

MIG data file: Variable list and specifications

Variable	Format	Label
Identifier information:		
COUNTRY	4.0	Country of focus
COMMUN	4.0	Community number
SURVEYPL	4.0	Place of survey
SURVEYYR	4.0	Year of survey
HHNUM	4.0	Household number (within community)
Sample-specific weight:		
WEIGHT	6.2	Weight
Background information:		
SEX	4.0	Sex
YRBORN	4.0	Year of birth
AGE	4.0	Age
STATEBRN	4.0	State of birth
PLACEBRN	4.0	Place of birth
MARSTAT	4.0	Marital status
EDYRS	4.0	School years completed
OCC	4.0	Principal occupation
WAGE	8.2	Wage (for last formal job in Costa Rica)
BY	4.0	Wage unit
PENSION	4.0	Holds a pension (head/spouse only)
YRPENS	4.0	Year pension received
CTRPENS	4.0	Country that granted pension
US Migration Experience:		
USYR1	4.0	First US mig: Year
USDUR1	4.0	First US mig: Duration (in months)
USDOC1	4.0	First US mig: Documentation used
USSTATE1	4.0	First US mig: State of residence
USPLACE1	4.0	First US mig: City of residence
USMAR1	4.0	First US mig: Married
USOCC1	4.0	First US mig: Occupation
USWAGE1	8.2	First US mig: Wage (dollars)
USWBY1	4.0	First US mig: Frequency of wages
USYRL	4.0	Last US mig: Year
USDURL	4.0	Last US mig: Duration (in months)
USDOCL	4.0	Last US mig: Documentation used
USSTATEL	4.0	Last US mig: State of residence
USPLACEL	4.0	Last US mig: City of residence
USMARL	4.0	Last US mig: Married
USOCCL	4.0	Last US mig: Occupation
USWAGEL	8.2	Last US mig: Wage (dollars)
USWBYL	4.0	Last US mig: Frequency of wages
USCURTRP	4.0	Currently on last migration
USTRIPS	4.0	Total number of US migrations
USEXP	4.0	Total months of US experience
LEGYRAPP	4.0	Legalization: Year applied
LEGYRREC	4.0	Legalization: Year received
LEGSPON	4.0	Legalization: Sponsor

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CITYRAPP	4.0	Citizenship: Year applied
CITYRREC	4.0	Citizenship: Year received
<i>Illegal Border Crossing Information (1-25):</i>		
CRSYR#	4.0	Crossing #: Year
CRSST#	4.0	Crossing #: Border crossing state
CRSPL#	4.0	Crossing #: Border crossing place
CRSHOW#	4.0	Crossing #: With whom
CRSCOY#	4.0	Crossing #: Coyote used
CRSBY#	4.0	Crossing #: How crossed
CRSCST#	8.2	Crossing #: Cost of coyote
CRSPAY#	4.0	Crossing #: Who paid coyote
CRSDEP#	4.0	Crossing #: Number of deportations
CRSYES#	4.0	Crossing #: Successful
<i>Migratory experience of family-of-origin (of household head):</i>		
MOMGYR	4.0	Mother: Year of first US migration
MOGREE	4.0	Mother: Green card
MOYRGR	4.0	Mother: Year received green card
MOLIVE	4.0	Mother: Still living
MOUSNW	4.0	Mother: Currently resides in US
MOUSST	4.0	Mother: State of US residence
MOUSPL	4.0	Mother: City of US residence
FAMGYR	4.0	Father: Year of first US migration
FAGREE	4.0	Father: Green card
FAYRGR	4.0	Father: Year received green card
FALIVE	4.0	Father: Still living
FAUSNW	4.0	Father: Currently resides in US
FAUSST	4.0	Father: State of US residence
FAUSPL	4.0	Father: City of US residence
SBSEX#	4.0	Sibling #: Sex
SBMGYR#	4.0	Sibling #: Year of first US migration
SBGREE#	4.0	Sibling #: Green card
SBYRGR#	4.0	Sibling #: Year received green card
SBLIVE#	4.0	Sibling #: Still living
SBUSNW#	4.0	Sibling #: Currently resides in US
SBUSST#	4.0	Sibling #: State of US residence
SBUSPL#	4.0	Sibling #: City of US residence
<i>US Migration Experience among Head's Extended Family and Friends:</i>		
UNCINUS	4.0	Uncles: Number currently in US
UNCEVUS	4.0	Uncles: Number ever been to US
COINUS	4.0	Cousins: Number currently in US
COEVUS	4.0	Cousins: Number ever been to US
NEINUS	4.0	Nieces/nephews: Number currently in US
NEEVUS	4.0	Nieces/nephews: Number ever been to US
SBILINUS	4.0	Siblings-in-law: Number currently in US
SBILEVUS	4.0	Siblings-in-law: Number ever been to US
CHILINUS	4.0	Children-in-law: Number currently in US
CHILEVUS	4.0	Children-in-law: Number ever been to US
PILINUS	4.0	Parents-in-law: Number currently in US

