

Uruguay LIFE File

Description

LIFE is an event-history file for each household head from the year of birth until the survey year.

LIFE Variables

Uruguay – LIFE file contains 29,175 observations and 101 variables. The LIFE file is built using various tables from the Ethnosurvey in order to construct the event-history to describe labor, family, and migration histories of each household head.

Time-specific variables are:

- Labor force information constructed using table Fa.
- International migration information using specific variables from tables C1.
- International migration experience among family of origin of household head. These variables are constructed using information from table G.
- Union/marital history from tables B.
- Family composition describing the number of children ever born, number of children and minors in specific person-year. These variables are constructed using information from table A.
- Business and property holdings from tables D and E respectively.

Do not forget to download the Ethnosurvey from our page in order to obtain specific tables and questions.

LIFE Data File: Variable list and specification

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
SURVEYMO	4.0	Month of survey
HHNUM	4.0	Household number (within community)
Background information (time-constant):		
SEX	4.0	Sex
YRBORN	4.0	Year of birth
STATEBRN	4.0	State of birth
PLACEBRN	4.0	Place of birth
OCC	4.0	Principal occupation
AGEJOB1	4.0	Age at first job
International Migration Experience (time-constant):		
ABYR1	4.0	First INTL migration: Year
ABDUR1	4.0	First INTL migration: Duration (in months)
ABDOCBE1	4.0	First INTL migration: Documentation used upon entry
ABDOCEN1	4.0	First INTL migration: Documentation used at the end of trip
ORSTATE1	4.0	First INTL migration: Country of origin
ORPLACE1	4.0	First INTL migration: City of origin
ABSTATE1	4.0	First INTL migration: State of residence
ABPLACE1	4.0	First INTL migration: City of residence
ABMAR1	4.0	First INTL migration: Married
ABOCC1	4.0	First INTL migration: Occupation
ABWAGE1	14.2	First INTL migration: Wage
ABBY1	4.0	First INTL migration: Frequency of wages
ABCURR1	4.0	First INTL migration: Currency of wages
ABMINOR1	4.0	First INTL migration: If minor, traveled accompanied
ABYRL	4.0	Last INTL migration: Year
ABDURL	4.0	Last INTL migration: Duration (in months)
ABDOCBEL	4.0	Last INTL migration: Documentation used upon entry
ABDOCENL	4.0	Last INTL migration: Documentation used at the end of trip
ORSTATEL	4.0	Last INTL migration: Country of origin
ORPLACEL	4.0	Last INTL migration: City of origin
ABSTATEL	4.0	Last INTL migration: State of residence
ABPLACEL	4.0	Last INTL migration: City of residence

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Variable	Format	Label
ABMARL	4.0	Last INTL migration: Married
ABOCCL	4.0	Last INTL migration: Occupation
ABWAGEL	14.2	Last INTL migration: Wage
ABBYL	4.0	Last INTL migration: Frequency of wages
ABCURRL	4.0	Last INTL migration: Currency of wages
ABMINORL	4.0	Last INTL migration: If minor, traveled accompanied
UYWAGE1	14.2	Uruguay wage (first trip): Wage
UYCURR1	4.0	Uruguay wage (first trip): Currency
UYWGBY1	4.0	Uruguay wage (first trip): Frequency of wage
UYWGYR1	4.0	Uruguay wage (first trip): Year of wage
UYWAGEL	14.2	Uruguay wage (last trip): Wage
UYCURRL	4.0	Uruguay wage (last trip): Currency
UYWGBYL	4.0	Uruguay wage (last trip): Frequency of wage
UYWGYRL	4.0	Uruguay wage (last trip): Year of wage
HOWJOB	4.0	Last migration to Uruguay: How job was obtained
REFNACL	8.2	Last migration to Uruguay: Nationality of reference
HRWEEKL	4.0	Last migration to Uruguay: Usual hours worked per week
MONSYRL	4.0	Last migration to Uruguay: Usual months worked per year
ROWNERL	4.0	Last migration to Uruguay: Owner's nationality
RSUPERL	4.0	Last migration to Uruguay: Supervisor's nationality
ABTRIPS	4.0	Total number of INTL migrations
ABEXP	8.2	Total months of INTL experience
<i>Legalization in Uruguay (time-constant):</i>		
LEGYRAPP	4.0	Legal Residency: Year applied
LEGYRREC	4.0	Legal Residency: Year received
LEGMODE	4.0	Legal Residency: Sponsorship mode
CITYRAPP	4.0	Citizenship: Year applied
CITYRREC	4.0	Citizenship: Year received
<i>Person-year information (time-specific):</i>		
YEAR	4.0	Year
LIFEYR	4.0	Year in life history
AGE	4.0	Age
EDUC	4.0	Educational attainment

