

## LIFE data file: Variable list and specifications

Variable	Format	Label
<b>Identifier information:</b>		
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)
<b>Sample-specific weight:</b>		
WEIGHT	6.2	Weight
<b>Background information (time-constant):</b>		
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
<b>U.S. migration experience (time-constant):</b>		
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)
USWBY1	4.0	Fist 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)
USWBYL	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
HRWEEK	4.0	Last U.S. visit: Hours worked per week

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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 (cordobas)
DOWBYL	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

***Costa Rica Migration Experience (time-constant):***

CRYR1	4.0	First CR mig: Year
CRMAR1	4.0	First CR mig: Married?
CRDUR1	4.0	First CR mig: Duration (in months)
CRSTUD1	4.0	First CR mig: Studied?
CRSTATE1	4.0	First CR mig: State of residence
CRPLACE1	4.0	First CR mig: City of residence
CROCC1	4.0	First CR mig: Occupation
CRWAGE1	8.2	First CR mig: Wage (colones)
CRWBY1	4.0	First CR mig: Frequency of wages
CRWAGE1Y	4.0	First CR mig: Wage year
CRYRL	4.0	Last CR mig: Year
CRMARL	4.0	Last CR mig: Married?

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Variable	Format	Label
CRDURL	4.0	Last CR mig: Duration (in months)
CRSTUDL	4.0	Last CR mig: Studied?
CRSTATEL	4.0	Last CR mig: State of residence
CRPLACEL	4.0	Last CR mig: City of residence
CROCCL	4.0	Last CR mig: Occupation
CRWAGEL	8.2	Last CR mig: Wage (colones)
CRWBYL	4.0	Last CR mig: Frequency of wages
CRWAGELY	4.0	Last CR mig: Wage year
CRCURTRP	4.0	Currently last CR migration
CRTRIPS	4.0	Total number CR 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
JOB DUR	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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<b>Variable</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Label</b>
<b><i>Family composition (time-specific, except for CEB):</i></b>		
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
<b><i>U.S. migration experience among family of origin (time-specific):</i></b>		
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
<b><i>Property and Business holdings (time-specific):</i></b>		
LAND	1.0	Number of land parcels owned in person-year
FLAGLAND	1.0	FLAG variable for LAND
MANZANAS	6.1	Number of manzanas owned in person-year
FLAGMANZ	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>			
<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>Country of focus</b>		
		1	Mexico
		2	Puerto Rico
		3	Dominican Republic
		4	Nicaragua
		5	Costa Rica
		6	Peru
		7	Haiti
<b>COMMUN</b>	<b>Community number</b>		(See Appendix A for codes and descriptions)
<b>SURVEYPL</b>	<b>Place of survey</b>		
		1	Home country
		2	U.S. community
		3	CR community
<b>SURVEYYR</b>	<b>Year of survey</b>		(See Appendix A for survey periods)
		yyyy	Year
<b>HHNUM</b>	<b>Household number (within community)</b>		
		nnnn	Number of household
<i>Sample-specific weight:</i>			
<b>WEIGHT</b>	<b>Weight</b>		
		nnn.nn	Weight
<i>Background information (time-constant):</i>			
<b>SEX</b>	<b>Sex</b>		
		1	Male
		2	Female
<b>YRBORN</b>	<b>Year of birth</b>		
		yyyy	Year
<b>PLACEBRN</b>	<b>Place of birth</b>		(See Appendix B for Place codes)
		9999	Unknown
<b>STATEBRN</b>	<b>State of birth</b>		(See Appendix C for State codes)

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		9999	Unknown
<b>OCC</b>	<b>Principal occupation</b>		(See Appendix D for Occupation codes)
		9999	Unknown
<b>U.S. migration experience (time-constant):</b>			
<b>USYR1-USYRL</b>	<b>First/last U.S. visit: Year</b>		
		yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the U.S.)
<b>USMAR1-USMARL</b>	<b>First/last US visit: Married</b>		
		1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (Single / never migrated to the U.S.)
<b>USDUR1-USDURL</b>	<b>First/last U.S. visit: Duration (in months)</b>		
		nnn	Number of months
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the U.S.)
<b>USDOC1-USDOCL</b>	<b>First/last U.S. visit: Documentation used</b>		
		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 U.S.)
		9999	Unknown
<b>USPLACE1-USPLACEL</b>	<b>First/last U.S. visit: City of residence</b>		
			(See Appendix B for Place codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the U.S.)
		9999	Unknown
<b>USSTATE1-USSTATEL</b>	<b>First/last U.S. visit: State of residence</b>		
			(See Appendix C for State codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the U.S.)
		9999	Unknown
<b>USOCC1-USOCCCL</b>	<b>First/last U.S. visit: Occupation</b>		
			(See Appendix D for Occupation codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the U.S.)
		9999	Unknown

