

Latin American Migration Project
Country: Puerto Rico
User Codebook : LIFE FILE

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
PLACEBRN	4.0	Place of birth
STATEBRN	4.0	State of birth
OCC	4.0	Principal occupation
PENSION	4.0	Holds a pension
<i>U.S. migration experience (time-constant):</i>		
USYR1	4.0	First U.S. trip: Year
USDUR1	4.0	First U.S. trip: Duration (in months)
USPLACE1	4.0	First U.S. trip: City of residence
USSTATE1	4.0	First U.S. trip: State of residence
USOCC1	4.0	First U.S. trip: Occupation
USWAGE1	8.2	First U.S. trip: Wage (dollars)
USWBY1	4.0	First U.S. trip: Frequency of wage payment
USWAGE1Y	4.0	First US trip: year of reported wage
USYRL	4.0	Last U.S. trip: Year
USDURL	4.0	Last U.S. trip: Duration (in months)
USPLACEL	4.0	Last U.S. trip: City of residence
USSTATEL	4.0	Last U.S. trip: State of residence
USOCCL	4.0	Last U.S. trip: Occupation
USWAGEL	8.2	Last U.S. trip: Wage (dollars)
USWBYL	4.0	Last U.S. trip: Frequency of wage payment
USWAGELY	4.0	Last US trip: year of reported wage
HOWJOB	4.0	Last U.S. trip: How job was obtained
HRWAGE	8.2	Last U.S. trip: Hourly wage
HRWEEK	4.0	Last U.S. trip: Hours worked per week
MONSYR	4.0	Last U.S. trip: Months worked per year
HOWPAID	4.0	Last U.S. trip: How wages paid
SSTAX	4.0	Last U.S. trip: Soc. Sec. taxes withheld
FEDTX	4.0	Last U.S. trip: Fed taxes withheld
ROWNER	4.0	Last U.S. trip: Race of employer
RSUPER	4.0	Last U.S. trip: Race of supervisor

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USTRIPS	4.0	Total number of U.S. trips
USEXP	4.0	Total months of U.S. experience
Domestic migration experience (time-constant):		
DOYR1	4.0	First Domestic trip: Year
DODUR1	4.0	First Domestic trip: Duration (in months)
DOPLACE1	4.0	First Domestic trip: City of residence
DOSTATE1	4.0	First Domestic trip: State of residence
DOOCC1	4.0	First Domestic trip: Occupation
DOYRL	4.0	Last Domestic trip: Year
DODURL	4.0	Last Domestic trip: Duration (in months)
DOPLACEL	4.0	Last Domestic trip: City of residence
DOSTATEL	4.0	Last Domestic trip: State of residence
DOOCCL	4.0	Last Domestic trip: Occupation
DOWAGEL	8.2	Last Domestic trip: Wage (domestic currency)
DOWBYL	4.0	Last Domestic trip: Frequency of wage payment
DOTRIPS	4.0	Total number Domestic trips
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
SOCSEC	4.0	Social security coverage in PY
JOBPLACE	4.0	City/place of job
JOBSTATE	4.0	State of job
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
USDUR	4.0	Months spent in U.S. (during PY)
USCUMEXP	4.0	Cumulative U.S. experience (months)

