Mexican Migration Project

User Codebook: MSACROSS

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MSACROSS: Introduction

This file contains information on the cost of living index for 1983 for each
urban geographic code contained in the Mexican Migration Project files. These
data allow us to adjust for differences in price levels across metropolitan
areas at a particular point in time and are
obtained from the American Chamber of Commerce Research Association (ACCRA)
publication entitled Cost of Living Index. The average of the quarterly
information on cities for which data exist for 1983 was computed to create
annual data. Regression analysis was used to predict missing values for 23
areas for which no data were available in 1983. Population size, median value
of owner-occupied units, percent of total occupied units that are
owner-occupied, per capita income, percent with high school education and
regional dummy variables were used to predict
the COL for the missing areas (Adjusted R2 was 0.74).

MSACROSS: Variable List

Variable	Column	Format	Label
PLACE	1-3	F3.0	Mexican Migration Geographic Code
COSTLIVE	4-12	F9.0	Cost of Living Index 1983

MSACROSS: Variable codes

Variable	Label and Code

PLACE   Mexican Migration Geographic Code
                        (See Appendix B)

COSTLIVE   Cost of Living Index 1983
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