

AMERICAN TIME USE SURVEY ACTIVITY LEXICON

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This document is the activity classification scheme used to code activities collected during the American Time Use Survey into time-use categories.

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

Major Categories	2nd-tier	3rd-tier
ATUS 2004 Lexicon		

01 Personal Care

01	Sleeping		
		01	Sleeping
		02	Sleeplessness
		99	Sleeping, n.e.c.*
02	Grooming		
		01	Washing, dressing and grooming oneself
		99	Grooming, n.e.c.*
03	Health-related Self Care		
		01	Health-related self care
		99	Self care, n.e.c.*
04	Personal Activities		
		01	Personal/Private activities
		99	Personal activities, n.e.c.*
05	Personal Care Emergencies		
		01	Personal emergencies
		99	Personal care emergencies, n.e.c.*
99	Personal Care, n.e.c.*		
		99	Personal care, n.e.c.*

02 Household Activities

01	Housework		
		01	Interior cleaning
		02	Laundry
		03	Sewing, repairing, & maintaining textiles
		04	Storing interior hh items, inc. food
		99	Housework, n.e.c.*
02	Food & Drink Prep., Presentation, & Clean-up		
		01	Food and drink preparation
		02	Food presentation

	03	Kitchen and food clean-up
	99	Food & drink prep, presentation, & clean-up, n.e.c.*
03		Interior Maintenance, Repair, & Decoration
	01	Interior arrangement, decoration, & repairs
	02	Building and repairing furniture
	03	Heating and cooling
	99	Interior maintenance, repair, & decoration, n.e.c.*
04		Exterior Maintenance, Repair, & Decoration
	01	Exterior cleaning
	02	Exterior repair, improvements, & decoration
	99	Exterior maintenance, repair & decoration, n.e.c.*
05		Lawn, Garden, and Houseplants
	01	Lawn, garden, and houseplant care
	02	Ponds, pools, and hot tubs
	99	Lawn and garden, n.e.c.*
06		Animals and Pets
	01	Care for animals and pets (not veterinary care)
	99	Pet and animal care, n.e.c.*
07		Vehicles
	01	Vehicle repair and maintenance (by self)
	99	Vehicles, n.e.c.*
08		Appliances, Tools, and Toys
	01	Appliance, tool, and toy set-up, repair, & maintenance (by self)
	99	Appliances and tools, n.e.c.*
09		Household Management
	01	Financial management
	02	Household & personal organization and planning
	03	HH & personal mail & messages (except e-mail)
	04	HH & personal e-mail and messages
	05	Home security
	99	Household management, n.e.c.*