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Variable	Format	Label
<i>Labor force information (time-specific):</i>		
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
JOBPLACE	4.0	City/place of job
JOBSTATE	4.0	State of job
PENSION	4.0	Contributes to Social Security
SALARY	4.0	Salaried
OWN	4.0	Worked on his/her own
SECTOR	4.0	Type of sector
SECJOB	4.0	Secondary job during PY
ESC	4.0	Years of schooling completed at the beginning of job N
<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 abroad
LPR	4.0	Legal Permanent Resident
CITIZEN	4.0	Citizen
ABDUR	4.0	Months spent abroad
ABCUMEXP	4.0	Cumulative INTL experience (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 years
CHILDREN	2.0	Children: Total living
CHILDBRN	2.0	Children: Total born in person-year

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International migration experience among family of origin (time-specific):

FAABMIG	1.0	Father: Any INTL migration experience prior to/ during PY
FLAGFAAB	1.0	FLAG variable for FAABMIG
MOABMIG	1.0	Mother: Any INTL migration experience prior to/ during PY
FLAGMOAB	1.0	FLAG variable for MOABMIG
BROABMIG	2.0	Brothers: No. with INTL migration experience prior to/during PY
FLAGBRAB	1.0	FLAG variable for BROABMIG
SISABMIG	2.0	Sisters: No. with INTL migration experience prior to/ during PY
FLAGSIAB	1.0	FLAG variable for SISABMIG

Property and Business holdings (time-specific):

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

LIFE Data File: Variable Codes

Variable	Label	Value	Definition
<i>Identifier Information</i>			
COUNTRY	Country of focus	11	Uruguay
COMMUN	Community number	1	Cuba
		2	Dominican Republic
		3	Peru
		4	Venezuela
SURVEYPL	Place of survey	2	Abroad - Uruguay
SURVEYYR	Year of survey	yyyy	(See Appendix A for survey periods) Year
SURVEYMO	Month of survey	mm	Month
HHNUM	Household number (within community)	nnnn	Number of household
<i>Background Information (time-constant):</i>			
SEX	Sex	1	Male
		2	Female
YRBORN	Year of birth	yyyy	Year
STATEBRN	State of birth		(See Appendix C for State codes)
PLACEBRN	Place of birth		(See Appendix B for Place codes)
OCC	Principal occupation		(See Appendix D for occupation codes)

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
AGEJOB1	Age at first job	nn	Age
 <i>International Migration Experience (time-constant):</i>			
ABYR1 - ABYRL	First/last INTL migration: Year	yyyy 9999	Year Unknown
ABDUR1 - ABDURL	First/last INTL migration: Duration (in months)	nnn 9999	Number of months Unknown
ABDOCBE1 - ABDOCBEL	First/last INTL migration: Documentation used upon entry	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 8888 9999	Passport – Country of origin Visa to country Applicant – Temporary Residency Applicant – Permanent Residency Temporal Residency Permanente Residency Applicant – Asylum/Refugee Refugee / Asylee / ACNUR Citizen of (migration) country Undocumented Other N/A (never migrated) Unknown
ABDOCEN1 - ABDOCENL	First/last INTL migration: Documentation used at the end of trip	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 8888 9999	Passport – Country of origin Visa to country Applicant – Temporary Residency Applicant – Permanent Residency Temporal Residency Permanente Residency Applicant – Asylum/Refugee Refugee / Asylee / ACNUR Citizen of (migration) country Undocumented Other N/A (never migrated) Unknown

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
ORSTATE1 - ORSTATEL	First/last INTL migration: Country of origin		(See Appendix C for country codes)
ORPLACE1 - ORPLACEL	First/last INTL migration: City of origin		(See Appendix B for place codes)
		9999	Unknown
ABSTATE1 - ABSTATEL	First/last INTL migration: State of residence		(See Appendix C for country codes)
ABPLACE1 - ABPLACEL	First/last INTL migration: City of residence		(See Appendix B for place codes)
		9999	Unknown
ABMAR1 - ABMARL	First/last INTL migration: Married		
		1	Yes
		2	No
		9999	Unknown
ABOCC1 - ABOCCCL	First/last INTL migration: Occupation		(See Appendix D for occupation codes)
		9999	Unknown
ABWAGE1 - ABWAGEL	First/last migration: Wage		
		nnn.dd	Amount
		8888	N/A (not employed for wages)
		9999	Unknown
ABBY1 - ABBYL	First/last INTL migration: Frequency of wages		
		1	Hour
		2	Day
		3	Week
		4	Biweekly
		5	Month
		6	Year
		8888	N/A (not employed for wages)
		9999	Unknown
ABCURR1 - ABCURRL	First/last INTL migration: Currency of wages		
		1	Peso – Uruguay
		2	Dollar – U.S.
		4	Peso – Dominican Republic

