

# Package ‘surveytable’

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namcs2019sv	<i>Selected variables from the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS) 2019 Public Use File (PUF)</i>
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### Description

Selected variables from a data system of visits to office-based physicians. Note that the unit of observation is visits, not patients - this distinction is important since a single patient can make multiple visits.

### Usage

```
namcs2019sv
```

```
namcs2019sv_df
```

### Format

An object of class `survey.design2` (inherits from `survey.design`) with 8250 rows and 33 columns.

An object of class `data.frame` with 8250 rows and 33 columns.

## Details

namcs2019sv\_df is a data frame.

namcs2019sv is a survey object created from namcs2019sv\_df using [survey::svydesign()].

## Source

- SAS data: [https://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health\\_Statistics/NCHS/Dataset\\_Documentation/NAMCS/sas/namcs2019\\_sas.zip](https://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health_Statistics/NCHS/Dataset_Documentation/NAMCS/sas/namcs2019_sas.zip)
- Survey design variables: [https://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health\\_Statistics/NCHS/Dataset\\_Documentation/NAMCS/sas/readme2019-sas.txt](https://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health_Statistics/NCHS/Dataset_Documentation/NAMCS/sas/readme2019-sas.txt)
- SAS formats: [https://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health\\_Statistics/NCHS/Dataset\\_Documentation/NAMCS/sas/nam19for.txt](https://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health_Statistics/NCHS/Dataset_Documentation/NAMCS/sas/nam19for.txt)
- Documentation: [https://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health\\_Statistics/NCHS/Dataset\\_Documentation/NAMCS/doc2019-508.pdf](https://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Health_Statistics/NCHS/Dataset_Documentation/NAMCS/doc2019-508.pdf)
- National Summary Tables: [https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/ahcd/namcs\\_summary/2019-namcs-web-tables-508.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/ahcd/namcs_summary/2019-namcs-web-tables-508.pdf)

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print.surveytable\_table

*Print surveytable tables*

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## Description

Print surveytable tables

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'surveytable_table'  
print(x, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'surveytable_list'  
print(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

x                    an object of class surveytable\_table or surveytable\_list.  
...                   ignored

## Value

x invisibly.

### Examples

```
set_survey(namcs2019sv)
table1 = tab("AGER")
print(table1)
table_many = tab("MDD0", "SPECCAT", "MSA")
print(table_many)
```

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set\_count\_1k

*Rounding counts*

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### Description

Determines how counts should be rounded.

### Usage

```
set_count_1k()

set_count_int()
```

### Details

- `set_count_1k()`: round counts to the nearest 1,000.
- `set_count_int()`: round counts to the nearest integer.

### Value

(Nothing.)

### See Also

Other options: [set\\_output\(\)](#), [show\\_options\(\)](#), [surveytable-options](#)

### Examples

```
set_survey(namcs2019sv)
set_count_int()
total()

set_count_1k()
total()
```

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set_output	<i>Set output defaults</i>
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**Description**

show\_output() shows the current defaults.

**Usage**

```
set_output(csv = NULL, max_levels = NULL)
```

```
show_output()
```

**Arguments**

csv	name of a CSV file or "" to turn off CSV output
max_levels	a categorical variable can have at most this many levels. Used to avoid printing huge tables.

**Value**

(Nothing.)

**See Also**

Other options: [set\\_count\\_1k\(\)](#), [show\\_options\(\)](#), [surveytable-options](#)

**Examples**

```
tmp_file = tempfile(fileext = ".csv")
suppressMessages( set_output(csv = tmp_file) )
set_output(csv = "") # Turn off CSV output
```

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set_survey	<i>Specify the survey to analyze</i>
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**Description**

You need to specify a survey before the other functions, such as [tab\(\)](#), will work.

**Usage**

```
set_survey(design)
```

**Arguments**

design	a survey object (survey.design or svyrep.design)
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**Details**

Optionally, the survey can have an attribute called `label`, which is the long name of the survey.

Optionally, each variable in the survey can have an attribute called `label`, which is the variable's long name.

**Value**

Info about the survey.

**Examples**

```
set_survey(namcs2019sv)
```

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show_options	<i>Show package options</i>
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**Description**

Show package options

**Usage**

```
show_options(sw = "surveytable")
```

**Arguments**

`sw` starting characters

**Value**

List of options and their values.

**See Also**

Other options: [set\\_count\\_1k\(\)](#), [set\\_output\(\)](#), [surveytable-options](#)

**Examples**

```
show_options()
```

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surveytable-options    *Package options*

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**Description**

Run `show_options()` to see available options.

