

MIGOTHER 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 the community)
PERSNUM	4.0	Person number (within the household)
HHMEMSHP	4.0	Household membership
Sample-specific weight:		
WEIGHT	6.2	Weight
Background Information:		
SEX	4.0	Sex
YRBORN	4.0	Year of birth
AGE	4.0	Age
PLACEBRN	4.0	Place of birth
STATEBRN	4.0	State 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
U.S. Migration Experience:		
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	4.0	First U.S. visit: Daily wage (dollars)
USWBY1	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

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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	4.0	Last U.S. visit: Daily wage (dollars)
USWBYL	4.0	Last U.S. visit: Wage unit
USCURTRP	4.0	Currently on last visit?
USTRIPS	4.0	Total numbers of U.S. visits
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

Illegal Border Crossing Information (1-25):

CRSYR#	4.0	Crossing #: Year
CRSBY#	4.0	Crossing #: How crossed
CRSPL#	4.0	Crossing #: Border crossing place
CRSST#	4.0	Crossing #: Border crossing state
CRSHOW#	4.0	Crossing #: With whom?
CRSCOY#	4.0	Crossing #: Coyote used?
CRSCST#	4.0	Crossing #: Cost of coyote
CRSPAY#	4.0	Crossing #: Who paid coyote?
CRSDEP#	4.0	Crossing #: Number of deportations
CRSYES#	4.0	Crossing #: Successful

Last U.S. visit: Social characteristics:

RELTRIP	4.0	Relations: Contacted relatives
PAISTRIP	4.0	Relations: Contacted community members
SPORT	4.0	Relations: Participated in sports organizations
SOCIAL	4.0	Relations: Participated in social organizations
COETHNIC	4.0	Relations: With Coethnics
BLACKS	4.0	Relations: With African Americans
ASIANS	4.0	Relations: With Asians
ANGLOS	4.0	Relations: With Anglos
LATINOS	4.0	Relations: With Latinos
LODGING	4.0	Relations: Lodging from whom upon arrival
ENGLISH	4.0	Relations: English proficiency

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ENGHOME	4.0	Relations: English use at home
ENGWORK	4.0	Relations: English use at work
ENGFRND	4.0	Relations: English use among friends
ENGNEIG	4.0	Relations: English use in neighborhood

Last U.S. migration: Employment characteristics

HOWJOB	4.0	Employment: How job was obtained
HRWAGE	8.2	Employment: Hourly wage
HRWEEK	4.0	Employment: Usual hours worked per week
MONSYR	4.0	Employment: Usual months worked per year
HOWPAID	4.0	Employment: How wages paid
SSTAX	4.0	Employment: Social Security taxes withheld
FEDTX	4.0	Employment: Federal taxes withheld
ROWNER	4.0	Employment: Race of employer
RSUPER	4.0	Employment: Race of supervisor
HOWJOBS	4.0	Spouse's employment: How spouse's job was obtained
HRWAGES	8.2	Spouse's employment: Spouse's hourly wage
HRWEEKS	4.0	Spouse's employment: Spouse's hours worked per week
MONSYRS	4.0	Spouse's employment: Spouse's months worked per year
HOWPAIDS	4.0	Spouse's employment: How spouse's wages paid
SSTAXS	4.0	Spouse's employment: Spouse's social Sec taxes withheld
FEDTXS	4.0	Spouse's employment: Spouse's federal taxes withheld
ROWNERS	4.0	Spouse's employment: Race of spouse's employer
RSUPERS	4.0	Spouse's employment: Race of spouse's supervisor
FINHELP	4.0	Finances: Who provided financial help
BANKACCT	4.0	Finances: Bank account
CARD	4.0	Finances: Credit card
TAXES	4.0	Finances: Tax return
RENT	8.2	Finances: Rent per month
FOOD	8.2	Finances: Food budget per month
REMIT	8.2	Finances: Average monthly remittances
REMIT1	4.0	Finances: Purpose of remittance (1)
REMIT2	4.0	Finances: Purpose of remittance (2)
REMIT3	4.0	Finances: Purpose of remittance (3)