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PILEVUS	4.0	Parents-in-law: Number ever been to US
FRINUS	4.0	Friends: Number currently in US
FREVUS	4.0	Friends: Number ever been to US
XSINUS	4.0	Ex-spouses: Number currently in US
XSEVUS	4.0	Ex-spouses: Number ever been to US
<i>Last US visit: Social characteristics</i>		
RELTRIP	4.0	Relations: Lived with relatives
PAISTRIP	4.0	Relations: Lived with Community members
SPORT	4.0	Relations: Participated in sports organization
SOCIAL	4.0	Relations: Participated in social organization
COETHNIC	4.0	Relations: With Coethnics
BLACKS	4.0	Relations: With African Americans
ASIANS	4.0	Relations: With Asians
ANGLOS	4.0	Relations: With Anglos
LATINOS	4.0	Relations: With Latinos
LODGING	4.0	Relations: Lodging from whom upon arrival
ENGLISH	4.0	Relations: English proficiency
ENGHOME	4.0	Relations: English use at home
ENGWORK	4.0	Relations: English use at work
ENGFRND	4.0	Relations: English use among friends
ENGNEIG	4.0	Relations: English use in neighborhood
<i>Last US visit: Employment characteristics</i>		
HOWJOB	4.0	Employment: How job was obtained
HRWAGE	8.2	Employment: Hourly wage
HRWEEK	4.0	Employment: Usual hours worked per week
MONSYR	4.0	Employment: Usual months worked per year
HOWPAID	4.0	Employment: How wages paid
SSTAX	4.0	Employment: Social Security taxes withheld
FEDTX	4.0	Employment: Federal taxes withheld
ROWNER	4.0	Employment: Race of employer
RSUPER	4.0	Employment: Race of supervisor
HOWJOBS	4.0	Spouse's employment: How spouse's job was obtained
HRWAGES	8.2	Spouse's employment: Spouse's hourly wage
HRWEEKS	4.0	Spouse's employment: Spouse's hours worked per week
MONSYRS	4.0	Spouse's employment: Spouse's months worked per year
HOWPAIDS	4.0	Spouse's employment: How spouse's wages paid
SSTAXS	4.0	Spouse's employment: Spouse's social Sec taxes withheld
FEDTXS	4.0	Spouse's employment: Spouse's federal taxes withheld
ROWNERS	4.0	Spouse's employment: Race of spouse's employer
RSUPERS	4.0	Spouse's employment: Race of spouse's supervisor
FINHELP	4.0	Finances: Who provided financial help
BANKACCT	4.0	Finances: Bank account
CARD	4.0	Finances: Credit card
TAXES	4.0	Finances: Tax return
RENT	8.2	Finances: Rent per month
FOOD	8.2	Finances: Food budget per month
REMIT	8.2	Finances: Average monthly remittances
REMIT1	4.0	Finances: Purpose of remittance (1)

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Variable	Format	Label
REMIT2	4.0	Finances: Purpose of remittance (2)
REMIT3	4.0	Finances: Purpose of remittance (3)
REMIT4	4.0	Finances: Purpose of remittance (4)
REMIT5	4.0	Finances: Purpose of remittance (5)
SAVINGS	8.2	Finances: Average monthly savings
SAVRETRN	8.2	Finances: Savings brought to Costa Rica
SAVINGS1	4.0	Finances: Purpose of savings (1)
SAVINGS2	4.0	Finances: Purpose of savings (2)
SAVINGS3	4.0	Finances: Purpose of savings (3)
SAVINGS4	4.0	Finances: Purpose of savings (4)
SAVINGS5	4.0	Finances: Purpose of savings (5)

