

## **MMP174 – SPOUSE File**

### **Description**

SPOUSE is an event-history file for each household head from the year of birth until the survey year. We started collecting detailed information for spouses using table Fb in 1991.

### **SPOUSE Variables**

MMP174 – SPOUSE file contains 834,119 observations and 85 variables. The SPOUSE file is built using mainly table Fb; plus, these data are supplemented by various time-constant variables gleaned from other data files, specifically from tables C and D.

Time-specific variables are:

- Labor force information constructed using table Fb.
- U.S. migration information using specific variables from tables D and D2.

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

**SPOUSE Data File: Variable list and specification**

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<b>Variable</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Label</b>
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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)

**Sample-specific weight:**

WEIGHT	6.2	Weight
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**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

**U.S. Migration Experience (time-constant):**

USBORN	4.0	Born in the U.S.
USYR1	4.0	First US trip: Year
USDUR1	4.0	First US trip: Duration (in months)
USDOC1	4.0	First US trip: Documentation used
USSTATE1	4.0	First US trip: State of residence
USPLACE1	4.0	First US trip: City of residence
USMAR1	4.0	First US trip: Married
USOCC1	4.0	First US trip: Occupation
USWAGE1	8.2	First US trip: Wage (dollars)
USBY1	4.0	First US trip: Frequency of wages
USYRL	4.0	Last US trip: Year
USDURL	4.0	Last US trip: Duration (in months)
USDOCL	4.0	Last US trip: Documentation used
USSTATEL	4.0	Last US trip: State of residence
USPLACEL	4.0	Last US trip: City of residence
USMARL	4.0	Last US trip: Married

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<b>Variable</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Label</b>
USOCCL	4.0	Last US trip: Occupation
USWAGEL	8.2	Last US trip: Wage (dollars)
USBYL	4.0	Last US trip: Frequency of wages
HOWJOBS	4.0	Last US trip: How job was obtained
HRWAGES	8.2	Last US trip: Hourly wage
HRWEEKS	4.0	Last US trip: Usual hours worked per week
MONSYRS	4.0	Last US trip: Usual months worked per year
HOWPAIDS	4.0	Last US trip: How wages paid
SSTAXS	4.0	Last US trip: Social security taxes withheld
FEDTXS	4.0	Last US trip: Federal taxes withheld
ROWNERS	4.0	Last US trip: Race of employer
RSUPERS	4.0	Last US trip: Race of supervisor
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
DACAAPP	4.0	DACA: Year applied
DACAREC	4.0	DACA: Year received
<b><i>Domestic Migration Experience (time-constant):</i></b>		
DOYR1	4.0	First MX trip: Year
DODUR1	4.0	First MX trip: Duration (in months)
DOSTATE1	4.0	First MX trip: State of residence
DOPLACE1	4.0	First MX trip: City of residence
DOOCC1	4.0	First MX trip: Occupation
DOYRL	4.0	Last MX trip: Year
DODURL	4.0	Last MX trip: Duration (in months)
DOSTATEL	4.0	Last MX trip: State of residence
DOPLACEL	4.0	Last MX trip: City of residence
DOOCCL	4.0	Last MX trip: Occupation

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<b>Variable</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Label</b>
DOWAGEL	8.2	Last MX trip: Wage (pesos)
DOBYL	4.0	Last MX trip: Frequency of wages
DOTRIPS	4.0	Total number of MX migrations

***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
SCHOOL	4.0	School level

***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
JOBPLACE	4.0	City/place of job
JOBSTATE	4.0	State of job
SOCSEC	4.0	Job offers Social Security or a pension
PENSION	4.0	Type of Social Security or Pension offered by job

***Migration/duration information (time-specific):***

INUS	4.0	In U.S.
TRIP	4.0	New trip
TRIPNUM	4.0	Estimated trip number
USDOC	4.0	US documentation
GREEN	4.0	Green card?
CITIZEN	4.0	U.S. Citizen?
DACA	4.0	DACA?
USDUR	4.0	Months spent in U.S.
USCUMEXP	4.0	Cumulative U.S. experience (months)

