

LIFE File Codebook

Latin American Migration Project (LAMP) Dominican Republic

LIFE 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 (time-constant):		
SEX	4.0	Sex
YRBORN	4.0	Year of birth
PLACEBRN	4.0	Place of birth
STATEBRN	4.0	State of birth
OCC	4.0	Principal occupation
U.S. migration experience (time-constant):		
USYR1	4.0	First U.S. mig: Year
USMAR1	4.0	First U.S. mig: Married
USDUR1	4.0	First U.S. mig: Duration (in months)
USDOC1	4.0	First U.S. mig: Documentation used
USPLACE1	4.0	First U.S. mig: City of residence
USSTATE1	4.0	First U.S. mig: State of residence
USOCC1	4.0	First U.S. mig: Occupation
USWAGE1	8.2	First U.S. mig: Daily wage (dollars)
USWBY1	4.0	First U.S. mig: Frequency of wages
USYRL	4.0	Last U.S. mig: Year
USMARL	4.0	Last U.S. mig: Married
USDURL	4.0	Last U.S. mig: Duration (in months)
USDOCL	4.0	Last U.S. mig: Documentation used
USPLACEL	4.0	Last U.S. mig: City of residence
USSTATEL	4.0	Last U.S. mig: State of residence
USOCCL	4.0	Last U.S. mig: Occupation
USWAGEL	8.2	Last U.S. mig: Daily wage (dollars)
USWBYL	4.0	Last U.S. 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
HOWJOB	4.0	Last U.S. visit: How job was obtained
HRWAGE	8.2	Last U.S. visit: Hourly wage
HRWEEK	4.0	Last U.S. visit: Hours worked per week
MONSYR	4.0	Last U.S. visit: Months worked per year

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Variable	Format	Label
HOW PAID	4.0	Last U.S. visit: How wages paid
SSTAX	4.0	Last U.S. visit: Soc. Sec. taxes withheld
FEDTX	4.0	Last U.S. visit: Fed taxes withheld
ROWNER	4.0	Last U.S. visit: Race of employer
RSUPER	4.0	Last U.S. visit: Race of supervisor
LEGYRREC	4.0	Legalization: Year received
LEGSPON	4.0	Legalization: Sponsor
Internal (Dominican) migration experience (time-constant):		
DOYR1	4.0	First Domestic migration: Year
DODUR1	4.0	First Domestic migration: Duration (in months)
DOPLACE1	4.0	First Domestic migration: City of residence
DOSTATE1	4.0	First Domestic migration: State of residence
DOOCC1	4.0	First Domestic migration: Occupation
DOYRL	4.0	Last Domestic migration: Year
DODURL	4.0	Last Domestic migration: Duration (in months)
DOPLACEL	4.0	Last Domestic migration: City of residence
DOSTATEL	4.0	Last Domestic migration: State of residence
DOOCCL	4.0	Last Domestic migration: Occupation
DOWAGEL	8.2	Last Domestic migration: Daily wage (pesos)
DOWBYL	4.0	Last Domestic migration: Frequency of wages
DOCURTRP	4.0	Currently last Domestic migration?
DOTRIPS	4.0	Total number domestic migrations
Person-year information (time-specific):		
YEAR	4.0	Year
LIFEYR	4.0	Year in life history
AGE	4.0	Age
EDUC	4.0	Educational attainment
Labor force information (time-specific):		
OCCUP	4.0	Occupation
JCHANGE	4.0	Job change
JOBNUM	4.0	Job number
JOBDUR	4.0	Duration (months) in job in person-years
JDURTOT	4.0	Total duration (months) in current job
JOBPLACE	4.0	City/place of job
JOBSTATE	4.0	State of job
SOCSEC	4.0	Social security contributions in person-years
Migration/duration information (time-specific):		
INUS	4.0	In U.S.
TRIP	4.0	New trip
TRIPNUM	4.0	Estimated trip number
TRIPDUR	4.0	Total duration (months) of trip
USDOC	4.0	US documentation
GREEN	4.0	Green card?
CITIZEN	4.0	US citizen?
USDUR	4.0	Months spent in U.S. (during person-years)
USCUMEXP	4.0	Cumulative U.S. experience (months)