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Variable	Format	Label
REMIT4	4.0	Finances: Purpose of remittance (4)
REMIT5	4.0	Finances: Purpose of remittance (5)
SAVINGS	8.2	Finances: Average monthly savings
SAVRETRN	8.2	Finances: Savings brought to Nicaragua
SAVINGS1	4.0	Finances: Purpose of savings (1)
SAVINGS2	4.0	Finances: Purpose of savings (2)
SAVINGS3	4.0	Finances: Purpose of savings (3)
SAVINGS4	4.0	Finances: Purpose of savings (4)
SAVINGS5	4.0	Finances: Purpose of savings (5)

Last U.S. migration: Public Benefits and Assistance

SCHOOLS	4.0	Benefits: Kids in public schools
UNEMP	4.0	Benefits: Received unemployment compensation
FOODST	4.0	Benefits: Received Food Stamps
WELFARE	4.0	Benefits: Received any welfare (all types)
AFDC	4.0	Benefits: Received AFDC benefits
WIC	4.0	Benefits: Received WIC benefits
SSI	4.0	Benefits: Received SSI benefits
GENERAL	4.0	Benefits: Received general assistance
DOCTOR	4.0	Health: Visited a doctor
HOSPITAL	4.0	Health: Visited a hospital
HLTHPMT1	4.0	Health: Who paid health bill (1)
HLTHPMT2	4.0	Health: Who paid health bill (2)
HLTHPMT3	4.0	Health: Who paid health bill (3)
HLTHPMT4	4.0	Health: Who paid health bill (4)

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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	U.S. 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)		
		nnnn	Number of person
HHMEMSHP	Household membership		
		1	Member of other household
		2	Member of sample household
Sample-specific weight:			
WEIGHT	Weight		
		nnn.nn	Weight
Background Information:			
SEX	Sex		
		1	Male
		2	Female
YRBORN	Year of birth		
		yyyy	Year

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		9999	Unknown
AGE	Age	nnn	Age in years
		9999	Unknown
PLACEBRN	Place of birth		(See Appendix B for place codes)
STATEBRN	State of birth		(See Appendix C for place codes)
MARSTAT	Marital status	1	Never married
		2	Married (civil or religious)
		3	Consensual union
		4	Widowed
		5	Divorced
		6	Separated
EDYRS	School years completed	nn	Years of education completed
		9999	Unknown
OCC	Principal occupation in country of focus		(See Appendix D for occupation codes)
		9999	Unknown
WAGE	Wage for last job in Nicaragua (in cordobas)	nnn.nn	Wage amount
		8888	N/A
		9999	Unknown
BY	Wage unit	1	Hour
		2	Day
		3	Week
		4	Biweekly
		5	Month
		6	Year
		8888	N/A
		9999	Unknown

U.S. migration experience (time-constant):

USYR1-USYRL **First / Last U.S. migration: Year**

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		yyyy	Year
USMAR1-USMARL	First / Last U.S. migration: Married	1 2 9999	Yes No Unknown
USDUR1-USDURL	First / Last U.S. migration: Duration (in months)	nnn	Number of months
USDOC1-USDOCL	First / Last U.S. migration: Documentation used	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 9999	Legal resident Contract – Bracero Contract – H2A (agricultural) Temporary: Worker Temporary: Tourist / Visitor Citizen Silva letter Undocumented (includes false documents) Refugee / asylee Unknown
USPLACE1-USPLACEL	First / Last U.S. migration: City of residence (See Appendix B for Place codes)	9999	Unknown
USSTATE1-USSTATEL	First / Last U.S. migration: State of residence (See Appendix C for Place codes)	9999	Unknown
USOCC1-USOCCL	First / Last U.S. migration: Occupation (See Appendix D for Place codes)	9999	Unknown
USWAGE1-USWAGEL	First / Last U.S. migration: Daily wage (dollars)	nnn.dd 8888 9999	Amount N/A (Didn't work on last trip) Unknown
USWB1-USWB1L	First / Last U.S. migration: Wage unit	1 2 3 4 5 6	Hour Day Week Biweekly Month Year

