

MIGCR 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 Nicaragua)
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
Migration Experience to Costa Rica:		
CRYR1	4.0	First CR mig: Year
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
CRMAR1	4.0	First CR mig: Married
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
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
CRMARL	4.0	Last CR mig: Married
CROCCL	4.0	Last CR mig: Occupation
CRWAGEL	8.2	Last CR mig: Wage (colones)
CRWBYL	4.0	Last CR mig: Frequency of wages
CRWAGE1Y	4.0	First CR mig: Wage year
CRCURTRP	4.0	Currently on last migration
CRTRIPS	4.0	Total number of migrations to Costa Rica

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Variable	Format	Label
<i>Migratory experience to Costa Rica of family-of-origin (of household head):</i>		
MOMGYRCR	4.0	Mother: Year of first migration to Costa Rica
MOLIVE	4.0	Mother: Still living
MOCRNW	4.0	Mother: Currently resides in Costa Rica
MOCRST	4.0	Mother: State of residence in Costa Rica
MOCRPL	4.0	Mother: City of residence in Costa Rica
FAMGYRCR	4.0	Father: Year of first migration to Costa Rica
FALIVE	4.0	Father: Still living
FACRNW	4.0	Father: Currently resides in Costa Rica
FACRST	4.0	Father: State of residence in Costa Rica
FACRPL	4.0	Father: City of residence in Costa Rica
SBSXCR#	4.0	Sibling #: Sex
SBMGYC#	4.0	Sibling #: Year of first migration to Costa Rica
SBLVCR#	4.0	Sibling #: Still living
SBCRNW#	4.0	Sibling #: Currently resides in Costa Rica
SBCRST#	4.0	Sibling #: State of residence in Costa Rica
SBCRPL#	4.0	Sibling #: City of residence in Costa Rica
<i>Migration Experience to Costa Rica among Head's Extended Family and Friends:</i>		
UNCINCR	4.0	Uncles: Number currently in Costa Rica
UNCEVCR	4.0	Uncles: Number ever been to Costa Rica
COINCR	4.0	Cousins: Number currently in Costa Rica
COEVCR	4.0	Cousins: Number ever been to Costa Rica
NEINCR	4.0	Nieces/nephews: Number currently in Costa Rica
NEEVCR	4.0	Nieces/nephews: Number ever been to Costa Rica
SBILINCR	4.0	Siblings-in-law: Number currently in Costa Rica
SBILEVCR	4.0	Siblings-in-law: Number ever been to Costa Rica
CHILINCR	4.0	Children-in-law: Number currently in Costa Rica
CHILEVCR	4.0	Children-in-law: Number ever been to Costa Rica
PILINCR	4.0	Parents-in-law: Number currently in Costa Rica
PILEVCR	4.0	Parents-in-law: Number ever been to Costa Rica
FRINCR	4.0	Friends: Number currently in Costa Rica
FREVCR	4.0	Friends: Number ever been to Costa Rica
XSINCR	4.0	Ex-spouses: Number currently in Costa Rica
XSEVCR	4.0	Ex-spouses: Number ever been to Costa Rica
<i>Last CR visit: Social characteristics</i>		
LODGCR	4.0	Relations: Lodging from whom upon arrival
RELCR	4.0	Relations: Lived with relatives
PAISCR	4.0	Relations: Lived with Community members
SPORTCR	4.0	Relations: Participated in sports organization
SOCIALCR	4.0	Relations: Participated in social organization
NICAS	4.0	Relations: With Nicaraguans
TICOS	4.0	Relations: With Costa Ricans
<i>Last CR visit: Employment characteristics</i>		
HOWJCR	4.0	Employment: How job was obtained
SSTAXCR	4.0	Employment: Social Security taxes withheld
FINHLPCR	4.0	Finances: Who provided financial help

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Variable	Format	Label
RENTCR	8.2	Finances: Rent per month
FOODCR	8.2	Finances: Food budget per month
REMITCR	8.2	Finances: Average monthly remittances
REMITCR1	4.0	Finances: Purpose of remittance (1)
REMITCR2	4.0	Finances: Purpose of remittance (2)
REMITCR3	4.0	Finances: Purpose of remittance (3)
REMITCR4	4.0	Finances: Purpose of remittance (4)
REMITCR5	4.0	Finances: Purpose of remittance (5)
SAVECR	8.2	Finances: Average monthly savings
SAVRETCR	8.2	Finances: Savings brought to Nicaragua
SAVECR1	4.0	Finances: Purpose of savings (1)
SAVECR2	4.0	Finances: Purpose of savings (2)
SAVECR3	4.0	Finances: Purpose of savings (3)
SAVECR4	4.0	Finances: Purpose of savings (4)
SAVECR5	4.0	Finances: Purpose of savings (5)

