

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 2013-2019 panel, `eligibility2019` reports status as of 2019 of all firms interviewed in 2013
- 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
	2008	2013	2019	
2008 only	226	0	0	226
2013 only	0	144	0	144
2019 only	0	0	1,069	1,069
2008 and 2013 only	76	76	0	152
2013 and 2019 only	0	106	106	212
2008, 2013 and 2019	64	64	64	192
Total	366	390	1,239	1,995

The image below illustrates the structure of the dataset

	<code>idstd</code>	<code>panelid</code>	<code>year</code>	<code>panel</code>
1	420006	420006	2008	2008, 2013 and 2019
2	536063	420006	2013	2008, 2013 and 2019
3	660599	420006	2019	2008, 2013 and 2019
4	420012	420012	2008	2008, 2013 and 2019
5	536109	420012	2013	2008, 2013 and 2019
6	660600	420012	2019	2008, 2013 and 2019

