

LIFE data file: Variable list and specifications

Variable	Format	Label
<i>Identifier information:</i>		
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)
<i>Sample-specific weight:</i>		
WEIGHT	6.2	Weight
<i>Background information (time-constant):</i>		
SEX	4.0	Sex
YRBORN	4.0	Year of birth
DISTRBRN	4.0	Place of birth: District
PROVIBRN	4.0	Place of birth: Province
DEPARBRN	4.0	Place of birth: Department
OCC	4.0	Principal occupation
<i>Migration experience abroad (time-constant):</i>		
ABYR1	4.0	First Trip abroad: Year
ABMAR1	4.0	First Trip abroad: Married
ABDUR1	4.0	First Trip abroad: Duration (in months)
ABDOC1	4.0	First Trip abroad: Documentation used
ABPL1	4.0	First Trip abroad: City of residence
ABST1	4.0	First Trip abroad: Country of residence
ABOCC1	4.0	First Trip abroad: Occupation
ABWAGE1	8.2	First Trip abroad: Wage
ABBY1	4.0	First Trip abroad: Wage Unit
CURRENC1	4.0	First Trip abroad: Currency of wages
ABYRL	4.0	Last Trip abroad: Year
ABMARL	4.0	Last Trip abroad: Married
ABDURL	4.0	Last Trip abroad: Duration (in months)
ABDOCL	4.0	Last Trip abroad: Documentation used
ABPLL	4.0	Last Trip abroad: City of residence
ABSTL	4.0	Last Trip abroad: Country of residence
ABOCCL	4.0	Last Trip abroad: Occupation
ABWAGEL	8.2	Last Trip abroad: Wage
ABBYL	4.0	Last Trip abroad: Wage Unit
CURRENCL	4.0	Last Trip abroad: Currency of wages
ABCTR	4.0	Most important trip abroad: Country of destination
HOWJOB	4.0	Most important trip abroad: How job was obtained
HRWAGE	8.2	Most important trip abroad: Hourly wage
HRWEEK	4.0	Most important trip abroad: Hours worked per week

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MONSYR	4.0	Most important trip abroad: Months worked per year
HOWPAID	4.0	Most important trip abroad: How wages paid
SSTAX	4.0	Most important trip abroad: Soc. Sec. taxes withheld
CURRENCY	4.0	Most important trip abroad: Currency
ABTRIPS	4.0	Total number of trips abroad
ABEXP	4.0	Total months of experience abroad

Domestic migration experience (time-constant):

DOYR1	4.0	First Domestic mig: Year
DODUR1	4.0	First Domestic mig: Duration (in months)
DODIST1	4.0	First domestic mig: District
DOPROV1	4.0	First domestic mig: Province
DODEPA1	4.0	First domestic mig: Department
DOOCC1	4.0	First Domestic mig: Occupation
DOYRL	4.0	Last Domestic mig: Year
DODURL	4.0	Last Domestic mig: Duration (in months)
DODISTL	4.0	Last domestic mig: District
DOPROVL	4.0	Last domestic mig: Province
DODEPAL	4.0	Last domestic mig: Department
DOOCCL	4.0	Last Domestic mig: Occupation
DOWAGEL	8.2	Last Domestic mig: Wage (soles)
DOBYL	4.0	Last Domestic mig: Frequency of wages
DOTRIPS	4.0	Total number Domestic visits

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
JOBDEPAR	4.0	Department or Country of job
JOBDISTR	4.0	District or City of job
JOBPROVI	4.0	Province of job
SOCSEC	4.0	Job offers Soc. Sec. or a pension

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<i>Migration/duration information (time-specific):</i>		
ABROAD	4.0	Abroad
TRIP	4.0	New trip
TRIPNUM	4.0	Estimated trip number
TRIPDUR	4.0	Total duration (months) of trip
ABDOC	4.0	Documentation
ABDUR	4.0	Months spent abroad
ABCUMEXP	4.0	Cumulative experience abroad (months)
<i>Union (marital) information (time-specific):</i>		
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
<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
CHILDREN	2.0	Children: Total living
CHILDBRN	2.0	Children: Total born in person-year
CHILDEAD	2.0	Children: Total dead in person-year
<i>Migration experience abroad among family of origin (time-specific):</i>		
FAABMG	1.0	Father: Any migration experience abroad prior to/ during person year
FLAGFAAB	1.0	FLAG variable for FAABMG
MOABMG	1.0	Mother: Any migration experience abroad prior to/ during person year
FLAGMOAB	1.0	FLAG variable for MOABMG
BROABMG	2.0	Brothers: Number with migration experience abroad prior to or during person year
FLAGBRAB	1.0	FLAG variable for BROABMG
SISABMG	2.0	Sisters: Number with migration experience abroad prior to or during person year
FLAGSIAB	1.0	FLAG variable for SISABMG
<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
HECTARS	6.1	Number of hectares owned in person-year
FLAGHECT	1.0	FLAG variable for HECTARS
PROPERTY	1.0	Number of properties owned in person-year

