

## 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 2013-2020 panel, eligibility2020 reports status as of 2020 of all firms interviewed in 2013
- 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. \_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
	2013	2020	2024	
2013	364	0	0	364
2013,2020	178	178	0	356
2013,2020,2024	50	50	50	150
2020	0	332	0	332
2020,2024	0	55	55	110
2024	0	0	540	540
<b>Total</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>1,852</b>

The image below illustrates the structure of the dataset

idstd	panelid	year	panel
571727	571727	2013	2013,2020,2024
711042	571727	2020	2013,2020,2024
1518188	571727	2024	2013,2020,2024
571736	571736	2013	2013,2020,2024
711044	571736	2020	2013,2020,2024
1518158	571736	2024	2013,2020,2024