Last US Visit: Public Benefits and Assistance

SCHOOLS	4.0	Benefits: Kids in public schools
UNEMP	4.0	Benefits: Received unemployment compensation
FOODST	4.0	Benefits: Received Food Stamps
WELFARE	4.0	Benefits: Received any welfare (all types)
AFDC	4.0	Benefits: Received AFDC benefits
WIC	4.0	Benefits: Received WIC benefits
SSI	4.0	Benefits: Received SSI benefits
GENERAL	4.0	Benefits: Received general assistance
DOCTOR	4.0	Health: Visited a doctor
HOSPITAL	4.0	Health: Visited a hospital
HLTHPMT1	4.0	Health: Who paid health bill (1)
HLTHPMT2	4.0	Health: Who paid health bill (2)
HLTHPMT3	4.0	Health: Who paid health bill (3)
HLTHPMT4	4.0	Health: Who paid health bill (4)

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
Identifier information:			
COUNTRY	Country of focus		
		1	Mexico
		2	Puerto Rico
		3	Dominican Republic
		4	Nicaragua
		5	Costa Rica
		6	Peru
		7	Haiti
COMMUN	Community number		
			(See Appendix A for codes and descriptions)
SURVEYPL	Place of survey		
		1	Home country
		2	US community
SURVEYYR	Year of survey		
			(See Appendix A for survey periods)
		yyyy	Year
HHNUM	Household number (within community)		
		nnnn	Number of household
Sample-specific weight:			
WEIGHT	Weight		
		nnn.nn	Weight
Background information:			
SEX	Sex		
		1	Male
		2	Female
YRBORN	Year of birth		
		yyyy	Year
AGE	Age		
		nnn	Age in years
STATEBRN	State of birth		
			(See Appendix C for State codes)
PLACEBRN	Place of birth		
			(See Appendix B for Place codes)
MARSTAT	Marital status		
		1	Never married
		2	Married (civil or religious)
		3	Consensual union
		4	Widowed
		5	Divorced
		6	Separated
		9999	Unknown

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
EDYRS	School years completed	nn	Years of education completed
		9999	Unknown
OCC	Principal occupation		(See Appendix D for occupation codes)
LDOWAGE	Wage (for last formal job in Costa Rica)	nnn.nn	Wage amount (in colones)
		0	Never employed for wages in Costa Rica
		9999	Unknown
BY	Wage unit	1	Hour
		2	Day
		3	Week
		4	Biweekly
		5	Month
		6	Year
		9999	Unknown
US Migration Experience:			
USYR1-USYRL	First/last US mig: Year	yyyy	Year
		9999	Unknown
USDUR1-USDURL	First/last US mig: Duration (in months)	nnn	Number of months
		9999	Unknown
USDOC1-USDOCL	First/last US mig: Documentation used	1	Legal resident
		2	Contract – Bracero
		3	Contract - H2A (agricultural)
		4	Temporary: Worker
		5	Temporary: Tourist/visitor
		6	Citizen
		7	Silva Letter
		8	Undocumented (includes false documents)
		9	Refugee/asylee
		9999	Unknown
USSTATE1-USSTATEL	First/last US mig: State of residence		(See Appendix C for State codes)
		9999	Unknown
USPLACE1-USPLACEL	First/last US mig: City of residence		(See Appendix B for Place codes)
		9999	Unknown
USMAR1-USMARL	First/last US mig: Married	1	Yes
		2	No
		9999	Unknown
USOCC1-USOCCCL	First/last US mig: Occupation		(See Appendix D for occupation codes)

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		9999	Unknown
USWAGE1-USWAGEL	First/last US mig: Wage (dollars)	nnn.dd	Amount
		8888	N/A (not employed for wages)
		9999	Unknown
USWB1-USWB1L	First/last US mig: Frequency of wages	1	Hour
		2	Day
		3	Week
		4	Biweekly
		5	Month
		6	Year
		8888	N/A (not employed for wages)
		9999	Unknown
USCURTRP	Currently on last US migration	1	Yes (has not returned, still in the U.S.)
		2	No (has returned)
		9999	Unknown
USTRIPS	Total number of US migrations	nnn	Number of visits made to the United States
		9999	Unknown
USEXP	Total months of US experience	nnn	Number of months
		9999	Unknown
LEGYRAPP	Legalization: Year applied	yyyy	Year of application for legal residence
		8888	N/A (never applied for legalization)
		9999	Unknown
LEGYRREC	Legalization: Year received	yyyy	Year legal residence papers received
		8888	N/A (never legalized)
		9999	Unknown
LEGSPON	Legalization: Sponsor	1	Spouse
		2	Child
		3	Parent
		4	Sibling
		5	Amnesty (Rodino/IRCA)
		6	Special Agricultural Worker (SAW/IRCA)
		7	Employer
		8	Other
		8888	N/A (never legalized)
		9999	Unknown
CITYRAPP	Citizenship: Year applied	yyyy	Year of application for citizenship
		8888	N/A (never applied for citizenship)
CITYRREC	Citizenship: Year received	yyyy	Year citizenship papers received
		8888	N/A (never citizenship)

