

PERS Data File: Variable list and specification

Variable	Format	Label
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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)
PERSNUM	4.0	Person number (within household)
INFORM	4.0	Informant status
HMEMSHP	4.0	Household membership

Sample-specific weight

WEIGHT	6.2	Weight
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Background information

SEX	4.0	Sex
RELHEAD	4.0	Relationship to household head
YRBORN	4.0	Year of birth
YRDEAD	4.0	Year of death
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 at the time of survey
HHINCOME	8.2	Household head income or wages
LDOWAGE	8.2	Wage (for last formal job in Mexico)
BY	4.0	Wage unit

Health Information**(Applies to Household Head and Spouse Only)**

HEIGHT	6.2	Health: Height (meters)
KGS	6.2	Health: Weights (kilos)
SMOKES	4.0	Health: Currently smokes?
SMOKED	4.0	Health: Smoked before?
SMOKEAGE	4.0	Health: Age at first smoke
HEALTH	4.0	Health: Quality of health at age 14
HEALTHLY	4.0	Health: Quality of health the year before the survey
HEALTHNW	4.0	Health: Current quality of health

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HYPERTEN	4.0	Health: Hypertension or high blood pressure
SUGAR	4.0	Health: Diabetes or high sugar levels
HEART	4.0	Health: Has suffered heart attack or heart problems
BRAIN	4.0	Health: Brain damage
LUNG	4.0	Health: Chronic lung conditions
NERVES	4.0	Health: Emotional or psychiatric problems
CANCER	4.0	Health: Has suffered cancer
 <i>U.S. Migration Experience</i>		
USBORN	4.0	Born in the U.S.
USYR1	4.0	First US migration: Year
USDUR1	4.0	First US migration: Duration (in months)
USDOC1	4.0	First US migration: Documentation used
USSTATE1	4.0	First US migration: State of residence
USPLACE1	4.0	First US migration: City of residence
USMAR1	4.0	First US migration: Married
USOCC1	4.0	First US migration: Occupation
USWAGE1	8.2	First US migration: Wage (dollars)
USBY1	4.0	First US migration: Frequency of wages
USYRL	4.0	Last US migration: Year
USDURL	4.0	Last US migration: Duration (in months)
USDOCL	4.0	Last US migration: Documentation used
USSTATEL	4.0	Last US migration: State of residence
USPLACEL	4.0	Last US migration: City of residence
USMARL	4.0	Last US migration: Married
USOCCL	4.0	Last US migration: Occupation
USWAGEL	8.2	Last US migration: Wage (dollars)
USBYL	4.0	Last US migration: Frequency of wages
USCURTRP	4.0	Currently on last migration
USTRIPS	4.0	Total number of US migrations
USEXP	4.0	Total months of US experience
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

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USHEALTH	4.0	Health: Quality of health before US migration
MXHEALTH	4.0	Health: Quality of health after US migration

CANADIAN Migration Experience

CNYR1	4.0	First CN migration: Year
CNDUR1	4.0	First CN migration: Duration (in months)
CNDOC1	4.0	First CN migration: Documentation used
CNSTATE1	4.0	First CN migration: Province of residence
CNPLACE1	4.0	First CN migration: City of residence
CNFARM1	4.0	First CN migration: Farm of residence
CNMAR1	4.0	First CN migration: Married
CNOCC1	4.0	First CN migration: Occupation
CNWAGE1	8.2	First CN migration: Wage (Canadian dollars)
CNBY1	4.2	First CN migration: Frequency of wages

CNYRL	4.0	Last CN migration: Year
CNDURL	4.0	Last CN migration: Duration (in months)
CNDOCL	4.0	Last CN migration: Documentation used
CNSTATEL	4.0	Last CN migration: Province of residence
CNPLACEL	4.0	Last CN migration: City of residence
CNFARML	4.0	Last CN migration: Farm of residence
CNMARL	4.0	Last CN migration: Married
CNOCCL	4.0	Last CN migration: Occupation
CNWAGEL	8.2	Last CN migration: Wage (Canadian dollars)
CNBYL	4.0	Last CN migration: Frequency of wages

CNCURTRP	4.0	Currently on last CN migration?
CNTRIPS	4.0	Total number of CN migrations

DOMESTIC Migration Experience

DOYR1	4.0	First MX migration: Year
DODUR1	4.0	First MX migration: Duration (in months)
DOSTATE1	4.0	First MX migration: State of residence
DOPLACE1	4.0	First MX migration: City of residence
DOOCC1	4.0	First MX migration: Occupation