**SPOUSE Data File: Variable Codes**

<b>Variable</b>	<b>Label</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b><i>Identifier Information</i></b>			
<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>Country of focus</b>	1	Mexico
<b>COMMUN</b>	<b>Community number</b>		(See Appendix A for codes and descriptions)
<b>SURVEYPL</b>	<b>Place of survey</b>	1 2	Home country US community
<b>SURVEYYR</b>	<b>Year of survey</b>	yyyy	(See Appendix A for survey periods) Year
<b>HHNUM</b>	<b>Household number (within community)</b>	nnnn	Number of household
<b><i>Sample-Specific Weight:</i></b>			
<b>WEIGHT</b>	<b>Weight</b>	nnn.nn	Weight
<b><i>Background Information (time-constant):</i></b>			
<b>SEX</b>	<b>Sex</b>	1 2	Male Female
<b>YRBORN</b>	<b>Year of birth</b>	yyyy	Year
<b>STATEBRN</b>	<b>State of birth</b>	9999	(See Appendix C for State codes) Unknown

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<b>Variable</b>	<b>Label</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>PLACEBRN</b>	<b>Place of birth</b>		(See Appendix B for Place codes)
		9999	Unknown
<b>OCC</b>	<b>Principal occupation</b>		(See Appendix D for occupation codes)
		9999	Unknown
<b>U.S. Migration Experience (time-constant):</b>			
<b>USBORN</b>	<b>Born in the U.S.</b>	1	Yes
		2	No
<b>USYR1 - USYRL</b>	<b>First/last US trip: Year</b>	yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the US)
<b>USDUR1 - USDURL</b>	<b>First/last US trip: Duration (in months)</b>	nnn	Number of months
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the US)
		9999	Unknown
<b>USDOC1 - USDOCL</b>	<b>First/last US trip: Documentation used</b>	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
		12	DACA
	8888	N/A (never migrated to the US)	
	9999	Unknown	
<b>USSTATE1 - USSTATEL</b>	<b>First/last US trip: State of residence</b>		(See Appendix C for State codes)

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the US)
<b>USPLACE1 - USPLACEL</b>	<b>First/last US trip: City of residence</b>		(See Appendix B for place codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the US)
		9999	Unknown
<b>USMAR1 - USMARL</b>	<b>First/last US trip: Married</b>		
<i>Note: Question introduced in community #72</i>		1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the US)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 – 71
<b>USOCC1 - USOCCL</b>	<b>First/last US trip: Occupation</b>		(See Appendix D for occupation codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated to the US)
		9999	Unknown
<b>USWAGE1 - USWAGEL</b>	<b>First/last trip: Wage (dollars)</b>		
		nnn.dd	Amount
		8888	N/A (not employed for wages / never migrated)
		9999	Unknown
<b>USBY1 - USBYL</b>	<b>First/last US trip: Frequency of wages</b>		
		1	Hour
		2	Day
		3	Week
		4	Biweekly
		5	Month
		6	Year
		8888	N/A (not employed for wages / never migrated)
		9999	Unknown
<b>HOWJOBS</b>	<b>Last US trip: How job was obtained</b>		
<i>Note: Question introduced in community #53</i>		1	Searched by oneself
		2	Recommended by a relative
		3	Recommended by a friend
		4	Recommended by a fellow home-community member

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		5	Recommended by a coyote
		6	Contracted
		7	Paid a friend/fellow home-community member
		8	Through an employer agency
		9	"Pick-up" on street corner
		8888	N/A (no job last US visit)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 – 52
<b>HRWAGES</b>	<b>Last US trip: Hourly wage</b>		
<i>Note: Question introduced in community #53</i>		nnn.dd	Hourly wage (dollars)
		8888	N/A (no job last US visit)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 – 52
<b>HRWEEKS</b>	<b>Last US trip: Usual hours worked per week</b>		
<i>Note: Question introduced in community #53</i>		nnn	Number of hours
		8888	N/A (no job last US visit)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 – 52
<b>MONSYRS</b>	<b>Last US trip: Usual months worked per year</b>		
<i>Note: Question introduced in community #53</i>		nn	Number of months
		8888	N/A (no job last US visit)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 – 52
<b>HOWPAIDS</b>	<b>Last US trip: How wages paid</b>		
<i>Note: Question introduced in community #53</i>		1	By check
		2	By cash
		8888	N/A (no job last US visit)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 – 52
<b>SSTAXS</b>	<b>Last US trip: Social Security taxes withheld</b>		
<i>Note: Question introduced in community #53</i>		1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (no job last US visit)
		9999	Unknown



