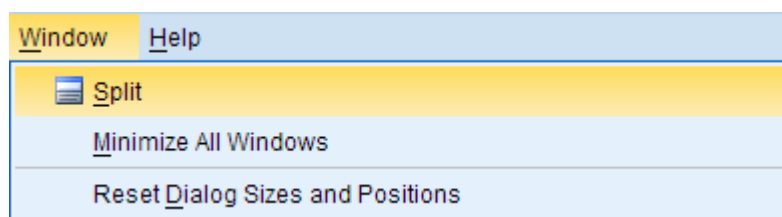
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This is a typical layout for data, where rows are cases and columns are variables. (Other data structures are possible.)

Viewing Multiple Sections of Data Simultaneously

Sometimes it is useful to be able to see multiple sections of your data in the Data Editor window at the same time. The *Split* option allows you to divide the Data View window into multiple sections that can be viewed simultaneously. This option is especially helpful if you need to simultaneously view multiple sections of your data that are far apart in the spreadsheet. To split the window, click **Window > Split**.



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	ids	bday	Gender	SleepTime	StudyTime	English	Reading
1	20055	1998-12-27	0	3	15	69	
2	20075	1998-12-08	0	7	11	70	
3	20087	1999-03-28	.	10	5	104	
4	20088	2000-03-14	1	5	9	90	
5	20135	1999-03-16	.	.	.	73	
6	20161	1997-06-23	1	8	9	71	
7	20188	2001-07-10	0	7	1	86	
16	21238	2000-07-02	0	11	3	92	
17	21383	2000-06-19	0	8	4	73	
18	21472	1998-09-11	0	10	5	80	
19	21488	1996-03-25	1	4	17	94	
20	21498	2000-03-20	1	13	.	78	
21	21505	1998-02-01	0	5	13	72	
22	21615	1994-03-13	0	7	12	79	

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Now the Data Editor window is partitioned into four sections. The upper and lower sections, as well as the left and right sections, are controlled by separate scroll bars.

Looking Up a Specific Case

SPSS provides a way of quickly jumping to specific cases or variables in your dataset in the Data View window. This is an especially useful option for large datasets that include hundreds of cases and variables.

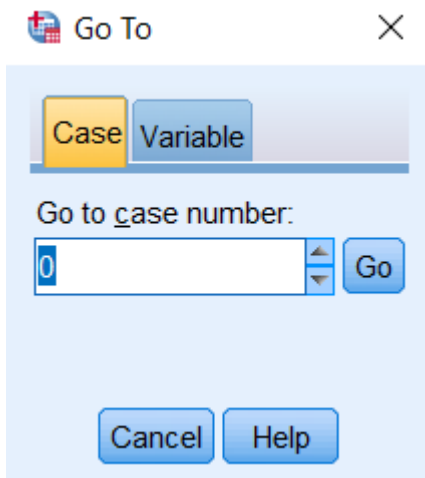
To jump to a specific case number:



Click the **Go to case** icon or click **Edit > Go to Case**.

In the **Go to case number** list, enter the case number or use the up/down arrows on the right to

select the case number.



Click **Go**. SPSS will jump to the case number specified.

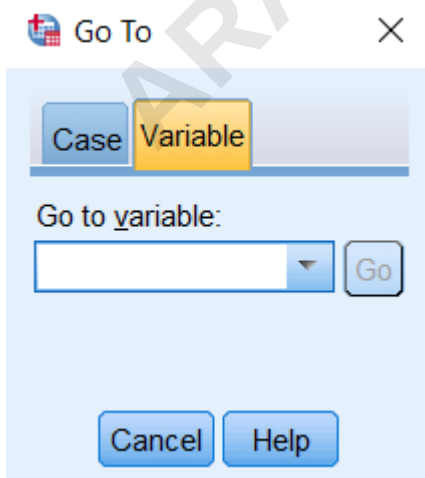
Looking Up a Specific Variable

To jump to a specific variable:



Click the **Go to variable** icon or click **Edit > Go to Variable**.

In the **Go to variable** list, type the variable name or select the variable name from the drop-down menu.



Click **Go**. SPSS will jump to the variable name you selected.

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