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
USWAGE1-USWAGEL	<b>First/last U.S. visit: Wage (dollars)</b>	nnn.dd	Amount
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the U.S. / not employed for wages)
		9999	Unknown
USWB1-USWBYL	<b>First/last U.S. visit: Wage Unit</b>	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)
		9999	Unknown
USCURTRP	<b>Currently on last visit?</b>	1	Yes (Has not returned)
		2	No (Has returned)
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the U.S.)
USTRIPS	<b>Total number of U.S. visits</b>	nn	Number
USEXP	<b>Total months of U.S. experience</b>	nn	Months
HOWJOB	<b>Last U.S. visit: How job was obtained</b>	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)
		9999	Unknown
HRWAGE	<b>Last U.S. visit: Hourly wage</b>	nnn.dd	Hourly wage (dollars)
		8888	N/A (Never migrated to the U.S. / no job last U.S. visit)
		9999	Unknown
HRWEEK	<b>Last U.S. visit: Hours worked per week</b>	nnn	Number of hours
		8888	N/A (Never migrated to the U.S. / no job last U.S. visit)
		9999	Unknown

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
<b>MONSYR</b>	<b>Last U.S. visit: Months worked per year</b>	nn	Number of months
		8888	N/A (Never migrated to the U.S. / no job last U.S. visit)
		9999	Unknown
<b>HOWPAID</b>	<b>Last U.S. visit: How wages paid</b>	1	By check
		2	By cash
		8888	N/A (Never migrated to the U.S. / no job last U.S. visit)
		9999	Unknown
<b>SSTAX</b>	<b>Last U.S. visit: Soc. Sec. taxes withheld</b>	1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (Never migrated to the U.S. / no job last U.S. visit)
		9999	Unknown
<b>FEDTX</b>	<b>Last U.S. visit: Fed taxes withheld</b>	1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (Never migrated to the U.S. / no job last U.S. visit)
		9999	Unknown
<b>ROWNER</b>	<b>Last U.S. visit: Race of employer</b>	1	Anglo-European
		2	African-American
		3	Asian
		4	Chicano
		5	Nicaraguan
		6	Other Latino
		7	Other
		8	Company
		8888	N/A (no job last U.S. visit)
9999	Unknown		
<b>RSUPER</b>	<b>Last U.S. visit: Race of supervisor</b>	1	Anglo-European
		2	African-American
		3	Asian
		4	Chicano
		5	Nicaraguan
		6	Other Latino
		7	Other
		8	Company
		8888	N/A (no job last U.S. visit)
9999	Unknown		



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

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
DOSTATE1-DOSTATEL	<b>First/last Domestic visit: State of residence</b>		(See Appendix C for State codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally)
DOOCCL1-DOOCCLL	<b>First/last Domestic visit: Occupation</b>		(See Appendix D for Occupation codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally)
		9999	Unknown
DOWAGEL	<b>Last Domestic visit: Wage (cordobas)</b>	nnn.dd	Amount
		8888	N/A (never migrated/not employed for wages)
		9999	Unknown
DOWBYL	<b>Last Domestic visit: Frequency of wages</b>	1	Hour
		2	Day
		3	Week
		4	Biweekly
		5	Month
		6	Year
		8888	N/A (never a migrant / not employed for wages)
DOWAGELY	<b>Last Domestic visit: Wage Year</b>	yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never a migrant / not employed for wages)
		9999	Unknown
DOCURTRP	<b>Currently on last domestic visit?</b>	1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (never a migrant / not employed for wages)
		9999	Unknown
DOTRIPS	<b>Total number domestic visits</b>	nnn	Number
<b>Costa Rica Migration Experience (time-constant):</b>			
CRYR1-CRYRL	<b>First/last CR mig: Year</b>	yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never migrated to Costa Rica)
CRDUR1-CRDURL	<b>First/last CR mig: Duration (in months)</b>	nnn	Number of months
		8888	N/A (never migrated to Costa Rica)