**See Also**

Other options: `set_count_1k()`, `set_output()`, `show_options()`

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survey\_subset    *Subset a survey, while preserving variable labels*

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**Description**

Subset a survey, while preserving variable labels

**Usage**

```
survey_subset(design, subset, label)
```

**Arguments**

design	a survey object
subset	an expression specifying the sub-population
label	survey label of the newly created survey object

**Value**

a new survey object

**Examples**

```
children = survey_subset(namcs2019sv, AGE < 18, "Children < 18")
set_survey(children)
tab("AGER")
```

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svyciprop\_adjusted      *Confidence intervals for proportions, adjusted for degrees of freedom*

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### Description

A version of `survey::svyciprop()` that adjusts for the degrees of freedom when `method = "beta"`.

### Usage

```
svyciprop_adjusted(
  formula,
  design,
  method = c("logit", "likelihood", "asin", "beta", "mean", "xlogit"),
  level = 0.95,
  df_method,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

<code>formula</code>	see <code>survey::svyciprop()</code> .
<code>design</code>	see <code>survey::svyciprop()</code> .
<code>method</code>	see <code>survey::svyciprop()</code> .
<code>level</code>	see <code>survey::svyciprop()</code> .
<code>df_method</code>	how df should be calculated: "default" or "NHIS".
<code>...</code>	see <code>survey::svyciprop()</code> .

`df_method`: for "default", `df = degf(design)`; for "NHIS", `df = nrow(design) - 1`.

### Details

Written by Makram Talih in 2019.

To use this function in tabulations, type: `options(surveytable.adjust_svyciprop = TRUE)`.

### Value

The point estimate of the proportion, with the confidence interval as an attribute.

### Examples

```
set_survey(namcs2019sv)
options(surveytable.adjust_svyciprop = TRUE)
tab("AGER")
options(surveytable.adjust_svyciprop = FALSE)
tab("AGER")
```



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tab	<i>Tabulate variables</i>
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### Description

Tabulate categorical (factor), logical, or numeric variables.

### Usage

```
tab(
  ...,
  test = FALSE,
  alpha = 0.05,
  drop_na = getOption("surveytable.drop_na"),
  max_levels = getOption("surveytable.max_levels"),
  csv = getOption("surveytable.csv")
)
```

### Arguments

...	names of variables (in quotes)
test	perform hypothesis tests?
alpha	significance level for tests
drop_na	drop missing values (NA)? Categorical variables only.
max_levels	a categorical variable can have at most this many levels. Used to avoid printing huge tables.
csv	name of a CSV file

### Details

For categorical and logical variables, presents the estimated counts, their standard errors (SEs) and confidence intervals (CIs), percentages, and their SEs and CIs. Checks the presentation guidelines for counts and percentages and flags estimates if, according to the guidelines, they should be suppressed, footnoted, or reviewed by an analyst.

For numeric variables, presents the percentage of observations with known values, the mean of known values, the standard error of the mean (SEM), and the standard deviation (SD).

CIs are calculated at the 95% confidence level. CIs for count estimates are the log Student's t CIs, with adaptations for complex surveys. CIs for percentage estimates are the Korn and Graubard CIs.

### Value

A list of tables or a single table.

### See Also

Other tables: [tab\\_cross\(\)](#), [tab\\_rate\(\)](#), [tab\\_subset\\_rate\(\)](#), [total\\_rate\(\)](#), [total\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```

set_survey(namcs2019sv)
tab("AGER")
tab("MDDO", "SPECCAT", "MSA")

# Numeric variables
tab("NUMMED")

# Hypothesis testing with categorical variables
tab("AGER", test = TRUE)

```

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tab\_cross

*Tabulate subsets or interactions*


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**Description**

Create subsets of the survey using one variable, and tabulate another variable within each of the subsets. Interact two variables and tabulate.

**Usage**

```

tab_cross(
  vr,
  vrby,
  max_levels = getOption("surveytable.max_levels"),
  csv = getOption("surveytable.csv")
)

tab_subset(
  vr,
  vrby,
  lvls = c(),
  test = FALSE,
  alpha = 0.05,
  drop_na = getOption("surveytable.drop_na"),
  max_levels = getOption("surveytable.max_levels"),
  csv = getOption("surveytable.csv")
)

```

**Arguments**

vr	variable to tabulate
vrby	use this variable to subset the survey
max_levels	a categorical variable can have at most this many levels. Used to avoid printing huge tables.
csv	name of a CSV file

lvls	(optional) only show these levels of vrby
test	perform hypothesis tests?
alpha	significance level for tests
drop_na	drop missing values (NA)? Categorical variables only.

### Details

tab\_subset creates subsets using the levels of vrby, and tabulates vr in each subset. Optionally, only use the lvls levels of vrby. vr can be categorical (factor), logical, or numeric.

tab\_cross crosses or interacts vr and vrby and tabulates the new variable. Tables created using tab\_subset and tab\_cross have the same counts but different percentages. With tab\_subset, percentages within each subset add up to 100%. With tab\_cross, percentages across the entire population add up to 100%. Also see [var\\_cross\(\)](#).

test = TRUE performs a test of association between the two variables. Also performs t-tests for all possible pairs of levels of vr and vrby.