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Variable	Format	Label
<i>Union (marital) information (time-specific):</i>		
CUNION	1.0	In a consensual union during person-years
FLAGCUN	1.0	FLAG variable for CUNION
MARRIED	1.0	Married during person-years
FLAGMAR	1.0	FLAG variable for MARRIED
<i>Family composition (time-specific, except for CEB):</i>		
CEB	2.0	Children: Total ever born (constant)
CEBSOFAR	2.0	Children: Total born prior to or during person-year
MINORS	2.0	Children: Total under 18 yrs
CHILDRN	2.0	Children: Total living
CHILDBRN	2.0	Children: Total born in person-years
CHILDEAD	2.0	Children: Total dead in person-years
<i>U.S. migration experience among family of origin (time-specific):</i>		
FAUSMIG	1.0	Father: Any US migration experience prior to/ during person year
FLAGFAUS	1.0	FLAG variable for FAUSMIG
MOUSMIG	1.0	Mother: Any US migration experience prior to/ during person year
FLAGMOUS	1.0	FLAG variable for MOUSMIG
BROUSMIG	2.0	Brothers: Number with U.S. migration experience prior to or during person year
FLAGBRUS	1.0	FLAG variable for BROUSMIG
SISUSMIG	2.0	Sisters: Number with U.S. migration experience prior to or during person year
FLAGSIUS	1.0	FLAG variable for SISUSMIG
<i>Property and Business holdings (time-specific):</i>		
LAND	1.0	Number of land parcels owned in person-year
FLAGLAND	1.0	FLAG variable for LAND
HECTARES	6.1	Number of hectares owned in person-year
FLAGHECT	1.0	FLAG variable for HECTARES
PROPERTY	1.0	Number of properties owned in person-year
FLAGPROP	1.0	FLAG variable for PROPERTY
BUSINESS	1.0	Number of businesses owned in person-year
FLAGBUS	1.0	FLAG variable for BUSINESS

LIFE data file: Variable codes

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	Haiti
COMMUN	Community number		(See Appendix A for codes and descriptions)
SURVEYPL	Place of survey	1	Home country
		2	U.S. community
SURVEYYR	Year of survey		(See Appendix A for survey periods)
		yyyy	Year
HHNUM	Household number (within community)	nnnn	Number of household
<i>Sample-specific weight:</i>			
WEIGHT	Weight	nnn.nn	Weight
<i>Background information (time-constant):</i>			
SEX	Sex	1	Male
		2	Female
		9999	Unknown
YRBORN	Year of birth	yyyy	Year
		9999	Unknown
PLACEBRN	Place of birth		(See Appendix B for Place codes)
		9999	Unknown
STATEBRN	State of birth		(See Appendix C for State codes)
		9999	Unknown
OCC	Principal occupation		(See Appendix D for Occupation codes)
		9999	Unknown

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
U.S. migration experience (time-constant):			
USYR1-USYRL	First/last U.S. mig: Year		
		yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the U.S.)
		9999	Unknown
USMAR1-USMARL	First/last U.S. mig: Married		
		yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the U.S.)
		9999	Unknown
USDUR1-USDURL	First/last U.S. mig: Duration (in months)		
		nnn	Number of months
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the U.S.)
		9999	Unknown
USDOC1-USDOCL	First/last U.S. mig: Documentation used		
		1	Legal resident
		3	Contract - H2 visa or similar
		4	Tourist
		5	Citizen
		7	Undocumented (includes false documents)
		8	Refugee/asylee
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the U.S.)
		9999	Unknown
USPLACE1-USPLACEL	First/last U.S. mig: State of residence		
			(See Appendix B for Place codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the U.S.)
		9999	Unknown
USSTATE1-USSTATEL	First/last U.S. mig: State of residence		
			(See Appendix C for State codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the U.S.)
		9999	Unknown
USOCC1-USOCCL	First/last U.S. mig: Occupation		
			(See Appendix D for Occupation codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the U.S.)
		9999	Unknown
USWAGE1-USWAGEL	First/last U.S. mig: Daily wage (dollars)		
		nnn.dd	Amount
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the U.S.)
		9999	Unknown
USWB1-USWB1L	First/last U.S. mig: Frequency of wages		
		1	Hour
		2	Day
		3	Week
		4	Bi-weekly
		5	Month
		6	Year
		8888	N/A (never migrated/not employed for a wage in the US)
		9999	Unknown