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Variable	Format	Label
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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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	Peru
		7	Haiti
COMMUN	Community number	n	Community number
SURVEYPL	Place of survey	1	Home country
		2	International community
SURVEYYR	Year of survey	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
DISTRBRN	Place of birth: District		(See Appendix B for District codes)
		9999	Unknown
PROVIBRN	Place of birth: Province		(See Appendix B for Province codes)
		8888	N/A (Born abroad)

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		9999	Unknown
DEPARBRN	Place of birth: Department		(See Appendix B for Department codes)
		9999	Unknown
OCC	Principal occupation		(See Appendix D for Occupation codes)
		9999	Unknown

Migration experience abroad (time-constant):

ABYR1-ABYRL	First/last Trip abroad: Year	yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never migrated abroad)
		9999	Unknown
ABMAR1-ABMARL	First/last Trip abroad: Married	1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A
		9999	Unknown
ABDUR1-ABDURL	First/last Trip abroad: Duration (in months)	nnn	Number of months
		8888	N/A (never migrated abroad)
		9999	Unknown
ABDOC1-ABDOCL	First/last Trip abroad: Documentation used	1	Legal resident
		4	Temporary: Worker
		5	Temporary: Tourist/visitor
		6	Citizen
		8	Undocumented (includes false documents)
		9	Refugee/asylee
		8888	N/A (never migrated abroad)
		9999	Unknown
ABPL1-ABPLL	First/last Trip abroad: City of residence		(See Appendix C for city codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated abroad)
		9999	Unknown
ABST1-ABSTL	First/last Trip abroad: Country of residence		

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
			(See Appendix C for country codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated abroad)
		9999	Unknown
ABOCC1-ABOCCL	First/last Trip abroad: Occupation		(See Appendix D for Occupation codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated abroad)
		9999	Unknown
ABWAGE1-ABWAGEL	First/last Trip abroad: Wage	nnn.dd	Amount
		8888	N/A (never migrated abroad / not employed for wages)
		9999	Unknown
ABBY1-ABBYL	First/last Trip abroad: Wage Unit		
		1	Hour
		2	Day
		3	Week
		4	Biweekly
		5	Month
		6	Year
		8888	N/A (never migrated abroad / not employed for wages)
		9999	Unknown
CURRENC1-CURRENCL	First/last Trip abroad: Currency of wages		
		1	Dollar - United States
		2	Sol - Peru
		3	Bolivar - Venezuela
		4	Peso - Mexico
		5	Peso - Chile
		6	Peso - Colombia
		7	Peso - Argentina
		8	Sucre - Ecuador
		9	Guarani - Paraguay
		10	Dollar - Canada
		11	Dollar - Australia
		12	Franc - France
		13	Lira - Italy
		14	Pound - England
		15	Peseta - Spain
		16	Yen - Japan
		8888	N/A (never migrated abroad / not employed for wages)
		9999	Unknown

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
ABCTR	Most important trip abroad: Country of destination		(See Appendix C for country codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated)
		9999	Unknown
HOWJOB	Most important trip abroad: 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 on trip abroad / never migrated abroad)
		9999	Unknown
HRWAGE	Most important trip abroad: Hourly wage	nnn.dd	Hourly wage
		8888	N/A (no job on trip abroad / never migrated abroad)
		9999	Unknown
HRWEEK	Most important trip abroad: Hours worked per week	nnn	Number of hours
		8888	N/A (no job on trip abroad / never migrated abroad)
		9999	Unknown
MONSYR	Most important trip abroad: Months worked per year	nn	Number of months
		8888	N/A (no job on trip abroad / never migrated abroad)
		9999	Unknown
HOWPAID	Most important trip abroad: How wages paid	1	By check
		2	By cash
		8888	N/A (no job on trip abroad / never migrated abroad)
		9999	Unknown
SSTAX	Most important trip abroad: Soc. Sec. taxes withheld	1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (no job on trip abroad / never migrated abroad)
		9999	Unknown

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
CURRENCY	Most important trip abroad: Currency		
		1	Dollar - United States
		2	Sol - Peru
		3	Bolivar - Venezuela
		4	Peso - Mexico
		5	Peso - Chile
		6	Peso - Colombia
		7	Peso - Argentina
		8	Sucre - Ecuador
		9	Guarani - Paraguay
		10	Dollar - Canada
		11	Dollar - Australia
		12	Franc - France
		13	Lira - Italy
		14	Pound - England
		15	Peseta - Spain
		16	Yen - Japan
		8888	N/A
		9999	Unknown
ABTRIPS	Total number of Trips abroad		
		nnn	Number of visits made abroad
		9999	Unknown
ABEXP	Total number of months of experience abroad		
		nnn	Number of months
		9999	Unknown
<i>Internal (Domestic) migration experience (time-constant):</i>			
DOYR1-DOYRL	First/last Domestic mig: Year		
		yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally)
		9999	Unknown
DODUR1-DODURL	First/last Domestic mig: Duration (in months)		
		nnn	Number of months
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally)
		9999	Unknown
DODIST1-DODISTL	First/last domestic mig: District		
			(See Appendix B for District codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally)

