

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 2021-2024 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		
	2021	2024	Total
2021 only	745	0	745
2024 only	0	1,125	1,125
2021 and 2024	306	306	612
Total	1,051	1,431	2,482

The image below illustrates the structure of the dataset

idstd	panelid	year	panel
725072	725072	2021	2021
1370255	725073	2024	2021,2024
725073	725073	2021	2021,2024
725074	725074	2021	2021
725075	725075	2021	2021
725076	725076	2021	2021,2024
1370091	725076	2024	2021,2024
725077	725077	2021	2021
725078	725078	2021	2021