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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		.	Communities 1 – 52
<b>FEDTXS</b>	<b>Last US trip: Federal taxes withheld</b>		
<i>Note: Question introduced in community #53</i>		1	Yes
		2	No
		8888	N/A (no job last US visit)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 – 52
<b>ROWNERS</b>	<b>Last US trip: Race of head's / spouse's employer</b>		
<i>Note: Question introduced in community #53</i>		1	Anglo
		2	African-American
		3	Asian
		4	Chicano
		5	Mexican
		6	Other Latino
		7	Other
		8	Company
		8888	N/A (no job last US visit)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 – 52
<b>RSUPERS</b>	<b>Last US trip: Race of head's / spouse's supervisor</b>		
<i>Note: Question introduced in community #53</i>		1	Anglo
		2	African-American
		3	Asian
		4	Chicano
		5	Mexican
		6	Other Latino
		7	Other
		8	Company
		8888	N/A (no job last US visit)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 – 52
<b>USTRIPS</b>	<b>Total number of US migrations</b>		
		nnn	Number of visits made to the United States
		8888	N/A (Born in the U.S.)

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
<b>USEXP</b>	<b>Total months of US experience</b>	nnn	Number of months
		9999	Unknown
<b>LEGYRAPP</b> <i>Note: Question introduced in community #53</i>	<b>Legalization: Year applied</b>	yyyy	Year of application for legal residence
		8888	N/A (never applied for legalization)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 - 52
<b>LEGYRREC</b> <i>Note: Question introduced in community #53</i>	<b>Legalization: Year received</b>	yyyy	Year legal residence papers received
		8888	N/A (never legalized)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 - 52
<b>LEGSPON</b> <i>Note: Question introduced in community #53</i>	<b>Legalization: Sponsor</b>	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 legalized)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 - 52
<b>CITYRAPP</b> <i>Note: Question introduced in community #72</i>	<b>Citizenship: Year applied</b>	yyyy	Year of application for citizenship
		8888	N/A (never applied for citizenship)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 - 71
<b>CITYRREC</b> <i>Note: Question introduced in community #72</i>	<b>Citizenship: Year received</b>	yyyy	Year citizenship papers received
		8888	N/A (never applied / hast not received yet)
		9999	Unknown

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		.	Communities 1 - 71
<b>DACAAPP</b>	<b>DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals): Year applied</b>		
Note: Question introduced in 2015 – US Sample communities #148-150, 158 & 160		yyyy	Year of application for DACA
		8888	N/A (never applied for DACA)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 - 161
<b>DACAREC</b>	<b>DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals): Year received</b>		
Note: Question introduced in 2015 – US Sample communities #148-150, 158 & 160		yyyy	Year citizenship papers received
		8888	N/A (never applied / hast not received yet)
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 - 161
<b>Domestic Migration Experience (time-constant):</b>			
<b>DOYR1 - DOYRL</b>	<b>First/last MX trip: Year</b>		
		yyyy	Year
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally)
		9999	Unknown
<b>DODUR1 - DODURL</b>	<b>First/last MX trip: Duration (in months)</b>		
		nnn	Number of months
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally)
		9999	Unknown
<b>DOSTATE1 - DOSTATEL</b>	<b>First/last MX trip: State of residence</b>		
			(See Appendix C for State codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally)
		9999	Unknown
<b>DOPLACE1 - DOPLACEL</b>	<b>First/last MX trip: City of residence</b>		
			(See Appendix B for place codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally)
		9999	Unknown
<b>DOOCC1 - DOOCCL</b>	<b>First/last MX trip: Occupation</b>		
			(See Appendix D for occupation codes)
		8888	N/A (never migrated internally)

