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Preface

SPSS is a comprehensive and flexible statistical analysis and data management system. SPSS can take data from almost any type of file and use them to generate tabulated reports, charts and plots of distributions and trends, descriptive statistics, and complex statistical analyses.

SPSS® for Windows™ Release 6 brings the full power of the mainframe version of SPSS to the personal computer environment. It will enable you to perform many analyses on your PC that were once possible only on much larger machines. You can now analyze large data files with thousands of variables. The algorithms are identical to those used in SPSS software on mainframe computers, and the statistical results will be as precise as those computed on a mainframe.

SPSS for Windows provides a user interface that makes statistical analysis more accessible for the casual user and more convenient for the experienced user. Simple menus and dialog box selections make it possible to perform complex analyses without typing a single line of command syntax. The Data Editor offers a simple and efficient spreadsheet-like facility for entering data and browsing the working data file. High-resolution, presentation-quality charts and plots are included as part of the Base system.

The *SPSS for Windows Base System User's Guide* documents the graphical user interface of SPSS for Windows. Beneath the menus and dialog boxes, SPSS uses a command language, and some features of the system can be accessed only via command syntax. Appendix A lists the commands available only with command syntax. Complete command syntax is documented in the *SPSS Base System Syntax Reference Guide*.

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