

ELMPS 2018 Read Me
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Data files

All data files are available as STATA .dta files.

2018 cross section: ELMPS 2018 xs v3.0.dta

- indid: unique individual identifier
- hhid: unique household identifier
- For those who cannot load the many variables in this data set, you can separately load pt 1, pt 2 and pt 3 versions (pt 1 includes created variables; pt 2 includes individual questionnaire variables; pt 3 includes household questionnaire variables)

Do files

All current data runs out of “Master Do File ELMPS 2018 v55.do” This do file calls sub-do files (all in do files folder)

Weights

- `expan_hh`: this is the cross-sectional *household* expansion weight for the full sample and can be used with the `rep xs` and `xs` files. This is the main weight you should use in cross-sectional analyses on the *household* level (using variables from household questionnaire, household level analyses). This variable is available in the panel, but should not be used for panel analyses; see panel weight below.
- `expan_indiv`: this is the cross-sectional *individual* expansion weight for the full sample and can be used with the `rep xs` and `xs` files. This is the main weight you should use in cross-sectional analyses on the *individual* level (using variables from individual questionnaire or individual level analyses). This variable is available in the panel, but should not be used for panel analyses; see panel weight below.
- `expan_ref_hh`: this is the weight, specific to 2018, that is a cross-sectional expansion weight based on only the refresher sample. This is a weight you can use in cross-sectional analyses on the *household* level (using variables from household questionnaire, household level analyses).
- `expan_ref_indiv`: this is the weight, specific to 2018, that is a cross-sectional expansion weight based on only the refresher sample. This is a weight you can use in cross-sectional analyses on the *individual* level (using variables from individual questionnaire or individual level analyses).
- `panel_wt_*`: this is the panel weight, designed for analyses spanning different combinations of years (`_*`). It is not an expansion weight, but normalized to 1.

Enforcement of skip patterns

Skip patterns were only enforced uni-directionally; the programming ensured that individuals answered every question they were supposed to. However, if there was a misunderstanding/data entry such that they went backwards and revised to follow a different skip path, stray/entered data remained even if no longer relevant. Analyze according to the universe who should have answered per skip patterns.

Questionnaires

The questionnaire is divided into two parts:

1. Household questionnaire
2. Individual questionnaire

English and Arabic questionnaires for each of these parts are available.

Codebooks

Created variables are codebooked in: Codebook ELMPS 2023 data v2.0

For created variables only. Gives variable name, type, label, ranges and states, universe, years covered, and notes.

There are additional Arabic codebooks for:

- Country codes
- Geographic codes (gov.xls and stat_u.xls for mapping locations to urban/rural)
- Primary school codes
- Preparatory school codes
- Secondary school codes
- University codes
- Higher education specialization codes (specialization.xlsx)

Additional information

See Krafft, Assaad, and Rahman. 2019. "Introducing the Egypt Labor Market Panel Survey 2018." *Economic Research Forum Working Paper Series (Forthcoming)*.