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Variable	Format	Label
<i>Information on marital status (time-specific):</i>		
CUNION	1.0	In 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):</i>		
CEB	4.0	Children: Total ever born
MINORS	4.0	Children: Total under 18 yrs
CHILDREN	4.0	Children: Total living
CHILDBRN	4.0	Children: Total born
DEATH1	4.0	Children: Year dead child 1 was born
DEATH2	4.0	Children: Year dead child 2 was born
DEATH3	4.0	Children: Year dead child 3 was born
DEATH4	4.0	Children: Year dead child 4 was born
<i>U.S. migration experience among family of origin (time-specific):</i>		
FAUSMIG	1.0	Father: Any U.S. Migration Experience Prior to/During Person Year
FLAGFAUS	1.0	FLAG variable for FAUSMIG
MOUSMIG	1.0	Mother: Any U.S. 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 BROMIG
SISUSMIG	2.0	Sisters: Number with U.S. Migration Experience Prior to or During Person Year
FLAGSIUS	1.0	FLAG variable for SISMIG
<i>Property and Business holdings (time-specific):</i>		
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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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
<i>Identifier information:</i>			
COUNTRY	Country of focus	1	Mexico
		2	Puerto Rico
		3	The Dominican Republic
COMMUN	Community number		(See Appendix A for codes, descriptions, and sampling information)
SURVEYPL	Place of survey	1	Home country
		2	U.S. 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
PLACEBRN	Place of birth		(See Appendix B for Place codes)
STATEBRN	State of birth		(See Appendix C for State codes)
OCC	Principal occupation		(See Appendix D for Occupation codes)
PENSION	Holds a pension	1	Yes
		2	No
<i>U.S. migration experience (time-constant):</i>			
USYR1/USYRL	First/last U.S. trip: Year	yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never visited the U.S.)
		9999	Unknown

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
USDUR1/USDURL	First/last U.S. trip: Duration (in months)	nnn	Number of months
		8888	N/A (never visited the U.S.)
		9999	Unknown
USPLACE1/USPLACEL	First/last U.S. trip: City of residence		(See Appendix B for Place codes)
USSTATE1/USSTATEL	First/last U.S. trip: State of residence		(See Appendix C for State codes)
USOCC1/USOCCCL	First/last U.S. trip: Occupation		(See Appendix D for Occupation codes)
USWAGE1/USWAGEL	First/last U.S. trip: Wage (dollars)	nnn.nn	Amount
		8888	N/A (never visited/worked for a wage in the U.S.)
		9999	Unknown
USWB1/USWB1L	First/last US trip: Frequency of wage payment	1	Hour
		2	Day
		3	Week
		4	Bi-weekly
		5	Month
		6	Year
		8888	N/A (never migrated/not employed for a wage in the US)
USWAGE1Y/USWAGELY	First/last US trip: Year of reported wage	nnnn	Year of reported wage
		8888	N/A (never visited the US/not employed for a wage in the US)
		9999	Unknown
HOWJOB	Last U.S. trip: 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
		6	Contracted
		7	Paid a friend/fellow home-community member
		8	Through an employment agency
		8888	N/A (no job last U.S. trip)
		9999	Unknown
HRWAGE	Last U.S. trip: Hourly wage	nnn.nn	Hourly wage (dollars)
		8888	N/A (no job last U.S. trip)
		9999	Unknown
HRWEEK	Last U.S. trip: Hours worked per week	nnn	Number of hours
		8888	N/A (no job last U.S. trip)
		9999	Unknown

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
MONSYR	Last U.S. trip: Months worked per year	nn	Number of months
		8888	N/A (no job last U.S. trip)
		9999	Unknown
HOWPAID	Last U.S. trip: How wages paid	1	By check
		2	By cash
		8888	N/A (no job last U.S. trip)
		9999	Unknown
SSTAX	Last U.S. trip: Soc. Sec. taxes withheld	1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (no job last U.S. trip)
		9999	Unknown
FEDTX	Last U.S. trip: Fed taxes withheld	1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (no job last U.S. trip)
		9999	Unknown
ROWNER	Last U.S. trip: Race of employer	1	Anglo (or company)
		2	African-American
		3	Asian
		4	American-born co-ethnic
		5	Countryman
		6	Other Latino
		7	Other
		8888	N/A (no job last U.S. trip or self-employed)
		9999	Unknown
RSUPER	Last U.S. trip: Race of supervisor	1	Anglo (or company)
		2	African-American
		3	Asian
		4	American-born co-ethnic
		5	Countryman
		6	Other Latino
		7	Other
		8888	N/A (no job or no supervisor in last U.S. trip)
		9999	Unknown
USTRIPS	Total number of U.S. trips	nn	Number
		9999	Unknown
USEXP	Total months of U.S. experience	nnn	Months
		9999	Unknown

Domestic migration experience (time-constant):