DOYRL	4.0	Last MX migration: Year
DODURL	4.0	Last MX migration: Duration (in months)
DOSTATEL	4.0	Last MX migration: State of residence
DOPLACEL	4.0	Last MX migration: City of residence
DOOCCL	4.0	Last MX migration: Occupation

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Variable	Format	Label
DOWAGEL	8.2	Last MX migration: Wage (pesos)
DOBYL	4.0	Last MX migration: Frequency of wages
DOCURTRP	4.0	Currently on last MX migration?
DOTRIPS	4.0	Total number of MX migrations

PERS Data File: Variable Codes

Variable	Label	Value	Definition
<i>Identifier Information</i>			
COUNTRY	Country of focus	1	Mexico
COMMUN	Community number		(See Appendix A for codes and descriptions)
SURVEYPL	Place of survey	1 2	Home country US community
SURVEYYR	Year of survey	yyyy	(See Appendix A for survey periods) Year
HHNUM	Household number (within community)	nnnn	Number of household
PERSNUM	Person number (within household)	nn	Number of person
INFORM	Informant status	1 2 9999	Person was an informant Person was not an informant Unknown
HHMEMSHP	Household membership	1 2 8888 9999	Person was member of OTHER household Person was member of SURVEY household Deceased Unknown
<i>Sample-Specific Weight:</i>			
WEIGHT	Weight	nnn.nn	Weight
<i>Background Information:</i>			
SEX	Sex	1	Male

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		2	Female
		9999	Unknown
RELHEAD	Relationship to household head		
		1	Head
		2	Spouse
		3	Son/daughter
		4	Father/mother
		5	Brother/sister
		6	Niece/nephew
		7	Uncle/aunt
		8	Cousin
		9	Grandfather/grandmother
		10	Grandson/granddaughter
		11	Stepson/stepdaughter
		12	Stepbrother/stepsister
		13	Stepmother/stepfather
		14	Son-in-law/daughter-in-law
		15	Brother-in-law/sister-in-law
		16	Father-in-law/mother-in-law
		17	Other blood relative
		18	Other relative by marriage
		19	Non-relative
		20	Adopted/foster child
		9999	Unknown
YRBORN	Year of birth		
		yyyy	Year
		9999	Unknown
YRDEAD	Year of death		
		yyyy	Year
		8888	Person still alive
		9999	Unknown
AGE	Age		
		nn	Age in years
		8888	Deceased
		9999	Unknown
STATEBRN	State of birth		
			(See Appendix C for State codes)
		9999	Unknown

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
PLACEBRN	Place of birth		(See Appendix B for Place codes)
		9999	Unknown
MARSTAT	Marital status	1	Never married
		2	Married (civil or religious)
		3	Consensual union
		4	Widowed
		5	Divorced
		6	Separated
		8888	Deceased
		9999	Unknown
EDYRS	School years completed	nn	Years of education completed
		8888	Deceased
		9999	Unknown
OCC	Principal occupation at the time of survey		(See Appendix D for occupation codes)
		8888	Deceased
		9999	Unknown
HHINCOME Note: Question dropped and replaced by LDOWAGE in community #53	Household Head Income or Wages	nnn.nn	Amount
		0	Not employed for wages / No income
		8888	N/A (Not household head)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 53+
LDOWAGE Note: Question introduced in community #53	Wage (for last formal job in Mexico)	nnn.nn	Amount
		0	Never employed for wages in Mexico
		8888	N/A (Not household head or spouse)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 - 52
BY	Wage unit	1	Hour
		2	Day

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		3	Week
		4	Biweekly
		5	Month
		6	Year
		8888	N/A (Not household head or spouse)
		9999	Unknown

Health Information

HEIGHT

Note: Question introduced in community #115

Health: Height (meters)

n.nn	Height in meters
8888	N/A (Not household head or spouse)
9999	Unknown
.	Communities 1 - 114

KGS

Note: Question introduced in community #115

Health: Weight (kilos)

nnn.nn	Weight in kilos
8888	N/A (Not household head or spouse)
9999	Unknown
.	Communities 1 - 114

SMOKES

Note: Question introduced in community #115

Health: Currently smokes?

1	Yes
2	No
8888	N/A (Not household head or spouse)
.	Communities 1 - 114

SMOKED

Note: Question introduced in community #115

Health: Smoked before?