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
USCURTRP	Currently on last migration?	0	No
		1	Yes
USTRIPS	Total number of US migrations	nnn	Number of times
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the U.S.)
		9999	Unknown
USEXP	Total months of US experience	nnn	Months
		9999	Unknown
HOWJOB	Last U.S. visit: 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
		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 U.S. visit)
HRWAGE	Last U.S. visit: Hourly wage	nnn.dd	Hourly wage (dollars)
		8888	N/A (no job last U.S. visit)
		9999	Unknown
HRWEEK	Last U.S. visit: Hours worked per week	nnn	Number of hours
		8888	N/A (no job last U.S. visit)
		9999	Unknown
MONSYR	Last U.S. visit: Months worked per year	nn	Number of months
		8888	N/A (no job last U.S. visit)
		9999	Unknown
HOWPAID	Last U.S. visit: How wages paid	1	By check
		2	By cash
		8888	N/A (no job last U.S. visit)
		9999	Unknown
SSTAX	Last U.S. visit: Soc. Sec. taxes withheld	1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (no job last U.S. visit)
		9999	Unknown

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
FEDTX	Last U.S. visit: Fed taxes withheld	1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (no job last U.S. visit)
		9999	Unknown
ROWNER	Last U.S. visit: Race of employer	1	Anglo, European, or a company
		2	African-American
		3	Asian
		4	Dominican
		5	Puerto Rican
		6	Other Latino
		7	Other
		8888	N/A (no job last U.S. mig:)
		9999	Unknown
RSUPER	Last U.S. visit: Race of supervisor	1	Anglo, European, or a company
		2	African-American
		3	Asian
		4	Dominican
		5	Puerto Rican
		6	Other Latino
		7	Other
		8888	N/A (no job last U.S. mig:)
		9999	Unknown
LEGYRREC	Legalization: Year received	yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never received legalization)
		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		
Domestic (Dominican) migration experience (time-constant):			
DOYR1-DOYRL	First/last Domestic migration: Year	yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally)
		9999	Unknown
DODUR1-DODURL	First/last Domestic migration: Duration (in months)	nnn	Number of months
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally)
		9999	Unknown

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
DOPLACE1-DOPLACEL	First/last Domestic migration: City of residence		(See Appendix B for Place codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally)
		9999	Unknown
DOSTATE1-DOSTATEL	First/last Domestic migration: State of residence		(See Appendix C for State codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally)
		9999	Unknown
DOOCC1-DOOCCL	First/last Domestic migration: Occupation		(See Appendix D for Occupation codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally)
		9999	Unknown
DOWAGEL	Last Domestic migration: Daily wage (in pesos)	nnn.dd	Amount
		8888	N/A (never migrated/not employed for wages)
		9999	Unknown
DOWBYL	Last Domestic migration: Frequency of wage	1	Hour
		2	Day
		3	Week
		4	Bi-weekly
		5	Month
		6	Year
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally/not employed for a wage)
DOCURTRP	Currently last domestic migration?	0	No
		1	Yes
DOTRIPS	Total number domestic migrations	nnn	Number
		9999	Unknown
<i>Person-year information (time-specific):</i>			
YEAR	Year	yyyy	Year
LIFEYR	Year in life history	1	First person-year
		2	Intervening person-years
		3	Last person-year
AGE	Age	nn	Age
EDUC	Educational attainment	nn	Number of years completed
		9999	Unknown

