



How To Create a Weight Variable Using Pre-Computed Weights

Problem

You have a pre-computed single-variable weight that you want to use in Q.

Activities


1. Select the question that you have to apply the weight to in the blue drop down.
2. Press the arrow to the right to get to this variable in the **Variable and Questions** tab.
3. Right-mouse click on the variable.
4. Select **Copy and Paste Variable(s)** then **Exact Copy**.
5. Give the copied variable a meaningful **Label** (e.g. Gender weight).
6. Click on the **Values...** button.
7. Replace each value in the **Value** column with the pre-computed weight. The dialog box on your screen should look like Figure 1. Click **OK**.

	Value	Label	Missing Data
1	1.09313725490196	Male	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	0.921487603305785	Female	<input type="checkbox"/>

Figure 1. Changing values

8. Check the **W** in the **Tags** field of your new variable to make it available for

weighting (so it looks like **W**).

9. Click on the **Tables** tab.
10. Select the new variable from the **Weight** drop-down menu at the bottom of your screen.
11. You will see that the table now shows the weighted percentages for each group. You will also see that the bottom of the screen now shows you the *effective sample size*, which indicates how big you should consider the sample to be when considering its robustness.
12. Turn off the weight by clicking the off-button () in the **Weight** drop-down menu or by selecting "None".

What to do if the problem is not solved

If these instructions are insufficient, please email us (**Help | Email Support...**) with a detailed description of what in the instructions is not working for you and we will either provide you with more comprehensive instructions, or, upon your request, we can do the analysis for you in your file (fees apply) .