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		9999	Unknown
<b>DOWAGEL</b>	<b>First/last MX trip: Wage (pesos)</b>	nnn.dd	Amount
		8888	N/A (never worked for wages/ never migrated)
		9999	Unknown
<b>DOBYL</b>	<b>First/last MX trip: Frequency of wages</b>	1	Hour
		2	Day
		3	Week
		4	Biweekly
		5	Month
		6	Year
		8888	N/A (never worked for wages/ never migrated)
		9999	Unknown
<b>DOTRIPS</b>	<b>Total number of MX migrations</b>	nnn	Number of domestic trips
<b>Person-year information (time-specific):</b>			
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>Year</b>	yyyy	Year
<b>LIFEYR</b>	<b>Year in life history</b>	1	First person-year
		2	Intervening person-years
		3	Last person-year
<b>AGE</b>	<b>Age</b>	nn	Age
<b>EDUC</b>	<b>Educational Attainment</b>	nn	Number of years completed
		9999	Unknown
<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>School Level</b>	0	None / Prior to school entrance
<i>Note: Question introduced in community #162</i>			

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<b>Variable</b>	<b>Label</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Definition</b>
		1	Preschool
		2	Elementary School (1-6)
		3	Middle School (7-9)
		4	High School (10-12)
		5	University / College
		6	Teaching School w/o High School
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 - 161
 <i>Labor force information (time-specific):</i>			
<b>OCCUP</b>	<b>Occupation</b>		(See Appendix D for Occupation codes)
		0	Prior to labor force entry
		9999	Unknown
<b>JCHANGE</b>	<b>Job change</b>		
		0	No job change during PY
		1	Job change during PY
<b>JOBNUM</b>	<b>Job number</b>		
		nn	(Estimated) job number
<b>JOBDUR</b>	<b>Duration (months) in job in PY</b>		
		nn	Number of months
		9999	Unknown
<b>JDURTOT</b>	<b>Total duration (months) in current job</b>		
		nnn	Number of months
		9999	Unknown
<b>JOBPLACE</b>	<b>City/place of job</b>		(See Appendix B for Place codes)
		0	Prior to labor force entry
		9999	Unknown
<b>JOBSTATE</b>	<b>State of job</b>		

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
			(See Appendix C for Place codes)
		0	Prior to labor force entry
		9999	Unknown
<b>SOCSEC</b>	<b>Job offers Social Security or a pension</b>		
<i>Note: Question introduced in community #72; replaced by PENSION starting community #120</i>		0	No
		1	Yes
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 – 71
		.	Communities 120+
<b>PENSION</b>	<b>Job offers Social Security or a pension</b>		
<i>Note: Question introduced in community #120</i>		0	None
		1	IMSS (Instituto Mexicano del Seguro Social)
		2	ISSSTE (Instituto de Seguridad y Servicios Sociales de los Trabajadores del Estado)
		3	Seguro Popular
		4	Progres a / Oportunidades
		5	Jubilado / Pensionado
		6	U.S. Social Security / U.S. pension
		7	Other
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 – 119
<b>Migration/duration information (time-specific):</b>			
<b>INUS</b>	<b>In U.S.</b>		
		0	No
		1	Yes
<b>TRIP</b>	<b>New trip</b>		
		0	No
		1	Yes
<b>TRIPNUM</b>	<b>Estimated trip number</b>		
		nn	Number
<b>TRIPDUR</b>	<b>Total duration (months) of trip</b>		
		nnn	Number of months

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Variable	Label	Value	Definition
		9999	Unknown
<b>USDOC</b>	<b>U.S. Documentation</b>		
		0	N/A (Not in U.S. during person-year)
		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
		10	PTAT
		12	DACA
		9999	Unknown
<b>GREEN</b>	<b>Green card?</b>		
		0	No
		1	Yes
		9999	Unknown
<b>CITIZEN</b>	<b>U.S. Citizen</b>		
<i>Note: Question introduced in community #72</i>			
		0	No
		1	Yes
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 – 71
<b>DACA</b>	<b>DACA</b>		
<i>Note: Question introduced in 2015 – US Sample communities #148-150, 158 &amp; 160</i>			
		0	No
		1	Yes
		9999	Unknown
		.	Communities 1 – 161
<b>USDUR</b>	<b>Months spent in U.S.</b>		
		nn	Number of months
<b>USCUMEXP</b>	<b>Cumulative U.S. expedience (months)</b>		
		nn	Number of months

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