

Crosstab (with Chi-Square)

A crosstabulation displays the number of cases in each category defined by two or more grouping variables.

The Chi Square Goodness of Fit test determines if the observed frequencies are different from what we would expect to find (we expect equal numbers in each group within a variable).

Null Hypothesis: There are approximately equal numbers of cases in each group.

Alternate Hypothesis: There are not equal numbers of cases in each group.

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. tabulate happy freqdum , chi2
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general happiness	sexfreq dummy		Total
	less than	more than	
very happy	103	207	310
pretty happy	286	333	619
not too happy	63	68	131
Total	452	608	1,060

For example, we see that there are 207 cases reporting “very happy” for general happiness and “more than once per month” for frequency of sex.

Pearson chi2(2) = 16.0387 Pr = 0.000

The Chi-Square measure tests the hypothesis that the row and column variables in a crosstabulation are independent of one another. While the Chi-Square measure may indicate that there is a relationship between two variables, they do not indicate the strength or direction of the relationship.