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		9999	Unknown
DOPROV1-DOPROVL	First/last domestic mig: Province		(See Appendix B for Province codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally)
		9999	Unknown
DODEPA1-DODEPAL	First/last domestic mig: Department		(See Appendix B for Department codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally)
		9999	Unknown
DOOCC1-DOOCCL	First/last Domestic mig: Occupation		(See Appendix D for Occupation codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally)
		9999	Unknown
DOWAGEL	Last Domestic mig: Wage (soles)		
		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
		8888	N/A (never a migrant)
		9999	Unknown
DOTRIPS	Total number Domestic visits		
		nnn	Number
		9999	Unknown

Person-year information (time-specific):

YEAR	Year	yyyy	Year
LIFEYR	Year in life history	1	First person-year

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		2	Intervening person-years
		3	Last person-year
AGE	Age	nn	Age
EDUC	Educational attainment	nn	Number of years completed
		9999	Unknown

Labor force information (time-specific):

OCCUP	Occupation		(See Appendix D for Occupation codes)
		0	Prior to labor force entry
		9999	Unknown
JCHANGE	Job change	0	No job change during PY
		1	Job change during PY
JOBNUM	Job number	nn	(Estimated) Job number
JOBDUR	Duration (months) in job in PY	nn	Number of months
JDURTOT	Total duration (months) in current job	nnn	Number of months
JOBDEPAR	Department or Country of job		(See Appendix B or C for department or country codes)
		8888	N/A
		9999	Unknown
JOBDISTR	District or City of job		(See Appendix B or C for district or city codes)
		8888	N/A
		9999	Unknown
JOBPROVI	Province of job		(See Appendix B for province codes)
		8888	N/A

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		9999	Unknown

SOCSEC	Job offers Soc. Sec. or a pension	Value	Definition
		0	No
		1	Yes
		8888	N/A
		9999	Unknown

Migration/duration information (time-specific):

ABROAD	Abroad	Value	Definition
		0	No
		1	Yes

TRIP	New trip	Value	Definition
		0	No
		1	Yes

TRIPNUM	Estimated trip number	Value	Definition
		nn	Number

TRIPDUR	Total duration (months) of trip	Value	Definition
		nnn	Number of months

ABDOC	Documentation	Value	Definition
		0	N/A (Not abroad during person-year)
		1	Legal resident
		4	Temporary: Worker
		5	Temporary: Tourist/visitor
		6	Citizen
		8	Undocumented (includes false documents)
		9	Refugee/asylee
		9999	Unknown

ABDUR	Months spent abroad	Value	Definition
		nn	Number of months

ABCUMEXP	Cumulative experience abroad (months)	Value	Definition
		nnn	Number of months

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

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

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		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

Migration experience abroad among family of origin (time-specific):

FAABMG (see Note 1)	Father: Any Migration experience abroad prior to or during person-year		
		0	No
		1	Yes
		9999	Unknown
FLAGFAAB (see Note 2)	FLAG variable for FAABMG		
		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

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
MOABMG (see Note 1)	Mother: Any Migration experience abroad prior to or during person-year	0	No
		1	Yes
		9999	Unknown
FLAGMOAB (see Note 2)	FLAG variable for MOABMG	0	Mother's migration experience (if any) could be located in time
		1	Mother is a migrant, but her migration experience could not be located in time
BROABMG (see Note 1)	Brother: Any Migration experience abroad prior to or during person-year	0	No
		1	Yes
		9999	Unknown
FLAGBRAB (see Note 2)	FLAG variable for BROABMG	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
SISABMG (see Note 1)	Sister: Any Migration experience abroad prior to or during person-year	0	No
		1	Yes
FLAGSIAB (see Note 2)	FLAG variable for SISABMG	0	Sister's migration experience (if any) could be located in time
		1	Sister is a migrant, but her 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
HECTARS (see Note 1)	Number of hectares owned in person-year	nnn.n	Number of hectares
FLAGHECT (see Note 2)	FLAG variable for HECTARS	0	All hectares' ownership (if any) could be located in time

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		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	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, MOABMG, FAABMG, SISABMG, BROABMG, LAND, HECTARS, 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 abroad in an unspecified year were never abroad.
- (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 HECTARS 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
- FAABMG: flag variable FLAGFAAB
- MOABMG: flag variable FLAGMOAB
- BROABMG: flag variable FLAGBRAB
- SISABMG: flag variable FLAGSIAB
- LAND: flag variable FLAGLAND
- HECTARS: 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, FAABMG and MOABMG.

In the case of the non-dichotomous variables BROABMG, SISABMG, 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 BROABMG coupled with a value of 1 for FLAGBRAB indicates that it is certain that, as of or during the person-year, three brothers of the household head have been abroad. However, there is at least one more brother who has been abroad 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.