

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 2020-2024 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			
	2014	2020	2024	Total
2014 only	409	0	0	409
2020 only	0	281	0	281
2024 only	0	0	420	420
2014 and 2020	130	130	0	260
2020 and 2024	0	119	119	238
2014, 2020, and 2024	61	61	61	183
Total	600	591	600	1,791

The image below illustrates the structure of the dataset

idstd	panelid	year	panel
556672	556672	2014	2014
556673	556673	2014	2014
556674	556674	2014	2014,2020,2024
722700	556674	2020	2014,2020,2024
1362385	556674	2024	2014,2020,2024
556675	556675	2014	2014
556676	556676	2014	2014
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