

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):		
USBORN	4.0	Born in the U.S.
USYR1	4.0	First U.S. visit: Year
USMAR1	4.0	First U.S. visit: Married
USDUR1	4.0	First U.S. visit: Duration (in months)
USDOC1	4.0	First U.S. visit: Documentation used
USPLACE1	4.0	First U.S. visit: City of residence
USSTATE1	4.0	First U.S. visit: State of residence
USOCC1	4.0	First U.S. visit: Occupation
USWAGE1	8.2	First U.S. visit: Wage (dollars)
USBY1	4.0	First U.S. visit: Wage Unit
USYRL	4.0	Last U.S. visit: Year
USMARL	4.0	Last U.S. visit: Married
USDURL	4.0	Last U.S. visit: Duration (in months)
USDOCL	4.0	Last U.S. visit: Documentation used
USPLACEL	4.0	Last U.S. visit: City of residence
USSTATEL	4.0	Last U.S. visit: State of residence
USOCCL	4.0	Last U.S. visit: Occupation
USWAGEL	8.2	Last U.S. visit: Wage (dollars)
USBYL	4.0	Last U.S. visit: Wage Unit
USCURTRP	4.0	Currently on last visit?
USTRIPS	4.0	Total number of US visits
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

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HRWEEK	4.0	Last U.S. visit: Hours worked per week
MONSYR	4.0	Last U.S. visit: Months worked per year
HOWPAID	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
LEGYRAPP	4.0	Legalization: Year applied
LEGYRREC	4.0	Legalization: Year received
LEGSPON	4.0	Legalization: Sponsor
CTIYRAPP	4.0	Citizenship: Year applied
CITYRREC	4.0	Citizenship: Year received

Domestic migration experience (time-constant):

DOYR1	4.0	First Domestic visit: Year
DODUR1	4.0	First Domestic visit: Duration (in months)
DOPLACE1	4.0	First Domestic visit: City of residence
DOSTATE1	4.0	First Domestic visit: State of residence
DOOCC1	4.0	First Domestic visit: Occupation
DOYRL	4.0	Last Domestic visit: Year
DODURL	4.0	Last Domestic visit: Duration (in months)
DOPLACEL	4.0	Last Domestic visit: City of residence
DOSTATEL	4.0	Last Domestic visit: State of residence
DOOCCL	4.0	Last Domestic visit: Occupation
DOWAGEL	8.2	Last Domestic visit: Wage (quetzales)
DOBYL	4.0	Last Domestic visit: Wage Unit
DOWAGELY	4.0	Last Domestic visit: Wage Year
DOCURTRP	4.0	Currently on last domestic visit?
DOTRIPS	4.0	Total number Domestic visits

Mexico Migration Experience (time-constant):

MXYR1	4.0	First MX mig: Year
MXMAR1	4.0	First MX mig: Married?
MXDUR1	4.0	First MX mig: Duration (in months)
MXSTUD1	4.0	First MX mig: Studied?
MXSTATE1	4.0	First MX mig: State of residence
MXPLACE1	4.0	First MX mig: City of residence
MXOCC1	4.0	First MX mig: Occupation
MXWAGE1	8.2	First MX mig: Wage (pesos)
MXBY1	4.0	First MX mig: Frequency of wages
MXWAGE1Y	4.0	First MX mig: Wage year
MXYRL	4.0	Last MX mig: Year

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Variable	Format	Label
MXMARL	4.0	Last MX mig: Married?
MXDURL	4.0	Last MX mig: Duration (in months)
MXSTUDL	4.0	Last MX mig: Studied?
MXSTATEL	4.0	Last MX mig: State of residence
MXPLACEL	4.0	Last MX mig: City of residence
MXOCCL	4.0	Last MX mig: Occupation
MXWAGEL	8.2	Last MX mig: Wage (pesos)
MXBYL	4.0	Last MX mig: Frequency of wages
MXWAGELY	4.0	Last MX mig: Wage year
MXCURTRP	4.0	Currently last MX migration
MXTRIPS	4.0	Total number MX 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 PY
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	Job offers Social Security or a pension