Last CR Visit: Public Benefits and Assistance

SCHOOLCR	4.0	Benefits: Kids in public schools
WELFCR	4.0	Benefits: Received any welfare (all types)
DOCTORCR	4.0	Health: Visited a doctor
HOSPCR	4.0	Health: Visited a hospital
HLTHPCR1	4.0	Health: Who paid health bill (1)
HLTHPCR2	4.0	Health: Who paid health bill (2)
HLTHPCR3	4.0	Health: Who paid health bill (3)
HLTHPCR4	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
		3	Costa Rica 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

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
EDYRS	School years completed	nn	Years of education completed
OCC	Principal occupation		(See Appendix D for occupation codes)
		9999	Unknown
WAGE	Wage (for last formal job in Nicaragua)	nnn.nn	Wage amount (in cordobas)
		0	Never employed for wages in Nicaragua
		9999	Unknown
BY	Wage unit	1	Hour
		2	Day
		3	Week
		4	Biweekly
		5	Month
		6	Year
		9999	Unknown
PENSION	Holds a pension (head/spouse only)	1	Yes
		2	No
YRPENSION	Year pension received	yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (No pension received)
CTRPENS	Country that granted pension	199	United States
		211	Costa Rica
		216	Nicaragua
		8888	N/A (No pension received)
Migration Experience to Costa Rica:			
CRYR1-CRYRL	First/last CR mig: Year	yyyy	Year
		9999	Unknown
CRDUR1-CRDURL	First/last CR mig: Duration (in months)	nnn	Number of months
CRSTUD1-CRSTUDL	First/last CR mig: Studied?	1	Yes
		2	No
CRSTATE1-CRSTATEL	First/last CR mig: State of residence		(See Appendix C for State codes)
		9999	Unknown
CRPLACE1-CRPLACEL	First/last CR mig: City of residence		(See Appendix B for Place codes)
		9999	Unknown

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
CRMAR1-CRMARL	First/last CR mig: Married	1	Yes
		2	No
		9999	Unknown
CROCC1-CROCCL	First/last CR mig: Occupation		(See Appendix D for occupation codes)
		9999	Unknown
CRWAGE1-CRWAGEL	First/last CR mig: Wage (colones)	nnn.dd	Amount
		8888	N/A (not employed for wages)
		9999	Unknown
CRWBY1-CRWBYL	First/last CR 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		
CRCURTRP	Currently on last CR migration	1	Yes (has not returned)
		2	No (has returned)
CRTRIPS	Total number of CR migrations	nnn	Number of visits made to the United States
Migratory experience of family-of-origin (of household head):			
MOMGYRCR	Mother: Year of first CR migration	yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never migrated)
MOLIVE	Mother: Still living	1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (never migrated)
MOCRNW	Mother: Currently resides in Costa Rica	1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (never migrated)
		9999	Unknown
MOCRST	Mother: State of CR residence		(See Appendix C for State codes)
		8888	N/A (not a CR resident)
		9999	Unknown
MOCRPL	Mother: Place of CR residence		(See Appendix B for Place codes)
		8888	N/A (not a CR resident)
		9999	Unknown

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
FAMGYR	Father: Year of first CR migration		
		yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never migrated)
		9999	Unknown
FALIVE	Father: Still living		
		1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (never migrated)
	9999	Unknown	
FACRNW	Father: Currently resides in Costa Rica		
		1	Yes
		2	No
		9999	Unknown
FACRST	Father: State of U.S. residence		
			(See Appendix C for State codes)
		8888	N/A (not a CR resident)
		9999	Unknown
FACRPL	Father: Place of U.S. residence		
			(See Appendix B for Place codes)
		8888	N/A (not a CR resident)
		9999	Unknown
SBSXCR#	Sibling #: Sex		
		1	Male
		2	Female
		8888	N/A (no sibling/never migrated)
SBMCYC#	Sibling #: Year of first U.S. migration		
		yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (no sibling/never migrated)
		9999	Unknown
SBLVCR#	Sibling #: Still living		
		1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (no sibling/never migrated)
SBCRNW#	Sibling#: Currently resides in Costa Rica		
		1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (no sibling/never migrated/ not living)
SBCRST#	Sibling#: State of CR residence		
			(See Appendix C for State codes)
		8888	N/A (no sibling/ never migrated/ not a CR resident)
		9999	Unknown
SBCRPL#	Sibling#: Place of CR residence		
			(See Appendix B for Place codes)
		8888	N/A (no sibling/ never migrated/ not a CR resident)
		9999	Unknown

