
* CFSR 3: RISK-STANDARDIZED PERFORMANCE
* - PERMANENCY IN 12 MONTHS FOR CHILDREN ENTERING FOSTER CARE

* This syntax is provided for informational purposes only. It requires access to
* child-level data from all states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

* The following syntax is used to calculate an individual state's performance
* for a recent cohort of children against the national standard and the
* historical cohorts (from all other states) that were used to establish the
* national standard. Although this syntax will calculate RSPs and data for all
* states, the only results of interest are for the state being evaluated
* (MyState "XX").

* SPECIFY THE STATE AND 12-MONTH COHORT WHOSE PERFORMANCE IS BEING ASSESSED

* Note: For the 12-month cohort specified (CurrentCohort), there must exist a
* file for that same cohort in "C:\cfsr3\Performance observed child". This file
* will contain observed performance for a recent cohort of children (from all
* states). For example, if the user specifies CurrentCohort = AB12, their must
* be a file called "CFSR 3 - Observed perf for perm (entries) AB12.dta."

```
local MyState "XX"  
local CurrentCohort "AB12"
```

```
* create log file.  
cd "C:\cfsr3\Performance modeled"  
log using "RSP for perm (entries) `MyState` `CurrentCohort`.txt", text replace
```

* GET SOURCE FILE and PREP FILE

```
* Open the current cohort file. This file contains observed performance for a  
* recent cohort of children (from all states).  
cd "C:\cfsr3\Performance observed child"  
use "CFSR 3 - Observed perf for perm (entries) `CurrentCohort`.dta", clear  
keep if stateabb == "`MyState'"  
tempfile holding  
save `holding'
```

* Open the historical cohort file. This file contains the fixed national
* standard for the indicator (Perf_Nation) and the observed performance for the
* 12-month historical cohort of children that was used to establish the national
* standard. We will be assessing the state's performance with its most recent
* cohort (currently stored in 'holding') against the national standard and
* historical cohorts from all other states. This syntax assumes the historical
* cohort file is saved in C:\cfsr3\Fixed files\.

```
cd "C:\cfsr3\Fixed files\  
use "CFSR 3 - Observed perf for perm (entries) BA12.dta", clear  
drop if stateabb == ``"MyState"  
append using `holding'
```

* For the state being evaluated, replace the value it has for national observed
* performance (which is based on the current cohort for all states) with the
* fixed NS for this indicator. The level of precision matters for the
* calculations RSP, RSPUpp, and RSPLow matters.
replace Perf_Nation = .404576787626 if stateabb == ``"MyState"

```
sort state
```

* Describe dataset
* Pick one observation per state
* Count and verify number of states in file
* Calculate desired direction for performance on this indicator
* Verify desired 12-month cohort has been selected

```
describe  
egen pickone = tag(stateabb)  
count if pickone  
gen Passing = "Above NS"  
tab Perf_Nation  
tab TwelveMoCohort
```

```
*****  
* PREDICT OUTCOME  
*****
```

* Run multi-level logit model predicting permanency by 12 months (Num_Child = 1)
* Adjust for child age at entry (ChildAge) and state's entry rate (EntryRate)

```
***** USER INPUT NEEDED *****
```

* The xtlogit command requires the user to enter the value of X in
* `ib(X).ChildAge`, where X represents the reference group for children in
* the national dataset. The median age is used as the reference group. The `ib`

- * function creates a dummy variable for each age value.
- * To get the median age value run:

summarize ChildAge, detail

- * The coded value to use is the one next to "50%." Enter that value in ib(X)
- * below.

```
timer on 1
xtmelogit Num_Child ib(7).ChildAge EntryRate, baselevels || state:, variance
timer off 1
timer list 1
timer clear
```

```
predict xb, xb
predict re, reffects
predict rese, reses
```

- * xb = child's predicted log odds of permanency based on child's age and the state-specific entry rate, but without considering the child's home state (i.e., ignoring the state's random effect)
- * re = state's random effect (shift in child's predicted log odds of permanency after considering the child's home state; aka, Empirical Bayes intercept)
- * rese - standard error of state's random effect

* CALCULATE RISK-STANDARDIZED PERFORMANCE

* 1. Calculate PREDICTED number of permanent exits in each state

- * The predicted number of permanent exits based on the state's performance with its observed case mix. This is our best prediction of future performance, assuming no change in case mix or policy. It is calculated as the sum of each child's predicated probability of permanent exit, which is a complex function of the child's value of xb and his or her state's specific random effect.

```
sort state
gen double Child_Pred = exp(xb+re)/(1+exp(xb+re))
by state: egen double Num_Pred = total(Child_Pred)
```

* 2. Calculate EXPECTED number of permanenct exits in each state

* The expected number of permanent exits based on the nation's performance with
 * the state's case mix. This represents how many permanent exits we would expect
 * for the state's children if they were treated in an "average" state. It is
 * calculated as the sum of each child's predicted probability of permanent exit
 * (xb), including the "average" intercept of all states (the average of the
 * random effects across states is zero).

```
gen double Child_Exp = exp(xb)/(1+exp(xb))
by state: egen double Num_Exp = total(Child_Exp)
```