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
<i>Labor force information (time-specific):</i>			
OCCUP	Occupation		(See Appendix D for Occupation codes)
		0	Prior to labor force entry
		9999	Unknown
JCHANGE	Job change	0	No job change during Person-years
		1	Job change during Person-years
JOBNUM	Job number	nn	(Estimated) Job number
JOB DUR	Duration (months) in job in person-years	nn	Number of months
JDURTOT	Total duration (months) in current job	nnn	Number of months
JOBPLACE	City/place of job		(See Appendix B for Place codes)
JOBSTATE	State of job		(See Appendix C for State codes)
SOCSEC	Social security contributions in person-years	0	No (includes those not in the labor force)
		1	Yes
		9999	Unknown
<i>Migration/duration information (time-specific):</i>			
INUS	In U.S.	0	No
		1	Yes
TRIP	New trip	0	No
		1	Yes
TRIPNUM	Estimated trip number	nn	Number
TRIPDUR	Total duration (months) of trip	nnn	Number of months
USDOC	US documentation	0	N/A (Not in the U.S. during person-year)
		1	Legal resident
		2	Contract - Bracero
		3	Contract - H2
		4	Tourist/Border-crossing card
		5	Citizen
		6	Silva Letter
7	Undocumented (includes false documents)		

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		8	Refugee/asylee
		9999	Unknown
GREEN	Green card?		
		0	No
		1	Yes
		9999	Unknown
CITIZEN	US citizen?		
		0	No
		1	Yes
		9999	Unknown
USDUR	Months spent in U.S. (during person-years)		
		nn	Number of months
USCUMEXP	Cumulative U.S. experience (months)		
		nnn	Number of months
<i>Union (marital) information (time-specific) (1-4):</i>			
CUNION (see Note 1)	In Consensual Union During Person-Year		
		0	Not in consensual union in Person-years
		1	In consensual union in Person-years
FLAGCUN (see Note 2)	FLAG variable for CUNION		
		0	All consensual unions could be located in time
		1	At least one consensual union could not be located in time
MARRIED (see Note 1)	Married During Person-Year		
		0	Not married in Person-years
		1	Married in Person-years
FLAGMAR (see Note 2)	FLAG variable for MARRIED		
		0	All marriages could be located in time
		1	At least one marriage could not be located in time
<i>Family composition (time-specific, except for CEB)</i>			
CEB	Children: Total ever born (constant) as of survey year		
		nn	Number of children
CEBSOFAR (see Note 3)	Children: Total born prior to or during person-year		
		nn	Number of children
MINORS (see Note 3)	Children: Total under 18 yrs		
		nn	Number under 18 as of Person-years
CHILDREN (see Note 3)	Children: Total living		
		nn	Number living as of person-years
CHILDBRN (see Note 3)	Children: Total born in person-years		
		nn	Number born during person-years
CHILDEAD (see Note 3)	Children: Total dead in person-years		
		nn	Number born during in person-years

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
<i>U.S. migration experience among family of origin (time-specific):</i>			
FAUSMIG (see Note 1)	Father: Any U.S. Migration experience prior to or during person-years	0 1 9999	No Yes Unknown
FLAGFAUS (see Note 2)	FLAG variable for FAUSMIG	0 1	Father's migration experience (if any) could be located in time Father is a migrant, but his migration experience could not be located in time
MOUSMIG (see Note 1)	Mother: Any U.S. Migration experience prior to or during person-years	0 1 9999	No Yes Unknown
FLAGMOUS (see Note 2)	FLAG variable for MOUSMIG	0 1	Mother's migration experience (if any) could be located in time Mother is a migrant, but his migration experience could not be located in time
BROUSMIG (see Note 1)	Brother: Any U.S. Migration experience prior to or during person-years	0 1 9999	No Yes Unknown
FLAGBRUS (see Note 2)	FLAG variable for BROUSMIG	0 1	Brother's migration experience (if any) could be located in time Brother is a migrant, but his migration experience could not be located in time
SISUSMIG (see Note 1)	Sister: Any U.S. Migration experience prior to or during person-years	0 1	No Yes
FLAGSIUS (see Note 2)	FLAG variable for SISUSMIG	0 1	Sister's migration experience (if any) could be located in time Sister is a migrant, but his migration experience could not be located in time
<i>Current land holdings (time-specific) (1-4):</i>			
LAND (see Note 1)	Number of land parcels owned in person-years	nn	Number of Land Parcels
FLAGLAND (see Note 2)	FLAG variable for LAND	0 1	All lands' ownership (if any) could be located in time At least one land could not be located in time
HECTARES (see Note 1)	Number of hectares owned in person-years	nnnn.n	Number of Hectares
FLAGHECT (see Note 2)	FLAG variable for HECTARES	0 1	All hectares' ownership (if any) could be located in time At least one hectare could not be located in time