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
DOYR1/DOYRL	First/last Domestic trip: Year	yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally)
		9999	Unknown
DODUR1/DODURL	First/last Domestic trip: Duration (in months)	nnn	Number of months
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally)
		9999	Unknown
DOPLACE1/DOPLACEL	First/last Domestic trip: City of residence		(See Appendix B for Place codes)
DOSTATE1/DOSTATEL	First/last Domestic trip: State of residence		(See Appendix C for State codes)
DOOCC1/DOOCCCL	First/last Domestic trip: Occupation		(See Appendix D for Occupation codes)
DOWAGEL	Last Domestic trip: Wage (domestic currency)	nnn.nn	Amount
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally/not employed for a wage)
		9999	Unknown
DOWBYL	Last DO trip: Frequency of wage	1	Hour
		2	Day
		3	Week
		4	Bi-weekly
		5	Month
		6	Year
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally/not employed for a wage)
		9999	Unknown
DOTRIPS	Total number Domestic trips	nnn	Number
		9999	Unknown
<i>Person-year information (time-specific):</i>			
YEAR	Year	yyyy	Year
LIFEYR	Year in life history	1	First person-year
		2	Intervening person-years
		3	Last person-year
AGE	Age	nn	Age
EDUC	Educational attainment	nn	Number of years completed
		9999	Unknown

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
<i>Labor force information (time-specific):</i>			
OCCUP	Occupation		(See Appendix D for Occupation codes)
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	Number of months
JDURTOT	Total duration (months) in current job	nnn	Number of months
SOCSEC	Social security coverage in PY	0 1 9999	No (includes those not in the labor force) Yes Unknown
JOBPLACE	City/place of job		(See Appendix B for Place codes)
JOBSTATE	State of job		(See Appendix C for State codes)
<i>Migration/duration information (time-specific):</i>			
INUS	In U.S.	0 1	No Yes
TRIP	New trip	0 1	No Yes
TRIPNUM	Estimated trip number	nn	Number
TRIPDUR	Total duration (months) of trip	nnn	Number of months
USDUR	Months spent in U.S. (during PY)	nn	Number of months
USCUMEXP	Cumulative U.S. experience (months)	nnn	Number of months
<i>Information on Marital Status (time-specific):</i>			
CUNION (see Note 1)	In Consensual Union During Person-Year	0 1	Not in consensual union in PY In consensual union in PY

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
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 PY
		1	Married in PY
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):</i>			
CEB	Children: Total ever born	nn	Number born as of PY
		9999	Unknown
MINORS	Children: Total under 18 yrs	nn	Number under 18 as of PY
		9999	Unknown
CHILDREN	Children: Total living	nn	Number living as of PY
		9999	Unknown
CHILDBRN	Children: Total born	nn	Number born during PY
		9999	Unknown
DEATH#	Children: Year dead child # was born (1-4)	yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (no child death)
		9999	Unknown
<i>U.S. migration experience among family of origin (time-specific):</i>			
FAUSMIG	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	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 her migration experience could not be located in time
BROUSMIG (see Note 1)	Number of Brothers with U.S. Migration Experience Prior to or During Person-Year	nn	Brothers with U.S. Migration Experience

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
FLAGBRUS (see Note 2)	FLAG variable for BROUSMIG	0	All brothers' migration experience (if any) could be located in time
		1	At least one brother is a migrant whose migration experience could not be located in time
SISUSMIG (see Note 1)	Number of Sisters with U.S. Migration Experience Prior to or During Person-Year	nn	Sisters with U.S. Migration Experience
FLAGSIUS (see Note 2)	FLAG variable for SISUSMIG	0	All sisters' migration experience (if any) could be located in time
		1	At least one sister is a migrant whose migration experience could not be located in time
Property and Business holdings (time-specific):			
PROPERTY (see Note 1)	Number of Properties 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 in Person-Year	nn	Number of Businesses
FLAGBUS (see Note 2)	FLAG variable for BUSINESS	0	All bussineses' 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, 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, 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 assumption:

- (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) properties or businesses acquired or sold in unspecified years never existed.

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
- 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, 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 FLAGBRMG 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.