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
Illegal Border Crossing Information (1-25):			
CRSYR#	Crossing #: Year	yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (no illegal crossings)
CRSST#	Crossing #: Border crossing state		(See Appendix C for State codes)
		8888	N/A (no illegal crossings)
		9999	Unknown
CRSPL#	Crossing #: Border crossing place		(See Appendix B for Place Codes)
		8888	N/A (no illegal crossings)
		9999	Unknown
CRSBY#	Crossing #: How crossed	1	Land
		2	Air
		3	Sea
		8888	N/A (no illegal crossings)
CRSHOW#	Crossing #: With whom?	1	Alone
		2	With family
		3	With friends
		4	With family and friends
		5	With unknown people
		8888	N/A (no illegal crossings)
CRSCOY#	Crossing #: Coyote used	1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (no illegal crossings)
CRSCST#	Crossing #: Cost of coyote	nnn.dd	Payment amount (dollars)
		8888	N/A (no illegal crossings)
		9999	Unknown
CRSPAY#	Crossing #: Who paid coyote	1	Self
		2	Family
		3	Employer
		4	Friends
		5	Other
		8888	N/A (no illegal crossings)
CRSDEP#	Crossing #: Number of deportations	nn	Number times deported during that attempt
		8888	N/A (no illegal crossings)
		9999	Unknown
CRSYES#	Crossing #: Successful	1	Yes
		2	No

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		8888	N/A (no illegal crossings)
Migratory experience of family-of-origin (of household head):			
MOMGYR	Mother: Year of first US migration	yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never migrated)
		9999	Unknown
MOGREE	Mother: Green card?	1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (never migrated)
MOYRGR	Mother: Year received green card	yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never migrated/ never received green card)
		9999	Unknown
MOLIVE	Mother: Still living	1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (never migrated)
MOUSNW	Mother: Currently resides in U.S.	1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (never migrated / not alive)
MOUSST	Mother: State of US residence		(See Appendix C for State codes)
		8888	N/A (not a US resident)
		9999	Unknown
MOUSPL	Mother: Place of U.S. residence		(See Appendix B for Place codes)
		8888	N/A (not a US resident)
		9999	Unknown
FAMGYR	Father: Year of first U.S. migration	yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never migrated)
FAGREE	Father: Green card?	1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (never migrated)
FAYRGR	Father: Year received green card	yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never migrated/ never received green card)
		9999	Unknown
FALIVE	Father: Still living	1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (never migrated)

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
FAUSNW	Father: Currently resides in U.S.	1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (never migrated/ not alive)
FAUSTT	Father: State of U.S. residence (See Appendix C for State codes)	8888	N/A (not a US resident)
		9999	Unknown
FAUSPL	Father: Place of U.S. residence (See Appendix B for Place codes)	8888	N/A (not a US resident)
		9999	Unknown
SBSEX#	Sibling #: Sex	1	Male
		2	Female
		8888	N/A (no sibling/never migrated)
		9999	Unknown
SBMGYR#	Sibling #: Year of first U.S. migration	yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (no sibling/never migrated)
		9999	Unknown
SBGREE#	Sibling #: Green card?	1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (no sibling/never migrated)
		9999	Unknown
SBYRGR#	Sibling #: Year received green card	yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (no sibling/ never migrated/ never received green card)
		9999	Unknown
SBLIVE#	Sibling #: Still living	1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (no sibling/never migrated)
SBUSNW#	Sibling#: Currently resides in U.S.	1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (no sibling/never migrated/ not living)
SBUSST#	Sibling#: State of US residence (See Appendix C for State codes)	8888	N/A (no sibling/ never migrated/ not a US resident)
		9999	Unknown
SBUSPL#	Sibling#: Place of U.S. residence (See Appendix B for Place codes)	8888	N/A (no sibling/ never migrated/ not a US resident)
		9999	Unknown

