

PERS 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)
PERSNUM	4.0	Person number (within household)
INFORM	4.0	Informant status
HHMEMSHP	4.0	Household membership
Sample-specific weight:		
WEIGHT	6.2	Weight
Background information:		
SEX	4.0	Sex
RELHEAD	4.0	Relationship to household head
SPCHILD	4.0	Spouse's child
CEB	4.0	Children ever born
CDEAD	4.0	Dead children
YRBORN	4.0	Year of birth
YRDEAD	4.0	Year of death
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
CRTPENS	4.0	Country that granted pension
U.S 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

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Variable	Format	Label
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
CITYRAPP	4.0	Citizenship: Year applied
CITYRREC	4.0	Citizenship: Year received

Domestic (country) Migration Experience:

DOYR1	4.0	First domestic mig: Year
DODUR1	4.0	First domestic mig: Duration (in months)
DOSTATE1	4.0	First domestic mig: State of residence
DOPLACE1	4.0	First domestic mig: City of residence
DOOCC1	4.0	First domestic mig: Occupation
DOYRL	4.0	Last domestic mig: Year
DODURL	4.0	Last domestic mig: Duration (in months)
DOSTATEL	4.0	Last domestic mig: State of residence
DOPLACEL	4.0	Last domestic mig: City of residence
DOOCCL	4.0	Last domestic mig: Occupation
DOWAGEL	8.2	Last domestic mig: Wage (colones)
DOWBYL	4.0	Last domestic mig: Frequency of wages
DOWAGELY	4.0	Last domestic mig: Wage year
DOCURTRP	4.0	Currently last domestic migration
DOTRIPS	4.0	Total number domestic migrations

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
<i>Identifier information:</i>			
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
PERSNUM	Person number (within household)		
		nn	Number of person
INFORM	Informant status		
		1	Person was an informant
		2	Person was not an informant
HHMEMSHP	Household membership		
		1	Person was member of OTHER household
		2	Person was member of SURVEY household
		8888	Deceased
		9999	Unknown
<i>Sample-specific weight:</i>			
WEIGHT	Weight		
		nnn.nn	Weight
<i>Background information:</i>			
SEX	Sex		
		1	Male
		2	Female
RELHEAD	Relationship to household head		
		1	Head
		2	Husband/wife

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		3	Son/daughter
		4	Father/mother
		5	Brother/sister
		6	Niece/nephew
		7	Uncle/aunt
		8	Cousin
		9	Grandfather/grandmother
		10	Grandson/granddaughter
		11	Stepson/stepdaughter
		12	Stepbrother/stepsister
		13	Stepmother/stepfather
		14	Son-in-law/daughter-in-law
		15	Brother-in-law/sister-in-law
		16	Father-in-law/mother-in-law
		17	Other blood relative
		18	Other relative by marriage
		19	Non-relative
		20	Adopted/foster child
		9999	Unknown
SPCHILD	Spouse's child		
		1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A
CEB	Children ever born		
		nnn	Number
		8888	N/A
CDEAD	Dead children		
		nnn	Number
		8888	N/A
YRBORN	Year of birth		
		yyyy	Year
		9999	Unknown
YRDEAD	Year of death		
		yyyy	Year
		8888	Person still alive
		9999	Unknown
AGE	Age		
		nnn	Age in years
		8888	Deceased
		9999	Unknown
STATEBRN	State of birth		
			(See Appendix C for State codes)
		9999	Unknown
PLACEBRN	Place of birth		
			(See Appendix B for Place codes)

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		9999	Unknown
MARSTAT	Marital status		
		1	Never married
		2	Married (civil or religious)
		3	Consensual union
		4	Widowed
		5	Divorced
		6	Separated
		8888	Deceased
		9999	Unknown
EDYRS	School years completed		
		nn	Years of education completed
		8888	Deceased
		9999	Unknown
OCC	Principal occupation		
			(See Appendix D for occupation codes)
		8888	Deceased
		9999	Unknown
WAGE	Wage for last formal job in Costa Rica (in colones)		
		nnn.nn	Amount
		0	Not employed for wages/No Income
		8888	N/A (Not Household head)
		9999	Unknown
BY	Wage unit		
		1	Hour
		2	Day
		3	Week
		4	Biweekly
		5	Month
		6	Year
		8888	N/A (Not Household head/Spouse)
		9999	Unknown
PENSION	Holds a Pension (head/spouse only)		
		1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A
		9999	Unknown
YRPENS	Year Pension Received		
		yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (Not Household head/Spouse)
		9999	Unknown
CTRPENS	Country that granted pension		
		199	United States
		211	Costa Rica
		8888	N/A (Not Household head/ Spouse)

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		9999	Unknown
US Migration Experience:			
USYR1-USYRL	First/last US mig: Year	yyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the US)
		9999	Unknown
USDUR1-USDURL	First/last US mig: Duration (in months)	nnn	Number of months
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the US)
		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
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the US)
		9999	Unknown
USSTATE1-USSTATEL	First/last US mig: State of residence		(See Appendix C for State codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the US)
		9999	Unknown
USPLACE1-USPLACEL	First/last US mig: City of residence		(See Appendix B for Place codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the US)
		9999	Unknown
USMAR1-USMARL	First/last US mig: Married	1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the US)
		9999	Unknown
USOCC1-USOCCL	First/last US mig: Occupation		(See Appendix D for occupation codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the US)
		9999	Unknown
USWAGE1-USWAGEL	First/last US mig: Wage (dollars)	nnn.dd	Amount
		8888	N/A (never migrated/not employed for wages)
		9999	Unknown

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
USWB1-USWB1L	First/last US mig: Frequency of wages	1	Hour
		2	Day
		3	Week
		4	Biweekly
		5	Month
		6	Year
		8888	N/A (never migrated/not employed for wages)
	9999	Unknown	
USCURTRP	Currently on last US migration	1	Yes (still in the U.S. / has not returned)
		2	No (has returned)
		8888	N/A (never migrated to U.S.)
		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)
		9999	Unknown

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
CITYRREC	Citizenship: Year received	yyyy	Year citizenship papers received
		8888	N/A (never citizenship)
		9999	Unknown
Domestic (Country) Migration Experience:			
DOYR1-DOYRL	First/last domestic mig: Year	yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally)
		9999	Unknown
DODUR1-DODURL	First/last domestic mig: Duration (in months)	nnn	Number of months
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally)
		9999	Unknown
DOSTATE1-DOSTATEL	First/last domestic mig: State of residence		(See Appendix C for State codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally)
		9999	Unknown
DOPLACE1-DOPLACEL	First/last domestic mig: City of residence		(See Appendix B for Place codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally)
		9999	Unknown
DOOCC1-DOOCCL	First/last domestic mig: Occupation		(See Appendix D for Occupation codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally)
		9999	Unknown
DOWAGEL	Last domestic mig: Wage (colones)	nnn.dd	Amount
		8888	N/A (never migrated/not employed for wages)
		9999	Unknown
DOWBYL	Last domestic 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
DOWAGELY	Last domestic mig: Wage year	yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (not employed for wages)
		9999	Unknown

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
DOCURTRP	Currently on last domestic migration	1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (never a migrant)
		9999	Unknown
DOTRIPS	Total number domestic migrations	nnn	Number of visits
		9999	Unknown