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		7	Soles – Peru
		8	Euros
		9	Peso – Argentina
		10	Real – Brazil
		11	Peso – Chile
		12	Peso – Mexico
		13	Peso – Colombia
		8888	N/A (not employed for wages / never migrated)
		9999	Unknown
ABMINOR1 - ABMINORL	First/last INTL migration: If minor, traveled accompanied		
		1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A – Not a minor / never migrated
		9999	Unknown
UYWAGE1 – UYWAGEL	Uruguay wage (1st/ last trip): Wage		
		1	Peso – Uruguay
		2	Dollar – U.S.
		8888	N/A (not employed for wages)
		9999	Unknown
UYCURR1 – UYCURRL	Uruguay wage (1st/ last trip): Currency of wages		
		1	Amount
		8888	N/A (not employed for wages)
		9999	Unknown
UYBY1 - UYBYL	First/last INTL 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
UYWGYR1 - UYWGYRL	First/last INTL mig: Year of wage		
		yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (not employed for wages)
		9999	Unknown

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
HOWJOBL	Last migration to Uruguay: How job was obtained	1	Newspapers / websites adds
		2	Recommended by spouse
		3	Recommended by a relative
		4	Recommended by a friend
		5	Recommended by an acquaintance
		7	Paid somebody
		8	Social networks (i.e. Facebook)
		9	Applied directly at workplace
		10	Through a public agency (CEPE/INEFOP)
		11	Through a private agency
		12	Social / civil organization
		13	Other
		8888	N/A (Did not work during trip)
		9999	Unknown
REFNACL	Last migration to Uruguay: Nationality of reference person (See Appendix C for Country codes)	8888	N/A (Did not work during trip)
		9999	Unknown
HRWEEKL	Last migration to Uruguay: Usual hours worked per week	nnn	Number of hours
		8888	N/A (Did not work during last trip)
		9999	Unknown
MONSYRL	Last migration to Uruguay: Usual months worked per year	nn	Number of months
		8888	N/A (Did not work during last trip)
		9999	Unknown
ROWNERL	Last migration to Uruguay: Owner's nationality	1	Uruguayan
		2	Other
		8888	N/A (Did not work during last trip)
		9999	Unknown
RSUPERL	Last migration to Uruguay: Supervisor's nationality	1	Uruguayan
		2	Other
		8888	N/A (Did not work during last trip)
		9999	Unknown

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
ABTRIPS	Total number of international trips	nnn	Number of international trips
ABEXP	Total months of experience abroad	nnn	Number of months
		8888	See Appendix E
 <i>Legalization in Uruguay (time-constant):</i>			
LEGYRAPP	UY Legal Residency: Year applied	yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (Never applied / Never migrated)
		9999	Unknown
LEGYRREC	UY Legal Residency: Year received	yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (Never applied / Never migrated)
		9999	Unknown
LEGMODE	UY Legal Residency: Sponsorship mode	1	Permanent Residency through a Uruguayan relative (child/spouse/grandchild)
		2	Permanent Residency - MERCOSUR+EEAA
		3	Permanent Residency - proving economic means (Non-MERCOSUR+EEAA and MERCOSUR+EEA, prior to 2015)
		4	Temporary Residency – (all) proving economic means
		8888	N/A (Never applied / Never migrated)
		9999	Unknown
CITYRAPP	UY Citizenship: Year applied	yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (Never applied / Never migrated)
		9999	Unknown
CITYRREC	UY Citizenship: Year received	yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (Never applied / Never migrated)
		9999	Unknown

Person-year information (time-specific):