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
US Migration Experience among Head's Extended Family and Friends:			
UNCINUS	Uncles/aunts: Number currently in US		
		nn	Number
		9999	Unknown
UNCEVUS	Uncles/aunts: Number ever been to US		
		nn	Number
		9999	Unknown
COINUS	Cousins: Number currently in US		
		nn	Number
		9999	Unknown
COEVUS	Cousins: Number ever been to US		
		nn	Number
		9999	Unknown
NEINUS	Nieces/nephews: Number currently in US		
		nn	Number
		9999	Unknown
NEEVUS	Nieces/nephews: Number ever been to US		
		nn	Number
		9999	Unknown
SBILINUS	Siblings-in-law: Number currently in US		
		nn	Number
SBILEVUS	Siblings-in-law: Number ever been to US		
		nn	Number
CHILINUS	Children-in-law: Number currently in US		
		nn	Number
CHILEVUS	Children-in-law: Number ever been to US		
		nn	Number
PILINUS	Parents-in-law: Number currently in US		
		nn	Number
PILEVUS	Parents-in-law: Number ever been to US		
		nn	Number
FRINUS	Friends: Number currently in US		
		nn	Number
		9999	Unknown
FREVUS	Friends: Number ever been to US		
		nn	Number
		9999	Unknown
XSINUS	Ex-spouses: Number currently in US		
		nn	Number
XSEVUS	Ex-spouses: Number ever been to US		
		nn	Number

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
Last US visit: Social characteristics			
RELTRIP	Relations: Contacted Relatives?		
		1	Yes
		2	No
		9999	Unknown
PAISTRIP	Relations: Contacted home-community members?		
		1	Yes
		2	No
		9999	Unknown
SPORT	Relations: Participated in a sports organization		
		1	Yes
		2	No
		9999	Unknown
SOCIAL	Relations: Participated in a social organization		
		1	Yes
		2	No
		9999	Unknown
COETHNIC	Relations: With Coethnic		
		0	None
		1	Workplace only
		2	Friendship
		3	Very close
		4	Other
		9999	Unknown
BLACKS	Relations: With African Americans		
		0	None
		1	Workplace only
		2	Friendship
		3	Very close
		4	Other
		9999	Unknown
ASIANS	Relations: With Asians		
		0	None
		1	Workplace only
		2	Friendship
		3	Very close
		4	Other
		9999	Unknown
ANGLOS	Relations: With Anglos		
		0	None
		1	Workplace only
		2	Friendship
		3	Very close
		4	Other
		9999	Unknown
LATINOS	Relations: With Latinos		
		0	None
		1	Workplace only
		2	Friendship

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		3	Very close
		4	Other
		9999	Unknown
LODGING	Relations: Lodging from whom upon arrival		
		1	Fellow home-community member
		2	Friend
		3	Employer
		4	Relative
		6	Did not need it / no one
		7	Other
		9999	Unknown
ENGLISH	Relations: English proficiency		
		0	Neither speak nor understand
		1	Do not speak, but understand some
		2	Do not speak, but understand much
		3	Speak and understand some
		4	Speak and understand much
		9999	Unknown
ENGHOME	Relations: English use at home		
		1	None
		2	Sometimes
		3	Often
		4	Always
		9999	Unknown
ENGWORK	Relations: English use at work		
		1	None
		2	Sometimes
		3	Often
		4	Always
		8888	N/A (Didn't work during last trip)
		9999	Unknown
ENGFRND	Relations: English use among friends		
		1	None
		2	Sometimes
		3	Often
		4	Always
		9999	Unknown
ENGNEIG	Relations: English use in neighborhood		
		1	None
		2	Sometimes
		3	Often
		4	Always
		9999	Unknown
Last US visit: Employment characteristics (Head and Spouse)			
HOWJOB-HOWJOBS	Employment: How job was obtained		
		1	Searched by oneself
		2	Recommended by a relative
		3	Recommended by a friend
		4	Recommended by a fellow home-community member
		5	Recommended by a coyote

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		6	Contracted
		7	Paid a friend/fellow home-community member
		8	Through an employment agency
		9	"Pick-up" on street corner
		8888	N/A (no job last US visit)
		9999	Unknown
HRWAGE-HRWAGES	Employment: Hourly wage		
		nnn.dd	Hourly wage (dollars)
		8888	N/A (no job last US visit)
		9999	Unknown
HRWEEK-HRWEEKS	Employment: Usual hours worked per week		
		nnn	Number of hours
		8888	N/A (no job last US visit)
		9999	Unknown
MONSYR-MONSYRS	Employment: Usual months worked per year		
		nn	Number of months
		8888	N/A (no job last US visit)
		9999	Unknown
HOWPAID-HOWPAIDS	Employment: How wages paid		
		1	By check
		2	By cash
		8888	N/A (no job last US visit)
		9999	Unknown
SSTAX-SSTAXS	Employment: Social Security taxes withheld		
		1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (no job last US visit)
		9999	Unknown
FEDTX-FEDTXS	Employment: Federal taxes withheld		
		1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (no job last US visit)
		9999	Unknown
ROWNER-ROWNERS	Employment: Race of head's/spouse's employer		
		1	Anglo
		2	African-American
		3	Asian
		4	Chicano
		5	Costa Rican (Tico)
		6	Other Latino
		7	Other
		8	Company
		8888	N/A (no job last US visit)
		9999	Unknown
RSUPER-RSUPERS	Employment: Race of head's/spouse's supervisor		
		1	Anglo (or company)
		2	African-American
		3	Asian
		4	Chicano
		5	Costa Rican (Tico)