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		9999	Unknown
<b>CRSTUD1-CRSTUDL</b>	<b>First/last CR mig: Studied?</b>		
		1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (never migrated to Costa Rica)
		9999	Unknown
<b>CRPLACE1-CRPLACEL</b>	<b>First/last CR mig: City of residence</b>		
			(See Appendix B for State codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated to Costa Rica)
		9999	Unknown
<b>CRSTATE1-CRSTATEL</b>	<b>First/last CR mig: State of residence</b>		
			(See Appendix C for Place codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated to Costa Rica)
		9999	Unknown
<b>CRMAR1-CRMARL</b>	<b>First/last CR mig: Married?</b>		
		1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (never migrated to Costa Rica)
		9999	Unknown
<b>CROCC1-CROCCL</b>	<b>First/last CR mig: Occupation</b>		
			(See Appendix D for occupation codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated to Costa Rica)
		9999	Unknown
<b>CRWAGE1-CRWAGEL</b>	<b>First/last CR mig: Wage (colones)</b>		
		nnn.dd	Amount
		8888	N/A (never migrated/not employed for wages)
		9999	Unknown
<b>CRWBY1-CRWBYL</b>	<b>First/last CR mig: Frequency of wages</b>		
		1	Hour
		2	Day
		3	Week
		4	Biweekly
		5	Month
		6	Year
		8888	N/A (never migrated/not employed for wages)
		9999	Unknown
<b>CRWAGE1Y-CRWAGELY</b>	<b>First/Last CR visit: Wage year</b>		
		yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never migrated to Costa Rica)
		9999	Unknown

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<b>CRCURTRP</b>	<b>Currently on last CR migration</b>	1	Yes (has not returned)
		2	No (has returned)
		8888	N/A (never migrated to Costa Rica)
<b>CRTRIPS</b>	<b>Total number of CR migrations</b>	nnn	Number of visits made to Costa Rica
<i>Person-year information (time-specific):</i>			
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>Year</b>	yyyy	Year
<b>LIFEYR</b>	<b>Year in life history</b>	1	First person-year
		2	Intervening person-years
		3	Last person-year
<b>AGE</b>	<b>Age</b>	nn	Age
<b>EDUC</b>	<b>Educational attainment</b>	nn	Number of years completed
		9999	Unknown
<i>Labor force information (time-specific):</i>			
<b>OCCUP</b>	<b>Occupation</b>		(See Appendix D for Occupation codes)
		0	Prior to labor force entry
		9999	Unknown
<b>JCHANGE</b>	<b>Job change</b>	0	No job change during PY
		1	Job change during PY
<b>JOBNUM</b>	<b>Job number</b>	nn	(Estimated) Job number
<b>JOBDUR</b>	<b>Duration (months) in job in PY</b>	nn	Number of months
		9999	Unknown
<b>JDURTOT</b>	<b>Total duration (months) in current job</b>	nnn	Number of months
		9999	Unknown

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<b>JOBPLACE</b>	<b>City/place of job</b>		(See Appendix B for Place codes)
		0	Prior to labor force entry
		9999	Unknown
<b>JOBSTATE</b>	<b>State of job</b>		(See Appendix C for State codes)
		0	Prior to labor force entry
		9999	Unknown
<b>SOCSEC</b>	<b>Job offers Social Security or a pension</b>	0	No
		1	Yes
		9999	Unknown
<i>Migration/duration information (time-specific):</i>			
<b>INUS</b>	<b>In U.S.</b>	0	No
		1	Yes
<b>TRIP</b>	<b>New trip</b>	0	No
		1	Yes
<b>TRIPNUM</b>	<b>Estimated trip number</b>	nn	Number
<b>TRIPDUR</b>	<b>Total duration (months) of trip</b>	nnn	Number of months
<b>USDOC</b>	<b>US documentation</b>	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 (includes false documents)
		9	Refugee/asylee
	9999	Unknown	
<b>GREEN</b>	<b>Green card?</b>	0	No
		1	Yes
		9999	Unknown

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CITIZEN	U.S. Citizen?	0	No
		1	Yes
		9999	Unknown
USDUR	Months spent in U.S.	nn	Number of months
		9999	Unknown
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-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
<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-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		

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		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

**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

**MANZANAS (see Note 1)**      **Number of hectares owned in person-year**

## LIFE data file: Variable codes

Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		nnnn.n	Number of Manzanas
<b>FLAGMANZ (see Note 2)</b>	<b>FLAG variable for MANZANAS</b>		
		0	All manzanas' ownership (if any) could be located in time
		1	At least one hectare could not be located in time
<b>Property and Business holdings</b>			
<b>PROPERTY (see Note 1)</b>	<b>Number of properties owned in person-year</b>		
		nn	Number of Properties
<b>FLAGPROP (see Note 2)</b>	<b>FLAG variable for PROPERTY</b>		
		0	All properties' ownership (if any) could be located in time
		1	At least one property could not be located in time
<b>BUSINESS (see Note 1)</b>	<b>Number of businesses owned in person-year</b>		
		nn	Number of Businesses
<b>FLAGBUS (see Note 2)</b>	<b>FLAG variable for BUSINESS</b>		
		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.