

As with any statistical output, you get A LOT. Some of it is really important, some isn't. Below is an annotated output that describes what things you need to pay attention to in you logistic regression output

Logistic Regression

Case Processing Summary

Unweighted Cases ^a		N	Percent
Selected Cases	Included in Analysis	109	99.1
	Missing Cases	1	.9
Total		110	100.0
Unselected Cases		0	.0
Total		110	100.0

a. If weight is in effect, see classification table for the total number of cases.

Dependent Variable

Encoding

Original Value	Internal Value
0	0
1	1

Block 0: Beginning Block

Classification Table^{a,b}

Observed			Predicted		
			ticket		
			0	1	Percentage Correct
Step 0	ticket	0	60	0	100.0
		1	49	0	.0
Overall Percentage					55.0

This box tells you how well SPSS can predict the outcome of the regression without any additional information. It based on the distribution of the dependent variable.

a. Constant is included in the model.

b. The cut value is .500

Variables in the Equation

Variables not in the Equation

			Score	df	Sig.
Step 0	Variables	minority	12.834	1	.000
		female	3.328	1	.068
		mphpct	13.242	1	.000
		Overall Statistics	24.462	3	.000

Block 1: Method = Enter

Omnibus Tests of Model Coefficients

		Chi-square	df	Sig.
Step 1	Step	27.514	3	.000
	Block	27.514	3	.000
	Model	27.514	3	.000

Model Summary

Step	-2 Log likelihood	Cox & Snell R Square	Nagelkerke R Square
1	122.481 ^a	.223	.298

a. Estimation terminated at iteration number 4 because parameter estimates changed by less than .001.

Because logistic regression is not based on the formula for a line (like linear regression is), there's not a similar calculation to R square in linear regression. However, some super smarties came up with some ways to estimate an R-square-like measure - that's why they're called "pseudo" r square. You will never get one that is very high. So don't freak out.

Hosmer and Lemeshow Test

Step	Chi-square	df	Sig.
1	6.849	8	.553

This is one of those upside down measures. You want the sig here to be >.05. That means that the data fits your model.

Classification Table^a

			Predicted		
			ticket		Percentage Correct
Observed		0	1		
Step 1	ticket	0	49	11	81.7
		1	23	26	53.1

This box tells you how well SPSS can predict the outcome with the added information of the independent variables. See -

Two columns are important in this table. This column is what's known as the "odds multiplier." It basically tells you how strong your variable is. This one tells you that minorities have 6.8 times the likelihood of getting a ticket as non-minorities. Females have about half the likelihood as males. The percent miles per hour over, slightly increases the likelihood that someone will be ticketed. Continuous variables are harder to interpret.

Variables in the Equation

		B	S.E.	Wald	df	Sig.	Exp(B)
Step 1	minority	1.921	.688	7.793	1	.005	6.825
	female	-.824	.453	3.304	1	.069	.439
	mphpct	.086	.028	9.179	1	.002	1.089
	Constant	-3.524	1.133	9.681	1	.002	.029

This column tells you whether the next column Exp(B) means anything. It needs to be <.05 - otherwise, what you get in the next column might just happen by chance. Anything that is not significant here should be removed.