### Value

A list of tables or a single table.

### See Also

Other tables: [tab\\_rate\(\)](#), [tab\\_subset\\_rate\(\)](#), [tab\(\)](#), [total\\_rate\(\)](#), [total\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
set_survey(namcs2019sv)

# For each SEX, tabulate AGER
tab_subset("AGER", "SEX")

# Same counts as tab_subset(), but different percentages.
tab_cross("AGER", "SEX")

# Numeric variables
tab_subset("NUMMED", "AGER")

# Hypothesis testing
tab_subset("NUMMED", "AGER", test = TRUE)
```

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tab_rate	<i>Calculate rates</i>
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### Description

Calculate the rates for categorical (factor) or logical variables.

**Usage**

```
tab_rate(  
  vr,  
  pop,  
  per = getOption("surveytable.rate_per"),  
  drop_na = getOption("surveytable.drop_na"),  
  max_levels = getOption("surveytable.max_levels"),  
  csv = getOption("surveytable.csv")  
)
```

**Arguments**

vr	variable to tabulate
pop	either a single number or a data.frame with columns named Level and Population. Level must exactly match the levels of vr. Population is the population for that level of vr.
per	calculate rate per this many items in the population
drop_na	drop missing values (NA)?
max_levels	a categorical variable can have at most this many levels. Used to avoid printing huge tables.
csv	name of a CSV file

**Value**

A list of tables or a single table.

**See Also**

Other tables: [tab\\_cross\(\)](#), [tab\\_subset\\_rate\(\)](#), [tab\(\)](#), [total\\_rate\(\)](#), [total\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
set_survey(namcs2019sv)  
# pop is a data frame  
tab_rate("MSA", uspop2019$MSA)  
  
# pop is a single number  
tab_rate("MDDO", uspop2019$total)
```

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tab_subset_rate	<i>Calculate rates for subsets</i>
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### Description

Create subsets of the survey using one variable, and tabulate the rates of another variable within each of the subsets.

### Usage

```
tab_subset_rate(
  vr,
  vrby,
  pop,
  lvls = c(),
  per = getOption("surveytable.rate_per"),
  drop_na = getOption("surveytable.drop_na"),
  max_levels = getOption("surveytable.max_levels"),
  csv = getOption("surveytable.csv")
)
```

### Arguments

vr	variable to tabulate
vrby	use this variable to subset the survey
pop	a data.frame with columns named Level, Subset, and Population. Level must exactly match the levels of vr. Subset must exactly match the levels of vrby. Population is the population for that level of vr and vrby.
lvls	(optional) only show these levels of vrby
per	calculate rate per this many items in the population
drop_na	drop missing values (NA)?
max_levels	a categorical variable can have at most this many levels. Used to avoid printing huge tables.
csv	name of a CSV file

### Value

A list of tables or a single table.

### See Also

Other tables: [tab\\_cross\(\)](#), [tab\\_rate\(\)](#), [tab\(\)](#), [total\\_rate\(\)](#), [total\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
set_survey(namcs2019sv)
tab_subset_rate("AGER", "SEX", uspop2019$`AGER x SEX`)
```

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total	<i>Total count</i>
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**Description**

Total count

**Usage**

```
total(csv = getOption("surveytable.csv"))
```

**Arguments**

csv	name of a CSV file
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**Value**

A table

**See Also**

Other tables: [tab\\_cross\(\)](#), [tab\\_rate\(\)](#), [tab\\_subset\\_rate\(\)](#), [tab\(\)](#), [total\\_rate\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
set_survey(namcs2019sv)
total()
```

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total_rate	<i>Overall rate</i>
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**Description**

Overall rate

**Usage**

```
total_rate(
  pop,
  per = getOption("surveytable.rate_per"),
  csv = getOption("surveytable.csv")
)
```

**Arguments**

pop	population
per	calculate rate per this many items in the population
csv	name of a CSV file

**Value**

A table

**See Also**

Other tables: [tab\\_cross\(\)](#), [tab\\_rate\(\)](#), [tab\\_subset\\_rate\(\)](#), [tab\(\)](#), [total\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
set_survey(namcs2019sv)
total_rate(uspop2019$total)
```

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uspop2019

*US Population in 2019*

---

**Description**

Population estimates of the civilian non-institutional population of the United States as of July 1, 2019. Used for calculating rates. For usage examples, see the \*\_rate functions.

**Usage**

```
uspop2019
```

**Format**

An object of class `list` of length 7.

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var_any	<i>Is any variable true?</i>
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**Description**

Create a new variable which is true if any of the variables in a list of variables are true.

**Usage**