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		8888	N/A (Didn't work on last trip)
		9999	Unknown
USCURTRP	Currently on last U.S. visit?		
		1	Yes (Has not returned)
		2	No (Has returned)
USTRIPS	Total number of U.S. migrations		
		nn	Number
LEGYRAPP	Legalization: Year applied		
		yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never applied for legalization)
		9999	Unknown
LEGYRREC	Legalization: Year received		
		yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never applied for legalization / 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 applied for legalization)
		9999	Unknown
CITYRAPP	Citizenship: Year applied		
		yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never applied for citizenship)
		9999	Unknown
CITYRREC	Citizenship: Year received		
		yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never applied for citizenship / never received citizenship)
		9999	Unknown

Illegal Border Crossing Information (1-25):

CRSYR# **Crossing #: Year**

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (no illegal crossing)
		9999	Unknown
CRSBY#	Crossing #: How crossed?		
		1	Land
		2	Air
		3	Sea
CRSPL#	Crossing #: Border crossing place?		
			(See Appendix B for places codes)
		8888	N/A (no illegal crossing)
		9999	Unknown
CRSST#	Crossing #: Border crossing state?		
			(See Appendix C for places codes)
		8888	N/A (no illegal crossing)
		9999	Unknown
CRSHOW#	Crossing #: With whom?		
		1	Alone
		2	With family
		3	With friends
		4	With family and friends
		8888	N/A (no illegal crossing)
		9999	Unknown
CRSCOY#	Crossing #: Coyote used?		
		1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (no illegal crossing)
		9999	Unknown
CRSCST#	Crossing #: Cost of coyote?		
		nnn.dd	Amount
		8888	N/A (no illegal crossing)
		9999	Unknown
CRSPAY#	Crossing #: Who paid coyote?		
		1	Self
		2	Family
		3	Employer
		4	Friends
		5	Other
		8888	N/A (no illegal crossing)

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		9999	Unknown
CRSDEP#	Crossing #: Number of deportations	nn	Number times deported during attempt
		8888	N/A (no illegal crossing)
		9999	Unknown
CRSYES#	Crossing #: Successful	1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (no illegal crossing)
		9999	Unknown
<i>Last U.S. migration: Social characteristics</i>			
RELTRIP	Relations: Contacted Relatives	1	Yes
		2	No
		9999	Unknown
PAISTRIP	Relations: Contacted other home-community members	1	Yes
		2	No
		9999	Unknown
SPORT	Relations: Participated in a sport organization	1	Yes
		2	No
		9999	Unknown
SOCIAL	Relations: Participated in a social organization	1	Yes
		2	No
		9999	Unknown
COETHNIC	Relations: With Nicaraguans	0	None
		1	Workplace only
		2	Friendship
		3	Very close
		4	Other
		9999	Unknown
BLACKS	Relations: With Blacks	0	None
		1	Workplace only

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		2	Friendship
		3	Very close
		4	Other
		9999	Unknown
ASIANS	Relations: With Asians		
		0	None
		1	Workplace only
		2	Friendship
		3	Very close
		4	Other
		9999	Unknown
LATINOS	Relations: With Latinos		
		0	None
		1	Workplace only
		2	Friendship
		3	Very close
		4	Other
		9999	Unknown
LODGING	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
		9999	Unknown
ENGLISH	Relations: English proficiency		
		0	Neither speak nor understand
		1	Do not speak, but understand some
		2	Do not speak, but understand much
		3	Speak and understand some
		4	Speak and understand much
		9999	Unknown
ENGHOME	Relations: English use at home		
		1	None
		2	Sometimes
		3	Often
		4	Always
		9999	Unknown
ENGWORK	Relations: English use at work		