1	Yes
2	No
8888	N/A (Not household head or spouse)
.	Communities 1 - 114

SMOKEAGE

Note: Question introduced in community #115

Health: Age at first smoke

nn	Age
8888	N/A (Not household head or spouse)
8888	Has never smoked (Household head or spouse)
9999	Unknown
.	Communities 1 - 114

HEALTH

Note: Question introduced in community #115

Health: Quality of health at age 14

1	Poor
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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		2	Regular
		3	Good
		4	Excellent
		8888	N/A (Not household head or spouse)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 - 114
HEALTHLY	Health: Quality of health last year		
Note: Question introduced in community #115		1	Poor
		2	Regular
		3	Good
		4	Excellent
		8888	N/A (Not household head or spouse)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 - 114
HEALTHNW	Health: Current quality of health		
Note: Question introduced in community #115		1	Poor
		2	Regular
		3	Good
		4	Excellent
		8888	N/A (Not household head or spouse)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 - 114
HYPERTEN	Health: Has/had hypertension or high blood pressure?		
Note: Question introduced in community #115		1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (Not household head or spouse)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 - 114
SUGAR	Health: Has/had diabetes or high sugar levels?		
Note: Question introduced in community #115		1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (Not household head or spouse)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 - 114
HEART	Health: Has/had heart attack or heart problems?		
Note: Question introduced in community #115		1	Yes
		2	No

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		8888	N/A (Not household head or spouse)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 - 114
BRAIN	Health: Has suffered a stroke?		
Note: Question introduced in community #115		1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (Not household head or spouse)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 - 114
LUNG	Health: Has/had chronic lung conditions?		
Note: Question introduced in community #115		1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (Not household head or spouse)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 - 114
NERVES	Health: Has/had emotional, nerves, or psychiatric problems?		
Note: Question introduced in community #115		1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (Not household head or spouse)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 - 114
CANCER	Health: Has/had cancer or malignant tumor?		
Note: Question introduced in community #115		1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (Not household head or spouse)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 - 114
U.S. Migration Experience			
USBORN	Born in the U.S.		
		1	Yes
		2	No
USYR1 - USYRL	First/last US migration: Year		
		yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the US)
		9999	Unknown

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
USDUR1 - USDURL	First/last US migration: Duration (in months)	nnn	Number of months
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the US)
		9999	Unknown
USDOC1 - USDOCL	First/last US migration: Documentation used	1	Legal resident
		2	Contract - Bracero
		3	Contract - H2A (agricultural)
		4	Temporary: Worker
		5	Temporary: Tourist/visitor
		6	Citizen
		7	Silva Letter
		8	Undocumented (includes false documents)
		9	Refugee / asylum
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the US)
USSTATE1 - USSTATEL	First/last US migration: State of residence		(See Appendix C for State codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the US)
USPLACE1 - USPLACEL	First/last US migration: City of residence		(See Appendix B for place codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the US)
		9999	Unknown
USMAR1 - USMARL Note: Question introduced in community #72	First/last US migration: Married	1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the US)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 – 71
USOCC1 - USOCCL	First/last US migration: Occupation		(See Appendix D for occupation codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the US)
		9999	Unknown
USWAGE1 - USWAGEL	First/last migration: Wage (dollars)	nnn.dd	Amount
		8888	N/A (not employed for wages / never migrated)

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		9999	Unknown
USBY1 - USBYL	First/last US migration: Frequency of wages		
		1	Hour
		2	Day
		3	Week
		4	Biweekly
		5	Month
		6	Year
		8888	N/A (not employed for wages / never migrated)
		9999	Unknown
USCURTRP	Currently on last US migration		
		1	Yes (has not returned)
		2	No (has returned)
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the US)
		9999	Unknown
USTRIPS	Total number of US migrations		
		nnn	Number of visits made to the United States
		8888	N/A (Born in the U.S.)
		9999	Unknown
USEXP	Total months of US experience		
		nnn	Number of months – see Appendix E
		8888	N/A (Born in the U.S.)
		9999	Unknown
LEGYRAPP	Legalization: Year applied		
Note: Question introduced in community #53		yyyy	Year of application for legal residence
		8888	N/A (never applied for legalization)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 - 52
LEGYRREC	Legalization: Year received		
		yyyy	Year legal residence papers received
		8888	N/A (never legalized)
		9999	Unknown
LEGSPON	Legalization: Sponsor		
Note: Question introduced in community #53		1	Spouse
		2	Child

