

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 2009-2024 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	2024	
2009 only	123	0	123
2024 only	0	123	123
2009 and 2024	27	27	54
Total	150	150	300

The image below illustrates the structure of the dataset

idstd	panelid	year	panel
468703	468703	2009	2009 and 2024
1374891	468703	2024	2009 and 2024
468711	468711	2009	2009 and 2024
1374913	468711	2024	2009 and 2024
468717	468717	2009	2009 and 2024
1374888	468717	2024	2009 and 2024
468718	468718	2009	2009 and 2024
1374893	468718	2024	2009 and 2024
468730	468730	2009	2009 and 2024
1374894	468730	2024	2009 and 2024
468736	468736	2009	2009 and 2024
1374895	468736	2024	2009 and 2024