99 Household Activities, n.e.c.*

99 Household activities, n.e.c.*

03 Caring For & Helping Household Members

01 Caring For & Helping HH Children

01 Physical care for hh children

02 Reading to/with hh children

03 Playing with hh children, not sports

04 Arts and crafts with hh children

05 Playing sports with hh children

06 Talking with/listening to hh children

08 Organization & planning for hh children

09 Looking after hh children (as a primary activity)

10 Attending hh children's events

11 Waiting for/with hh children

12 Picking up/dropping off hh children

99 Caring for & helping hh children, n.e.c.*

02 Activities Related to HH Children's Education

01 Homework (hh children)

02 Meetings and school conferences (hh children)

03 Home schooling of hh children

04 Waiting associated with hh children's education

99 Activities related to hh child's education, n.e.c.*

03 Activities Related to HH Children's Health

01 Providing medical care to hh children

02 Obtaining medical care for hh children

03 Waiting associated with hh children's health

99 Activities related to hh child's health, n.e.c.*

04 Caring For Household Adults

01 Physical care for hh adults

02 Looking after hh adult (as a primary activity)

03 Providing medical care to hh adult

- 04 Obtaining medical and care services for hh adult
- 05 Waiting associated with caring for household adults
- 99 Caring for household adults, n.e.c.*
- 05 **Helping Household Adults**
 - 01 Helping hh adults
 - 02 Organization & planning for hh adults
 - 03 Picking up/dropping off hh adult
 - 04 Waiting associated with helping hh adults
 - 99 Helping household adults, n.e.c.*
- 99 **Caring For & Helping HH Members, n.e.c.***
 - 99 Caring for & helping hh members, n.e.c.*
- 04 Caring For & Helping NonHH Members**
 - 01 **Caring For & Helping NonHH Children**
 - 01 Physical care for nonhh children
 - 02 Reading to/with nonhh children
 - 03 Playing with nonhh children, not sports
 - 04 Arts and crafts with nonhh children
 - 05 Playing sports with nonhh children
 - 06 Talking with/listening to nonhh children
 - 08 Organization & planning for nonhh children
 - 09 Looking after nonhh children (as primary activity)
 - 10 Attending nonhh children's events
 - 11 Waiting for/with nonhh children
 - 12 Dropping off/picking up nonhh children
 - 99 Caring for and helping nonhh children, n.e.c.*
 - 02 **Activities Related to Nonhh Children's Education**
 - 01 Homework (nonhh children)
 - 02 Meetings and school conferences (nonhh children)
 - 03 Home schooling of nonhh children
 - 04 Waiting associated with nonhh children's education
 - 99 Activities related to nonhh child's educ., n.e.c.*

- 03 **Activities Related to Nonhh Children's Health**
 - 01 Providing medical care to nonhh children
 - 02 Obtaining medical care for nonhh children
 - 03 Waiting associated with nonhh children's health
 - 99 Activities related to nonhh child's health, n.e.c.*
- 04 **Caring For Nonhousehold Adults**
 - 01 Physical care for nonhh adults
 - 02 Looking after nonhh adult (as a primary activity)
 - 03 Providing medical care to nonhh adult
 - 04 Obtaining medical and care services for nonhh adult
 - 05 Waiting associated with caring for nonhh adults
 - 99 Caring for nonhh adults, n.e.c.*
- 05 **Helping Nonhousehold Adults**
 - 01 Housework, cooking, & shopping assistance for nonhh adults
 - 02 House & lawn maintenance & repair assistance for nonhh adults
 - 03 Animal & pet care assistance for nonhh adults
 - 04 Vehicle & appliance maintenance/repair assistance for nonhh adults
 - 05 Financial management assistance for nonhh adults
 - 06 Household management & paperwork assistance for nonhh adults
 - 07 Picking up/dropping off nonhh adult
 - 08 Waiting associated with helping nonhh adults
 - 99 Helping nonhh adults, n.e.c.*
- 99 **Caring For & Helping NonHH Members, n.e.c.***
 - 99 Caring for & helping nonhh members, n.e.c.*
- 05 **Work & Work-Related Activities**
 - 01 **Working**
 - 01 Work, main job
 - 02 Work, other job(s)
 - 03 Security procedures related to work
 - 04 Waiting associated with working
 - 99 Working, n.e.c.*

02	Work-Related Activities		
		01	Socializing, relaxing, and leisure as part of job
		02	Eating and drinking as part of job
		03	Sports and exercise as part of job
		04	Security procedures as part of job
		05	Waiting associated with work-related activities
		99	Work-related activities, n.e.c.*
03	Other Income-generating Activities		
		01	Income-generating hobbies, crafts, and food
		02	Income-generating performances
		03	Income-generating services
		04	Income-generating rental property activities
		05	Waiting associated with other income-generating activities
		99	Other income-generating activities, n.e.c.*
04	Job Search and Interviewing		
		01	Active job search
		02	Other job search activities
		03	Job interviewing
		04	Waiting associated with job search or interview
		05	Security procedures rel. to job search/interviewing
		99	Job search and Interviewing, n.e.c.*
99	Work and Work-Related Activities, n.e.c.*		
		99	Work and work-related activities, n.e.c.*
06	Education		
	01	Taking Class	
		01	Taking class for degree
		02	Taking class for personal interest
		03	Waiting associated with taking classes
		04	Security procedures rel. to taking classes
		99	Taking class, n.e.c.*
	02	Extracurricular School Activities (Except Sports)	