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	U.S. Citizen?
USDUR	4.0	Months spent in U.S.
USCUMEXP	4.0	Cumulative U.S. experience (months)

Union (marital) information (time-specific):

CUNION	1.0	In a consensual union during person-year
FLAGCUN	1.0	FLAG variable for CUNION
MARRIED	1.0	Married during person-year
FLAGMAR	1.0	FLAG variable for MARRIED

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Family composition (time-specific, except for CEB):		
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
CHILDREN	2.0	Children: Total living
CHILDBRN	2.0	Children: Total born in person-year
CHILDEAD	2.0	Children: Total dead in person-year
U.S. migration experience among family of origin (time-specific):		
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
Property and Business holdings (time-specific):		
LAND	1.0	Number of land parcels owned in person-year
FLAGLAND	1.0	FLAG variable for LAND
AREA	6.1	Land area owned in person-year
FLAGAREA	1.0	FLAG variable for MANZANAS
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

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<i>Identifier information:</i>			
COUNTRY	Country of focus	8	Guatemala
COMMUN	Community number		(See Appendix A for codes and descriptions)
SURVEYPL	Place of survey	1	Home country
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 2	Male Female
YRBORN	Year of birth	yyyy	Year
PLACEBRN	Place of birth	9999	(See Appendix B for Place codes) Unknown
STATEBRN	State of birth		(See Appendix C for State codes)
OCC	Principal occupation	9999	(See Appendix D for Occupation codes) Unknown
<i>U.S. migration experience (time-constant):</i>			
USBORN	Born in the U.S.	1	Yes

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		2	No
USYR1-USYRL	First/last U.S. visit: Year		
		yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the U.S.)
		9999	Unknown
USMAR1-USMARL	First/last US visit: Married		
		1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (Single / never migrated to the U.S.)
USDUR1-USDURL	First/last U.S. visit: Duration (in months)		
		nnn	Number of months
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the U.S.)
USDOC1-USDOCL	First/last U.S. visit: 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
		9	Refugee/asylee
		10	False documents
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the U.S.)
		9999	Unknown
USPLACE1-USPLACEL	First/last U.S. visit: City 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. visit: State of residence		
			(See Appendix C for State codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the U.S.)
USOCC1-USOCCCL	First/last U.S. visit: Occupation		
			(See Appendix D for Occupation codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the U.S.)
		9999	Unknown
USWAGE1-USWAGEL	First/last U.S. visit: Wage (dollars)		
		nnn.dd	Amount
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the U.S. / not employed for wages)
		9999	Unknown

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
USBY1-USBYL	First/last U.S. visit: Wage Unit	1	Hour
		2	Day
		3	Week
		4	Biweekly
		5	Month
		6	Year
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the U.S. / not employed for wages)
USCURTRP	Currently on last visit?	1	Yes (Has not returned)
		2	No (Has returned)
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the U.S.)
USTRIPS	Total number of U.S. visits	nn	Number
USEXP	Total months of U.S. experience	nn	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 (Never migrated to the U.S. / no job last U.S. visit)
HRWAGE	Last U.S. visit: Hourly wage	nnn.dd	Hourly wage (dollars)
		8888	N/A (Never migrated to the U.S. / no job last U.S. visit)
		9999	Unknown
HRWEEK	Last U.S. visit: Hours worked per week	nnn	Number of hours
		8888	N/A (Never migrated to the U.S. / no job last U.S. visit)
		9999	Unknown
MONSYR	Last U.S. visit: Months worked per year	nn	Number of months
		8888	N/A (Never migrated to the U.S. / no job last U.S. visit)