```
var_any(newvr, vrs)
```

**Arguments**

newvr	name of the new variable to be created
vrs	vector of logical variables

**Value**

Survey object

**See Also**

Other variables: [var\\_case\(\)](#), [var\\_collapse\(\)](#), [var\\_copy\(\)](#), [var\\_cross\(\)](#), [var\\_cut\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
set_survey(namcs2019sv)
var_any("Imaging services"
, c("ANYIMAGE", "BONEDENS", "CATSCAN", "ECHOCARD", "OTHULTRA"
, "MAMMO", "MRI", "XRAY", "OTHIMAGE"))
tab("Imaging services")
```

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var_case	<i>Convert factor to logical</i>
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**Description**

Convert factor to logical

**Usage**

```
var_case(newvr, vr, cases)
```



**Arguments**

newvr	name of the new logical variable to be created
vr	factor variable
cases	one or more levels of vr that are converted to TRUE. All other levels are converted to FALSE.

**Value**

Survey object

**See Also**

Other variables: [var\\_any\(\)](#), [var\\_collapse\(\)](#), [var\\_copy\(\)](#), [var\\_cross\(\)](#), [var\\_cut\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
set_survey(namcs2019sv)
var_case("Preventive care visits", "MAJOR", "Preventive care")
tab("Preventive care visits")
var_case("Surgery-related visits"
, "MAJOR"
, c("Pre-surgery", "Post-surgery"))
tab("Surgery-related visits")
```

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var\_collapse

*Collapse factor levels*

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**Description**

Collapse two or more levels of a factor variable into a single level.

**Usage**

```
var_collapse(vr, newlevel, oldlevels)
```

**Arguments**

vr	factor variable
newlevel	name of the new level
oldlevels	vector of old levels

**Value**

Survey object

**See Also**

Other variables: [var\\_any\(\)](#), [var\\_case\(\)](#), [var\\_copy\(\)](#), [var\\_cross\(\)](#), [var\\_cut\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
set_survey(namcs2019sv)
tab("PRIMCARE")
var_collapse("PRIMCARE", "Unknown if PCP", c("Blank", "Unknown"))
tab("PRIMCARE")
```

---

var\_copy

*Copy a variable*

---

## Description

Create a new variable that is a copy of another variable. You can modify the copy, while the original remains unchanged. See examples.

## Usage

```
var_copy(newvr, vr)
```

## Arguments

newvr	name of the new variable to be created
vr	variable

## Value

Survey object

## See Also

Other variables: [var\\_any\(\)](#), [var\\_case\(\)](#), [var\\_collapse\(\)](#), [var\\_cross\(\)](#), [var\\_cut\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
set_survey(namcs2019sv)
var_copy("Age group", "AGER")
var_collapse("Age group", "65+", c("65-74 years", "75 years and over"))
var_collapse("Age group", "25-64", c("25-44 years", "45-64 years"))
tab("AGER", "Age group")
```

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var_cross	<i>Cross or interact two variables</i>
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**Description**

Create a new variable which is an interaction of two other variables. Also see [tab\\_cross\(\)](#).

**Usage**

```
var_cross(newvr, vr, vrby)
```

**Arguments**

newvr	name of the new variable to be created
vr	first variable
vrby	second variable

**Value**

Survey object

**See Also**

Other variables: [var\\_any\(\)](#), [var\\_case\(\)](#), [var\\_collapse\(\)](#), [var\\_copy\(\)](#), [var\\_cut\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
set_survey(namcs2019sv)
var_cross("Age x Sex", "AGER", "SEX")
tab("Age x Sex")
```

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var_cut	<i>Convert numeric to factor</i>
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**Description**

Create a new categorical variable based on a numeric variable.

**Usage**

```
var_cut(newvr, vr, breaks, labels)
```

**Arguments**

newvr	name of the new factor variable to be created
vr	numeric variable
breaks	see <code>cut()</code>
labels	see <code>cut()</code>

**Value**

Survey object

**See Also**

Other variables: `var_any()`, `var_case()`, `var_collapse()`, `var_copy()`, `var_cross()`

**Examples**

```
set_survey(namcs2019sv)
var_cut("Age group"
, "AGE"
, c(-Inf, 0, 4, 14, 64, Inf)
, c("Under 1", "1-4", "5-14", "15-64", "65 and over"))
tab("Age group")
```

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var\_list

*List variables in a survey.*


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**Description**

List variables in a survey.

**Usage**

```
var_list(sw = "", all = FALSE, csv = getOption("surveytable.csv"))
```

**Arguments**

sw	starting characters in variable name (case insensitive)
all	print all variables?
csv	name of a CSV file

**Value**

A table

**Examples**

```
set_survey(namcs2019sv)
var_list("age")
```

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