* 3. Calculate risk-standardized ratio and risk-standardized performance

* Calculate ratio of predicted to expected
 * Multiply ratio by national observed performance (i.e., the national standard)
 * to get RSP

```
gen double Ratio_PE = Num_Pred / Num_Exp
gen double RSP = (Num_Pred / Num_Exp) * Perf_Nation
```

* 4. Calculate 95% confidence intervals for RSP

* Upper CI

```
sort state
gen double UppNum = exp(xb+re+(1.96*rese))/(1+exp(xb+re+(1.96*rese)))
by state: egen double UppNumSum = total(UppNum)
gen double UppDen = exp(xb)/(1+exp(xb))
by state: egen double UppDenSum = total(UppDen)
gen double RSPUpp = (UppNumSum/UppDenSum) * Perf_Nation
```

* Lower CI

```
gen double LowNum = exp(xb+re-(1.96*rese))/(1+exp(xb+re-(1.96*rese)))
by state: egen double LowNumSum = total(LowNum)
gen double LowDen = exp(xb)/(1+exp(xb))
by state: egen double LowDenSum = total(LowDen)
gen double RSPLow = (LowNumSum/LowDenSum) * Perf_Nation
```

* COMPARE STATE'S RSP TO NATIONAL STANDARD (NS)

* When comparing the state's RSP (actually, the CIs) to the national observed
 * performance, use rounded versions.

* Round the national observed performance
 clonevar Perf_NationRnd = Perf_Nation

```
replace Perf_NationRnd = round(Perf_NationRnd,0.001)
```

```
* Round the CIs of the RSP
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```
clonevar RSPLowRnd = RSPLow
```

```
clonevar RSPUpRnd = RSPUp
```

```
replace RSPLowRnd = round(RSPLowRnd,0.001)
```

```
replace RSPUpRnd = round(RSPUpRnd,0.001)
```

```
* Compare CI's of the RSP relative to national observed performance
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```
gen RSP_NS = "No dif"
```

```
replace RSP_NS = "Met" if RSPLowRnd > Perf_NationRnd
```

```
replace RSP_NS = "Not met" if RSPUpRnd < Perf_NationRnd
```

```
* Count number of states meeting, not meeting, and no different from NS
```

```
egen RSP_Met=total(RSP_NS=="Met" & pickone)
```

```
egen RSP_NotMet=total(RSP_NS=="Not met" & pickone)
```

```
egen RSP_NotDif=total(RSP_NS=="No dif" & pickone)
```

```
* Count number of states that must engage in a PIP
```

```
gen RSP_Pip = ""
```

```
replace RSP_Pip = "No PIP" if RSP_NS == "Met"
```

```
replace RSP_Pip = "No PIP" if RSP_NS == "No dif"
```

```
replace RSP_Pip = "PIP" if RSP_NS == "Not met"
```

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```
* ESTIMATE OBSERVED PERFORMANCE THAT WAS NEEDED TO HAVE AVOIDED A PIP
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```
* For states that did not meet the national standard, this is a rough estimate
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* of the performance that would have been needed to have avoided a PIP.
```

```
* Performance at this level would put the RSP confidence limit directly on the
```

```
* NS line, thus making the state's performance no different than the national
```

```
* standard.
```

```
sort state
```

```
gen double Child_Need = exp(xb-(1.96*rese))/(1+exp(xb-(1.96*rese))) if RSP_NS=="Not met"
```

```
by state: egen double Num_Need = total(Child_Need) if RSP_NS=="Not met"
```

```
by state: gen Perf_Need = Num_Need / Den_State
```

```
gen Perf_Need_Change = Perf_Need - Perf_State
```

```
gen Num_Need_Change = Num_Need - Num_State
```

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* MISC
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```

* Ranks based on observed and RSP. Sort DESCENDING, so highest value (i.e.,
* best performance) gets a ranking of 1

```
gsort -Perf_State  
generate Rank_Obs = sum(pickone)  
gsort -RSP  
generate Rank_RSP = sum(pickone)
```

* Create variable holding median age at entry to include in output. The coded
* age values are one higher than the actual age (e.g., a coded value of 7
* represents an actual age of 6), so median age = coded value for median age
* minus 1.

```
sort state  
by state: egen MedAge = median(ChildAge)  
replace MedAge = MedAge -1
```

* Save
cd "C:\cfsr3\Performance modeled"
save "CFSR 3 - RSP for perm (entries) - `CurrentCohort' `MyState'.dta", replace

* REPORTING

* Export to excel the state's results

```
outsheet TwelveMoCohort stateabb RSP RSPLowRnd RSPUppRnd Perf_NationRnd RSP_NS RSP_Pip ///  
Den_State Num_State Perf_State ///  
Perf_Need Perf_Need_Change Num_Need_Change ///  
EntryRate MedAge ///
```

```
if (stateabb == "`MyState'" & pickone==1) using "RSP_Perm12EN_Summary `CurrentCohort' `MyState'.csv", comma nolabel replace
```

```
log close
```