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		9999	Unknown
HOWPAID	Last U.S. visit: How wages paid		
		1	By check
		2	By cash
		8888	N/A (Never migrated to the U.S. / no job last U.S. visit)
		9999	Unknown
SSTAX	Last U.S. visit: Soc. Sec. taxes withheld		
		1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (Never migrated to the U.S. / no job last U.S. visit)
		9999	Unknown
FEDTX	Last U.S. visit: Fed taxes withheld		
		1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (Never migrated to the U.S. / no job last U.S. visit)
		9999	Unknown
ROWNER	Last U.S. visit: Race of employer		
		1	Anglo-European
		2	African-American
		3	Asian
		4	Chicano
		5	Guatemalan
		6	Other Latino
		7	Other
		8	Company
		8888	N/A (no job last U.S. visit)
		9999	Unknown
RSUPER	Last U.S. visit: Race of supervisor		
		1	Anglo-European
		2	African-American
		3	Asian
		4	Chicano
		5	Guatemalan
		6	Other Latino
		7	Other
		8	Company
		8888	N/A (no job last U.S. visit)
		9999	Unknown
LEGYRAPP	Legalization: Year applied		
		yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never applied for legalization)
		9999	Unknown

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
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		
CITYRAPP	Citizenship: Year applied	yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never received citizenship)
		9999	Unknown
CITYRREC	Citizenship: Year received	yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never received citizenship)
		9999	Unknown
<i>Internal (Domestic) migration experience (time-constant):</i>			
DOYR1-DOYRL	First/last Domestic visit: Year	yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally)
		9999	Unknown
DODUR1-DODURL	First/last Domestic visit: Duration (in months)	nnn	Number of months
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally)
DOPLACE1-DOPLACEL	First/last Domestic visit: City of residence		(See Appendix B for Place codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally)
		9999	Unknown
DOSTATE1-DOSTATEL	First/last Domestic visit: State of residence		(See Appendix C for State codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally)

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
DOOCCL1-DOOCCLL	First/last Domestic visit: Occupation		
			(See Appendix D for Occupation codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally)
		9999	Unknown
DOWAGEL	Last Domestic visit: Wage (quetzales)		
		nnn.dd	Amount
		8888	N/A (never migrated/not employed for wages)
		9999	Unknown
DOBYL	Last Domestic visit: Frequency of wages		
		1	Hour
		2	Day
		3	Week
		4	Biweekly
		5	Month
		6	Year
		7	By selling volume
	8888	N/A (never a migrant / not employed for wages)	
	9999	Unknown	
DOWAGELY	Last Domestic visit: Wage Year		
		yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never a migrant / not employed for wages)
		9999	Unknown
DOCURTRP	Currently on last domestic visit?		
		1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (never a migrant / not employed for wages)
DOTRIPS	Total number domestic visits		
		nnn	Number
Mexico Migration Experience (time-constant):			
MXYR1-MXYRL	First/last MX mig: Year		
		yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never migrated to Mexico)
MXDUR1-MXDURL	First/last MX mig: Duration (in months)		
		nnn	Number of months
		8888	N/A (never migrated to Mexico)
MXSTUD1-MXSTUDL	First/last MX mig: Studied?		
		1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (never migrated to Mexico)

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
MXPLACE1-MXPLACEL	First/last MX mig: City of residence		(See Appendix B for State codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated to Mexico)
		9999	Unknown
MXSTATE1-MXSTATEL	First/last MX mig: State of residence		(See Appendix C for Place codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated to Mexico)
MXMAR1-MXMARL	First/last MX mig: Married?	1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (never migrated to Mexico)
MXOCC1-MXOCCL	First/last MX mig: Occupation		(See Appendix D for occupation codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated to Mexico)
MXWAGE1-MXWAGEL	First/last MX mig: Wage (pesos)	nnn.dd	Amount
		8888	N/A (never migrated/not employed for wages)
		9999	Unknown
MXBY1-MXBYL	First/last MX 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		
MXWAGE1Y-MXWAGELY	First/Last MX visit: Wage year	yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never migrated to Mexico)
		9999	Unknown
MXCURTRP	Currently on last MX migration	1	Yes (has not returned)
		2	No (has returned)
		8888	N/A (never migrated to Mexico)
MXTRIPS	Total number of MX migrations	nnn	Number of visits made to Mexico

Person-year information (time-specific):