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
Migration Experience to Costa Rica among Head's Extended Family and Friends:			
UNCINCR	Uncles/aunts: Number currently in Costa Rica	nn	Number
UNCEVCR	Uncles/aunts: Number ever been to Costa Rica	nn	Number
COINCR	Cousins: Number currently in Costa Rica	nn	Number
COEVCR	Cousins: Number ever been to Costa Rica	nn 9999	Number Unknown
NEINCR	Nieces/nephews: Number currently in Costa Rica	nn 9999	Number Unknown
NEEVCR	Nieces/nephews: Number ever been to Costa Rica	nn 9999	Number Unknown
SBILINCR	Siblings-in-law: Number currently in Costa Rica	nn	Number
SBILEVCR	Siblings-in-law: Number ever been to Costa Rica	nn	Number
CHILINCR	Children-in-law: Number currently in Costa Rica	nn	Number
CHILEVCR	Children-in-law: Number ever been to Costa Rica	nn	Number
PILINCR	Parents-in-law: Number currently in Costa Rica	nn	Number
PILEVCR	Parents-in-law: Number ever been to Costa Rica	nn	Number
FRINCR	Friends: Number currently in Costa Rica	nn 9999	Number Unknown
FREVCR	Friends: Number ever been to Costa Rica	nn	Number
XSINCR	Ex-spouses: Number currently in Costa Rica	nn	Number
XSEVCR	Ex-spouses: Number ever been to Costa Rica	nn	Number

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
Last CR visit: Social characteristics			
LOGGCR	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
RELCR	Relations: Contacted Relatives?		
		1	Yes
		2	No
	9999	Unknown	
PAISCR	Relations: Contacted home-community members?		
		1	Yes
		2	No
	9999	Unknown	
SPORTCR	Relations: Participated in a sports organization		
		1	Yes
		2	No
	9999	Unknown	
SOCIALCR	Relations: Participated in a social organization		
		1	Yes
		2	No
	9999	Unknown	
NICAS	Relations: With Nicaraguans		
		0	None
		1	Workplace only
		2	Friendship
		3	Very close
		4	Other
	9999	Unknown	
TICOS	Relations: With Costa Ricans		
		0	None
		1	Workplace only
		2	Friendship
		3	Very close
		4	Other
	9999	Unknown	
Last CR visit: Employment characteristics (Head only)			
HOWCR	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
		6	Contracted
		7	Paid a friend/fellow home-community member
	8	Through an employment agency	

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		9	"Pick-up" on street corner
		8888	N/A (no job last CR visit)
		9999	Unknown
SSTAX	Employment: Social Security taxes withheld		
		1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (no job last CR visit)
		9999	Unknown
Last CR visit: Financial characteristics			
FINHLPCR	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
RENTCR	Finances: Rent per month		
		nnn.dd	Amount (colones)
		9999	Unknown
FOODCR	Finances: Food budget per month		
		nnn.dd	Amount (colones)
		9999	Unknown
REMITCR	Finances: Average monthly remittances		
		nnn.dd	Amount (colones)
		9999	Unknown
REMITCR1-REMITCR5	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
		13	Finance a special event
		14	Recreation/entertainment
		15	Savings
		16	Other
		8888	N/A (no remittance/no additional remittance)
		9999	Unknown
SAVECR	Finances: Average monthly savings		
		nnn.dd	Amount (colones)
		9999	Unknown

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition	
SAVRETCR	Finances: Savings brought to Nicaragua	nnn.dd	Amount (colones)	
		9999	Unknown	
SAVECR1-SAVECR5	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	
		9	Start/expand a business	
		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 CR Visit: Public Benefits and Assistance				
SCHOOOCR	Benefits: Kids in public schools	1	Yes	
		2	No	
		9999	Unknown	
WELFCR	Benefits: Received any welfare (all types)	1	Yes	
		2	No	
		9999	Unknown	
DOCTORCR	Health: Visited a doctor	1	Yes	
		2	No	
		9999	Unknown	
HOSPCR	Health: Visited a hospital	1	Yes	
		2	No	
		9999	Unknown	
HLTHPCR1-HLTHPCR4	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

