

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 2009-2015-2024 panel, `eligibility2024` reports status as of 2024 of all firms interviewed in 2024
- 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. `_2024_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`

Panel: Firm interviewed in these years	Year of survey			Total
	2009	2015	2024	
2009 only	137	0	0	137
2015 only	0	98	0	98
2024 only	0	0	78	78
2009 and 2015 only	78	78	0	156
2015 and 2024 only	0	42	42	84
2009, 2015 and 2024	35	35	35	105
Total	250	253	155	658

The image below illustrates the structure of the dataset

idstd	panelid	year	panel
451806	451806	2009	2009, 2015 and 2024
589940	451806	2015	2009, 2015 and 2024
1313070	451806	2024	2009, 2015 and 2024
451810	451810	2009	2009, 2015 and 2024
589996	451810	2015	2009, 2015 and 2024
1313104	451810	2024	2009, 2015 and 2024
451818	451818	2009	2009, 2015 and 2024
590038	451818	2015	2009, 2015 and 2024
1313060	451818	2024	2009, 2015 and 2024