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
YEAR	Year	yyyy	Year
LIFEYR	Year in life history	1 2 3	First person-year Intervening person-years Last person-year
AGE	Age	nn	Age
EDUC	Educational Attainment	nn	Number of years completed
<i>Labor force information (time-specific):</i>			
OCCUP	Occupation	0 9999	(See Appendix D for Occupation codes) Prior to labor force entry Unknown
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 9999	Number of months Unknown
JOBPLACE	City/place of job	0 9999	(See Appendix B for Place codes) Prior to labor force entry Unknown
JOBSTATE	State of job		(See Appendix C for State codes)

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		0	Prior to labor force entry
PENSION	Contributes to Social Security		
		0	Prior to labor force entry
		1	Yes
		2	No
		9999	Unknown
SALARY	Salaried		
		0	Prior to labor force entry
		1	Yes
		2	No
		9999	Unknown
OWN	Worked on his/her own		
		0	Prior to labor force entry
		1	Yes
		2	No
		9999	Unknown
SECTOR	Type of sector		
		0	Prior to labor force entry
		1	Private
		2	Public
		9999	Unknown
SECJOB	Secondary job during PY		
		0	Prior to labor force entry
		1	Yes
		2	No
		9999	Unknown
ESC	Years of schooling completed at the beginning of job N		
		0	Prior to labor force entry
		yyyy	Years
		9999	Unknown
 <i>Migration/duration information (time-specific):</i>			
ABROAD	Abroad		
		0	No
		1	Yes

LIFE Data File: Variable Codes

Variable	Label	Value	Definition
TRIP	New trip	0	No
		1	Yes
TRIPNUM	Estimated trip number	nn	Number
TRIPDUR	Total duration (months) of trip	nnn	Number of months
ABDOC	Documentation abroad	0	N/A (Not abroad during person-year)
		1	Passport – Country of origin
		2	Visa to country
		3	Applicant – Temporary Residency
		4	Applicant – Permanent Residency
		5	Temporal Residency
		6	Permanente Residency
		7	Applicant – Asylum/Refugee
		8	Refugee / Asylee / ACNUR
		9	Citizen of (migration) country
		10	Undocumented
		11	Other
	9999	Unknown	
LPR	Legal Permanent Resident	0	No
		1	Yes
		9999	Unknown
Citizen	Citizen - UY	0	No
		1	Yes
		9999	Unknown
ABDUR	Months spent abroad	nn	Number of months
ABCUMEXP	Cumulative expedience abroad (months)	nn	Number of months

LIFE Data File: Variable Codes

Variable	Label	Value	Definition
<i>Union (marital) information (time-specific):</i>			
CUNION (see Note 1)	In consensual union during person-year	0	Not in a 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 couldn't 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 couldn't 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 years	nn	Number of children 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
<i>International migration experience among family of origin (time-specific):</i>			
FAABMIG (see Note 1)	Father: Any INTL migration experience prior to or during PY	0	No
		1	Yes

LIFE Data File: Variable Codes

Variable	Label	Value	Definition
FLAGFAAB (see Note 2)	FLAG variable for FAABMIG	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
MOABMIG (see Note 1)	Mother: Any INTL migration experience prior to or during PY	0	No
		1	Yes
FLAGMOAB (see Note 2)	FLAG variable for MOABMIG	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
BROABMIG (see Note 1)	Brother: No. of brothers with INTL migration experience prior to or during PY	nn	Number of brothers
FLAGBRAB (see Note 2)	FLAG variable for BRABMIG	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
SISABMIG (see Note 1)	Sister: No. of sisters with INTL migration experience prior to or during PY	nn	Number of sisters
FLAGSIAB (see Note 2)	FLAG variable for SIABMIG	0	Sisters' migration experience (if any) could be located in time
		1	Sister is a migrant, but his migration experience could not be located in time
<i>Property and Business holdings (time-specific):</i>			
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

LIFE Data File: Variable Codes

Variable	Label	Value	Definition
BUSINESS (see Note 1)	Number of businesses owned in person-year	nnnn.n	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, MOABMIG, FAABMIG, SISABMIG, BROABMIG, LAND, 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) 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
- FAABMIG: flag variable FLAGFAAB
- MOABMIG: flag variable FLAGMOAB
- BROABMIG: flag variable FLAGBRAB
- SISABMIG: flag variable FLAGSIAB
- 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, FAABMIG and MOABMIG.

In the case of the non-dichotomous variables BROABMIG, SISABMIG, 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 BROABMIG 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.

NOTE 3

In the construction of the variable children born unknown years were omitted: CEBSOFAR, MINORS, CHILDREN, CHILDBRN. All children ever born are included in variable CEB, which can be used to measure the extent of this omission.