

Description

`set more off`, which is the default, tells Stata not to pause or display a —more— message. `set more on` tells Stata to wait until you press a key before continuing when a —more— message is displayed.

`set pagesize #` sets the number of lines between —more— messages.

Syntax

Tell Stata to pause or not pause for —more— messages

```
set more { on | off } [ , permanently ]
```

Set number of lines between —more— messages

```
set pagesize #
```

Option

`permanently` specifies that, in addition to making the change right now, the `more` setting be remembered and become the default setting when you invoke Stata.

Remarks and examples

—more— is Stata’s way of telling you that it has something more to show you but that showing it to you will cause the information on the screen to scroll off. If you type `set more off`, the —more— conditions will never arise, and Stata’s output will scroll by at full speed. If you type `set more on`, the —more— conditions will be restored at the appropriate places.

When you see —more— at the bottom of the screen, you can do the following:

| Press ... | and Stata ... |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| letter <i>l</i> or <i>Enter</i> | displays the next line |
| letter <i>q</i> | acts as if you pressed <i>Break</i> |
| Spacebar or any other key | displays the next screen |

You can also click on the **More** button or click on —more— to display the next screen.

If `set more` is used within a do-file or program, Stata automatically restores the previous `set more` setting when the do-file or program concludes.

Programmers should see [P] [more](#) for information on the `more` programming command.

Also see

[R] **query** — Display system parameters

[P] **creturn** — Return c-class values

[P] **more** — Pause until key is pressed

[P] **sleep** — Pause for a specified time

[U] **7 -more- conditions**

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