

## 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 2013-2016 panel, `eligibility2016` reports status as of 2016 of all firms interviewed in 2013
- 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. `_2013_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
- Some monetary unit variables in 2002 and 2005 surveys (in US currency) are converted into the local currency units (LCU) using the market, period average, exchange rates. The sources of the exchange rates are the International Financial Statistics (IFS - IMF) websites.
- 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**

Panel: Firm interviewed in these years	Year of survey			Total
	2006	2010	2017	
2006 only	318	0	0	318
2010 only	0	460	0	460
2017 only	0	0	629	629
2006 and 2010 only	166	166	0	332
2010 and 2017 only	0	226	226	452
2006, 2010 and 2017	148	148	148	444
Total	632	1,000	1,003	2,635

The image below illustrates the structure of the dataset

	<code>idstd</code>	<code>panelid</code>	<code>year</code>	<code>panel</code>
1	560303	560303	2013	2013 and 2016
2	601755	560303	2016	2013 and 2016
3	560307	560307	2013	2013 and 2016
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