

## 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 2009-2017-2023 panel, `eligibility2023` reports status as of 2023 of all firms interviewed in 2023
- 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. `_2023_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	2017	2023	
2009 only	75	0	0	75
2017 only	0	30	0	30
2023 only	0	0	112	112
2009 and 2017 only	25	25	0	50
2017 and 2023 only	0	47	47	94
2009, 2017 and 2023	50	50	50	150
<i>Total</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>152</i>	<i>209</i>	<i>511</i>

The image below illustrates the structure of the dataset

	<code>idstd</code>	<code>panelid</code>	<code>year</code>	<code>panel</code>
1	433001	433001	2009	2009, 2017 and 2023
2	619884	433001	2017	2009, 2017 and 2023
3	1013499	433001	2023	2009, 2017 and 2023
4	433006	433006	2009	2009, 2017 and 2023
5	619885	433006	2017	2009, 2017 and 2023
6	1013500	433006	2023	2009, 2017 and 2023