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
YEAR	Year	yyyy	Year
LIFEYR	Year in life history	1 2 3	First person-year Intervening person-years Last person-year
AGE	Age	nn	Age
EDUC	Educational attainment	nn 9999	Number of years completed Unknown
<i>Labor force information (time-specific):</i>			
OCCUP	Occupation	0 9999	(See Appendix D for Occupation codes) Prior to labor force entry Unknown
JCHANGE	Job change	0 1	No job change during PY Job change during PY
JOBNUM	Job number	nn	(Estimated) Job number
JOBDUR	Duration (months) in job in PY	nn 9999	Number of months Unknown
JDURTOT	Total duration (months) in current job	nnn 9999	Number of months Unknown
JOBPLACE	City/place of job	0 9999	(See Appendix B for Place codes) Prior to labor force entry Unknown
JOBSTATE	State of job	0 9999	(See Appendix C for State codes) Prior to labor force entry Unknown

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
SOCSEC	Job offers Social Security or a pension	0	No
		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 U.S. during person-year)
		1	Legal resident
		2	Contract - Bracero
		3	Contract - H2A (agricultural)
		4	Temporary: Worker
		5	Temporary: Tourist/visitor
		6	Citizen
		7	Silva Letter
		8	Undocumented
		9	Refugee/asylee
		10	False documents
		9999	Unknown
GREEN	Green card?	0	No
		1	Yes
		9999	Unknown
CITIZEN	U.S. Citizen?	0	No
		1	Yes
		9999	Unknown
USDUR	Months spent in U.S.	nn	Number of months

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USCUMEXP	Cumulative U.S. experience (months)	nnn	Number of months

Union (marital) information (time-specific) (1-4):

CUNION (see Note 1)	In Consensual Union During Person-Year	0	Not in consensual union in Person-year
		1	In consensual union in Person-year
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-year
		1	Married in Person-year
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

Family composition (time-specific, except for CEB)

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-year
CHILDREN (see Note 3)	Children: Total living	nn	Number living as of person-year
CHILDBRN (see Note 3)	Children: Total born in person-year	nn	Number born during person-year
CHILDEAD (see Note 3)	Children: Total dead in person-year	nn	Number dead during in person-year

U.S. migration experience among family of origin (time-specific):

FAUSMIG (see Note 1)	Father: Any U.S. Migration experience prior to or during person-year	0	No
		1	Yes

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
FLAGFAUS (see Note 2)	FLAG variable for FAUSMIG		
		0	Father's migration experience (if any) could be located in time
		1	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-year		
		0	No
		1	Yes
FLAGMOUS (see Note 2)	FLAG variable for MOUSMIG		
		0	Mother's migration experience (if any) could be located in time
		1	Mother is a migrant, but his migration experience could not be located in time
BROUSMIG (see Note 1)	Brother: Number of brothers with U.S. migration experience prior to or during person-year		
		nn	Number of brothers
FLAGBRUS (see Note 2)	FLAG variable for BROUSMIG		
		0	Brother's migration experience (if any) could be located in time
		1	Brother is a migrant, but his migration experience could not be located in time
SISUSMIG (see Note 1)	Sister: Number of sisters with U.S. Migration experience prior to or during person-year		
		nn	Number of sisters
FLAGSIUS (see Note 2)	FLAG variable for SISUSMIG		
		0	Sister's migration experience (if any) could be located in time
		1	Sister is a migrant, but his migration experience could not be located in time
Current land holdings (time-specific) (1-4):			
LAND (see Note 1)	Number of land parcels owned in person-year		
		nn	Number of Land Parcels
FLAGLAND (see Note 2)	FLAG variable for LAND		
		0	All lands' ownership (if any) could be located in time
		1	At least one land could not be located in time
AREA (see Note 1)	Number of hectares owned in person-year		
		nnnn.n	Area
FLAGAREA (see Note 2)	FLAG variable for AREA		
		0	All manzanas' ownership (if any) could be located in time
		1	At least one hectare could not be located in time

Property and Business holdings

PROPERTY (see Note 1) **Number of properties owned in person-year**

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		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-year		
		nn	Number of Businesses
FLAGBUS (see Note 2)	FLAG variable for BUSINESS		
		0	All businesses' 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, MANZANAS, 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 MANZANAS 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
- MANZANAS: flag variable FLAGMANZ
- 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 at 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 FLAGMANZ 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.