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
<i>Property and Business holdings</i>			
PROPERTY (see Note 1)	Number of properties owned in person-years	nn	Number of Properties
FLAGPROP (see Note 2)	FLAG variable for PROPERTY	0	All properties' ownership (if any) could be located in time
		1	At least one property could not be located in time
BUSINESS (see Note 1)	Number of businesses owned in person-years	nn	Number of Businesses
FLAGBUS (see Note 2)	FLAG variable for BUSINESS	0	All bussineses' ownership (if any) could be located in time
		1	At least one business could not be located in time

NOTE 1

Variables CUNION, MARRIED, MOUSMIG, FAUSMIG, SISUSMIG, BROUSMIG, LAND, HECTARES, PROPERTY and BUSINESS were computed from information provided in HOUSE file on union history of the household head, migratory experience of the household head's family of origin, and history of property and business holdings. For each of these, HOUSE file provides event years (e.g., property acquisition year, year of marriage dissolution, etc.)

In order to compute the variables mentioned above, we ignored those unions, marriages, migration experience of siblings, land parcels, hectares owned, properties and businesses that could not be located in time. In other words, the variables presented in LIFE file were built under the following simplifying assumptions:

- (a) unions and marriages which began or ended in unknown years never happened,
- (b) siblings who migrated to the U.S. in an unspecified year were never in the U.S.,
- (c) land, properties or businesses acquired or sold in unspecified years never existed.
- (d) land parcels of unspecified dimensions had zero hectares (provided that years of acquisition and sale were available, these parcels were used in the computation of the LAND variable but ignored in the computation of the HECTARES variable.)

NOTE 2

For each of the following variables we provide a corresponding dichotomous FLAG variable, which is not time-varying:

- CUNION: flag variable FLAGCUN
- MARRIED: flag variable FLAGMAR
- FAUSMIG: flag variable FLAGFAUS
- MOUSMIG: flag variable FLAGMOUS
- BROUSMIG: flag variable FLAGBRUS
- SISUSMIG: flag variable FLAGSIUS
- LAND: flag variable FLAGLAND
- HECTARES: flag variable FLAGHECT
- PROPERTY: flag variable FLAGPROP
- BUSINESS: flag variable FLAGBUS

As it can be seen in the codebook, a value of 1 in the FLAG variable indicates that the event in question did occur, but it is not possible to reliably locate it in time. For example, consider a household head who has been married only once, but for whom the year this marriage started or ended is unknown. In such a case, the value of MARRIED will be zero throughout her/his life history, but the value of FLAGMAR will be one to indicate that the event (marriage) did occur, but an unspecified time. The same logic can be applied to the other dichotomous variables listed above: CUNION, FAUSMIG and MOUSMIG.

In the case of the non-dichotomous variables BROUSMIG, SISUSMIG, LAND, PROPERTY and BUSINESS, their FLAG variables indicate that at least one event could not be located in time. For example, a value of 3 in BROUSMIG coupled with a value of 1 for FLAGBRUS indicates that it is certain that, as of or during the person-year, three brothers of the household head have been to the United States. However, there is at least one more brother who has been to the United States at an unspecified time, which could have been before that person-year.

Finally, a value of one in FLAGHECT indicates that, either: a) there is at least one plot of land that was acquired or sold at an unspecified time, or b) there is at least one plot of land of unspecified hectares.

NOTE 3

In the construction of the following variables, children born or dead in unknown years were omitted: CEBsofar, MINORS, CHILDREN, CHILDBRN, CHILDEAD. All children ever born are included in variable CEB, which can be used to measure the extent of this omission.