

GENERAL STRUCTURE OF THE ENTERPRISE SURVEYS PANEL DATASETS

The Enterprise Surveys panel datasets have the following common format:

- Variable panel allows easy identification of panel observations
- Variable panelid is the same across the waves for the same firm
- Variable eligibility<year> reports eligibility status of all firms interviewed in the previous wave as of the <year> of the latest wave
 - e.g. in 2018-2023 panel, eligibility2023 reports status as of 2023 of all firms interviewed in 2023
- Variable status<year> reports the status of eligible firms as to whether they have been selected in the sample to be interviewed or the interview was a refusal.
- Wherever possible variables are matched across waves. If needed, matches are made by converting variable names in older waves to variable names in the most recent wave
- Due to methodological changes and evolution of the survey instrument it is not possible to match all variables in the datasets
- Variables that are not matched across waves are named as <year>_<variable>, with the year in which the variable was collected (e.g. _2023_date)
- It is recommended that users thoroughly familiarize themselves with the questionnaires from each of the years contained in the dataset before proceeding with analysis
- Weights are representative of the universe for the year that the firm was interviewed. They are **not** panel weights.

To understand more about the panel structure, please type in Stata: **tab panel year**

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Panel: Firm interviewed in these years		Year of survey	
		2018	2023
		Total	
2018 only		376	0
2023 only		0	376
2018 and 2023		224	224
Total		600	600

The image below illustrates the structure of the dataset

	idstd	panelid	year	panel
1	649324	649324	2018	2018 and 2023
2	1193227	649324	2023	2018 and 2023
3	649327	649327	2018	2018 and 2023
4	1193228	649327	2023	2018 and 2023
5	649329	649329	2018	2018 and 2023
6	1193229	649329	2023	2018 and 2023