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		1	None
		2	Sometimes
		3	Often
		4	Always
		8888	N/A (Didn't work on last trip)
		9999	Unknown
ENGFNRD	Relations: English use among friends		
		1	None
		2	Sometimes
		3	Often
		4	Always
		9999	Unknown
ENGNEIG	Relations: English use in neighborhood		
		1	None
		2	Sometimes
		3	Often
		4	Always
		9999	Unknown
Last U.S. migration: Employment characteristics (Head and Spouse)			
HOWJOB-HOWJOBS	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
		9	"Pick-up" on street corner
		8888	N/A (no job last U.S. migration)
		9999	Unknown
HRWAGE-HRWAGES	Employment: Hourly wages		
		nnn.dd	Hourly wage (in dollars)
		8888	N/A (no job last U.S. migration)
		9999	Unknown
HRWEEK-HRWEEKS	Employment: Usual hours worked per week		
		nnn	Number of hours
		8888	N/A (no job last U.S. migration)
		9999	Unknown

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
MONSYR-MONSYRS	Employment: Usual months worked per year	nnn.dd	Number of months
		8888	N/A (no job last U.S. migration)
		9999	Unknown
HOWPAID-HOWPAIDS	Employment: Means of Wage payment	1	By check
		2	Cash
		8888	N/A (no job last U.S. migration)
		9999	Unknown
SSTAX-SSTAXS	Employment: Social Security taxes withheld	1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (no job last U.S. migration)
		9999	Unknown
FEDTX-FEDTXS	Employment: Federal taxes withheld	1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (no job last U.S. migration)
		9999	Unknown
ROWNER-ROWNERS	Employment: Race of head's /spouse's employer	1	Anglo
		2	African-American
		3	Asian
		4	Chicano
		5	Nicaraguan
		6	Other Latino
		7	Other
		8	Company
		8888	N/A (no job last US visit)
9999	Unknown		
RSUPER-RSUPERS	Employment: Race of head's /spouse's supervisor	1	Anglo
		2	African-American
		3	Asian
		4	Chicano
		5	Nicaraguan
		6	Other Latino
		7	Other

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		8	Company
		8888	N/A (no job last US visit)
		9999	Unknown

Last U.S. migration: Financial characteristics

FINHELP	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

BANKACCT	Finances: Opened a bank account
	1 Yes
	2 No
	9999 Unknown

CARD	Finances: Opened a credit card account
	1 Yes
	2 No
	9999 Unknown

TAXES	Finances: Filed a tax return
	1 Yes
	2 No
	9999 Unknown

RENT	Finances: Rent per month
	nnn.dd Amount (dollars)
	9999 Unknown

FOOD	Finances: Food per month
	nnn.dd Amount (dollars)
	9999 Unknown

REMIT	Finances: Remittances per month
	nnn.dd Amount (dollars)
	9999 Unknown

REMIT1-REMIT5	Finances: Purpose of remittance (1-5)
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		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
SAVINGS	Finances: Average monthly savings		
		nnn.dd	Amount (dollars)
		9999	Unknown
SAVRETRN	Finances: Savings brought back to Nicaragua		
		nnn.dd	Amount (dollars)
		9999	Unknown
SAVINGS1-SAVINGS5	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

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		14	Recreation/entertainment
		15	Savings
		16	Other
		8888	N/A (no remittance/no additional remittance)
		9999	Unknown

Last U.S. migration: Public Benefits and Assistance

SCHOOLS	Benefits: Kids in public schools	1	Yes
		2	No
		9999	Unknown
UNEMP	Benefits: Received unemployment compensation	1	Yes
		2	No
		9999	Unknown
FOODST	Benefits: Received food stamps	1	Yes
		2	No
		9999	Unknown
WELFARE	Benefits: Received any welfare (all types)	1	Yes
		2	No
		9999	Unknown
AFDC	Benefits: Received AFDC benefits	1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (Did not receive any benefit)
		9999	Unknown
WIC	Benefits: Received WIC benefits	1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (Did not receive any benefit)
		9999	Unknown
SSI	Benefits: Received SSI benefits	1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (Did not receive any benefit)
		9999	Unknown

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GENERAL	Benefits: Received general assistance		
		1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (Did not receive any benefit)
		9999	Unknown
DOCTOR	Health: Visited a doctor		
		1	Yes
		2	No
		9999	Unknown
HOSPITAL	Health: Visited a hospital		
		1	Yes
		2	No
		9999	Unknown
HLTHPMT1-HLTHPMT4	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