

Appendix Table A3

Head Count Ratio for a Range of Methods for Dealing with Missing and Zero Values

Country	Conventional Poverty	Drop miss. Keep zero	Drop miss. Impute zero	Impute miss Drop zero	Impute miss Keep zero	Impute miss Impute zero
Bolivia	65.1	68.2	68.1	68.7	71.8	71.1
Nicaragua	63.7	83.7	81.2	63.7	83.7	81.2
Colombia	62.5	63.7	63.3	62.5	63.7	63.3
Mexico	58.8	58.8	58.8	58.8	58.8	58.8
Ecuador	57.0	57.1	57.0	60.0	60.1	58.0
Brazil	52.6	54.3	53.7	53.6	55.2	54.5
El Salvador	50.3	50.5	50.4	53.7	53.9	50.5
Honduras	45.7	47.3	47.1	49.5	51.1	50.3
Venezuela	44.9	45.3	47.0	31.1	31.1	47.2
Peru	43.3	43.4	43.3	43.3	43.4	43.3
Panama	41.2	42.7	42.1	42.8	44.4	43.8
Paraguay	40.1	40.7	40.5	40.6	41.2	40.8
Argentina	37.1	39.4	38.0	39.7	41.9	40.5
Chile	22.9	23.1	23.0	22.9	23.1	23.0
Dominican Republic	20.2	20.7	20.4	20.2	20.7	20.4
Uruguay	19.4	19.4	19.4	19.4	19.4	19.4
Costa Rica	19.0	20.1	19.3	21.1	22.2	21.8
LAC Total (weighted avg.)	50.7	52.0	51.6	50.8	52.0	52.3

Source: Authors' calculations from household survey data.