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		3	Parent
		4	Sibling
		5	Amnesty (Rodino/IRCA)
		6	Special Agricultural Worker (SAW/IRCA)
		7	Employer
		8	Other
		8888	N/A (never legalized)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 - 52
CITYRAPP	Citizenship: Year applied		
Note: Question introduced in community #72		yyyy	Year of application for citizenship
		8888	N/A (never applied for citizenship)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 - 71
CITYRREC	Citizenship: Year received		
Note: Question introduced in community #72		yyyy	Year citizenship papers received
		8888	N/A (never applied / hast not received yet)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 - 71
USHEALTH	Quality of health prior to US migration		
Note: Question introduced in community #115		1	Poor
		2	Regular
		3	Good
		4	Excellent
		8888	N/A (Not household head or spouse)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 - 114
MXHEALTH	Quality of health after US migration		
Note: Question introduced in community #115		1	Poor
		2	Regular
		3	Good
		4	Excellent
		8888	N/A (Not household head or spouse)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 - 114

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
CANADIAN Migration Experience			
CNYR1 - CNYRL Note: Question introduced in community #110	First/last CN migration: Year	yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never migrated to Canada)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 - 109
CNDUR1 - CNDURL Note: Question introduced in community #110	First/last CN migration: Duration (in months)	nnn	Number of months
		8888	N/A (never migrated to Canada)
		.	Communities 1 - 109
CNDOC1 - CNDOCL Note: Question introduced in community #110	First/last CN migration: Documentation used	1	Temporary Worker (PTAT)
		2	Without work permit
		3	Refugee / asylum
		4	Undocumented (includes false documents)
		5	Temporary: Tourist/visitor
		8888	N/A (never migrated to Canada)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 - 109
CNSTATE1 - CNSTATEL Note: Question introduced in community #110	First/last CN migration: State of residence		(See Appendix C for State codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated to Canada)
		.	Communities 1 - 109
CNPLACE1 - CNPLACEL Note: Question introduced in community #110	First/last CN migration: City of residence		(See Appendix B for place codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated to Canada)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 - 109
CNFARM1 - CNFARML Note: Question introduced in community #110	First/last CN migration: Farm of residence		(See Appendix F for place codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated to Canada)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 - 109
CNMAR1 - CNMARL Note: Question introduced in community #110	First/last CN migration: Married	1	Yes

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
community #110		2	No
		8888	N/A (never migrated to Canada)
		.	Communities 1 - 109
CNOCC1 - CNOCC1 Note: Question introduced in community #110	First/last CN migration: Occupation		(See Appendix D for occupation codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated to Canada)
		.	Communities 1 - 109
CNWAGE1 - CNWAGE1 Note: Question introduced in community #110	First/last CN migration: Wage (Canadian dollars)	nnn.dd	Amount
		8888	N/A (never employed for wages / never migrated)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 - 109
CNBY1 - CNBY1 Note: Question introduced in community #110	First/last CN migration: Frequency of wages	1	Hour
		2	Day
		3	Week
		4	Biweekly
		5	Month
		6	Year
		8888	N/A (never employed for wages / never migrated)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 - 109
CNCURTRP Note: Question introduced in community #110	Currently on last CN migration	1	Yes (has not returned)
		2	No (has returned)
		8888	N/A (never migrated to Canada)
		.	Communities 1 - 109
CNTRIPS Note: Question introduced in community #110	Total number of CN migrations	nnn	Number of visits made to Canada
		.	Communities 1 - 109
Domestic Migration Experience			
DOYR1 - DOYR1	First/last MX migration: Year	yyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally)

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		9999	Unknown
DODUR1 - DODURL	First/last MX migration: Duration (in months)	nnn	Number of months
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally)
		9999	Unknown
DOSTATE1 - DOSTATEL	First/last MX migration: State of residence		(See Appendix C for State codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally)
		9999	Unknown
DOPLACE1 - DOPLACEL	First/last MX migration: City of residence		(See Appendix B for place codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally)
		9999	Unknown
DOOCC1 - DOOCCL	First/last MX migration: Occupation		(See Appendix D for occupation codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally)
		9999	Unknown
DOWAGEL	First/last MX migration: Wage (pesos)	nnn.dd	Amount
		8888	N/A (never worked for wages/ never migrated)
		9999	Unknown
DOBYL	First/last MX migration: Frequency of wages	1	Hour
		2	Day
		3	Week
		4	Biweekly
		5	Month
		6	Year
		8888	N/A (never worked for wages/ never migrated)
		9999	Unknown
DOCURTRP	Currently on last MX migration	1	Yes (has not returned)
		2	No (has returned)
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally)
		9999	Unknown

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
DOTRIPS	Total number of MX migrations	nnn	Number of domestic trips