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		6	Other Latino
		7	Other
		8	Company
		8888	N/A (no job last US visit)
		9999	Unknown

Last US visit: Financial characteristics

FINHELP	Finances: Who provided financial help		
		1	Fellow home-community member
		2	Friend
		3	Employer
		4	Relative
		5	Bank
		6	No need
		7	Other
		9999	Unknown

BANKACCT	Finances: Opened bank account		
		1	Yes
		2	No
		9999	Unknown

CARD	Finances: Credit card		
		1	Yes
		2	No
		9999	Unknown

TAXES	Finances: Filed Tax return		
		1	Yes
		2	No
		9999	Unknown

RENT	Finances: Rent per month		
		nnn.dd	Amount (dollars)
		9999	Unknown

FOOD	Finances: Food budget per month		
		nnn.dd	Amount (dollars)
		9999	Unknown

REMIT	Finances: Average monthly remittances		
		nnn.dd	Amount (dollars)
		9999	Unknown

REMIT1-REMIT5	Finances: Purpose of remittance (1-5)		
		1	Food and maintenance
		2	Construction or repair of house
		3	Purchase of house or lot
		4	Purchase of vehicle
		5	Purchase of tools
		6	Purchase of livestock
		7	Purchase of agricultural inputs
		8	Purchase of consumer goods
		9	Start/expand a business
		10	Education expenses
		11	Health expenses
		12	Debt payment

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		13	Finance a special event
		14	Recreation/entertainment
		15	Savings
		16	Other
		8888	N/A (no remittance/no additional remittance)
		9999	Unknown
SAVINGS	Finances: Average monthly savings		
		nnn.dd	Amount (dollars)
		9999	Unknown
SAVRETRN	Finances: Savings brought to Costa Rica		
		nnn.dd	Amount (dollars)
		9999	Unknown
SAVINGS1-SAVINGS5	Finances: Purpose of savings (1-5)		
		1	Food and maintenance
		2	Construction or repair of house
		3	Purchase of house or lot
		4	Purchase of vehicle
		5	Purchase of tools
		6	Purchase of livestock
		7	Purchase of agricultural inputs
		8	Purchase of consumer goods
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		10	Education expenses
		11	Health expenses
		12	Debt payment
		13	Finance a special event
		14	Recreation/entertainment
		15	Savings
		16	Other
		8888	N/A (no savings/no additional savings)
		9999	Unknown
Last US Visit: Public Benefits and Assistance			
SCHOOLS	Benefits: Kids in public schools		
		1	Yes
		2	No
		9999	Unknown
UNEMP	Benefits: Received unemployment compensation		
		1	Yes
		2	No
		9999	Unknown
FOODST	Benefits: Received Food Stamps		
		1	Yes
		2	No
		9999	Unknown
WELFARE	Benefits: Received any welfare (all types)		
		1	Yes
		2	No
		9999	Unknown

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
AFDC	Benefits: Received AFDC benefits	1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (Did not receive any benefit)
		9999	Unknown
WIC	Benefits: Received WIC benefits	1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (Did not receive any benefit)
		9999	Unknown
SSI	Benefits: Received SSI benefits	1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (Did not receive any benefit)
		9999	Unknown
GENERAL	Benefits: Received general assistance	1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (Did not receive any benefit)
		9999	Unknown
DOCTOR	Health: Visited a doctor	1	Yes
		2	No
		9999	Unknown
HOSPITAL	Health: Visited a hospital	1	Yes
		2	No
		9999	Unknown
HLTHPMT1-HLTHPMT4	Health: Who paid health bill (1-4)	1	Employer
		2	Private insurance
		3	Medicaid (public insurance)
		4	Self
		5	Relatives
		6	No one
		7	Other
		8888	N/A (no health costs)
		9999	Unknown