	01	Extracurricular club activities
	02	Extracurricular music & performance activities
	03	Extracurricular student government activities
	04	Waiting associated with extracurricular activities
	99	Education-related extracurricular activities, n.e.c.*
03		Research/Homework
	01	Research/homework for class for degree
	02	Research/homework for class for pers. interest
	03	Waiting associated with research/homework
	99	Research/homework n.e.c.*
04		Registration/Administrative activities
	01	Administrative activities: class for degree
	02	Administrative activities: class for personal interest
	03	Waiting associated w/admin. activities (education)
	99	Administrative for education, n.e.c.*
99		Education, n.e.c.*
	99	Education, n.e.c.*
07		Consumer Purchases
	01	Shopping (Store, Telephone, Internet)
	01	Grocery shopping
	02	Purchasing gas
	03	Purchasing food (not groceries)
	04	Shopping, except groceries, food and gas
	05	Waiting associated with shopping
	99	Shopping, n.e.c.*
	02	Researching Purchases
	01	Comparison shopping
	99	Researching purchases, n.e.c.*
	03	Security Procedures Rel. to Consumer Purchases
	01	Security procedures rel. to consumer purchases
	99	Security procedures rel. to consumer purchases, n.e.c.*

99 Consumer Purchases, n.e.c.*

99 Consumer purchases, n.e.c.*

08 Professional & Personal Care Services

01 Childcare Services

01 Using paid childcare services

02 Waiting associated w/purchasing childcare svcs

99 Using paid childcare services, n.e.c.*

02 Financial Services and Banking

01 Banking

02 Using other financial services

03 Waiting associated w/banking/financial services

99 Using financial services and banking, n.e.c.*

03 Legal Services

01 Using legal services

02 Waiting associated with legal services

99 Using legal services, n.e.c.*

04 Medical and Care Services

01 Using health and care services outside the home

02 Using in-home health and care services

03 Waiting associated with medical services

99 Using medical services, n.e.c.*

05 Personal Care Services

01 Using personal care services

02 Waiting associated w/personal care services

99 Using personal care services, n.e.c.*

06 Real Estate

01 Activities rel. to purchasing/selling real estate

02 Waiting associated w/purchasing/selling real estate

99 Using real estate services, n.e.c.*

07 Veterinary Services (excluding grooming)

01 Using veterinary services

	02	Waiting associated with veterinary services
	99	Using veterinary services, n.e.c.*
08		Security Procedures Rel. to Professional/Personal Svcs.
	01	Security procedures rel. to professional/personal svcs.
	99	Security procedures rel. to professional/personal svcs n.e.c.*
99		Professional and Personal Services, n.e.c.*
	99	Professional and personal services, n.e.c.*

09 Household Services

01		Household Services (not done by self)
	01	Using interior cleaning services
	02	Using meal preparation services
	03	Using clothing repair and cleaning services
	04	Waiting associated with using household services
	99	Using household services, n.e.c.*
02		Home Maint/Repair/Decor/Construction (not done by self)
	01	Using home maint/repair/décor/construction svcs
	02	Waiting associated home main/repair/décor/constr
	99	Using home maint/repair/décor/constr services, n.e.c.*
03		Pet Services (not done by self, not vet)
	01	Using pet services
	02	Waiting associated with pet services
	99	Using pet services, n.e.c.*
04		Lawn & Garden Services (not done by self)
	01	Using lawn and garden services
	02	Waiting associated with using lawn & garden services
	99	Using lawn and garden services, n.e.c.*
05		Vehicle Maint. & Repair Services (not done by self)
	01	Using vehicle maintenance or repair services
	02	Waiting associated with vehicle main. or repair svcs
	99	Using vehicle maint. & repair svcs, n.e.c.*
99		Household Services, n.e.c.*

- 99 Using household services, n.e.c.*
- 10 Government Services & Civic Obligations**
 - 01 Using Government Services
 - 01 Using police and fire services
 - 02 Using social services
 - 03 Obtaining licenses & paying fines, fees, taxes
 - 99 Using government services, n.e.c.*
 - 02 Civic Obligations & Participation
 - 01 Civic obligations & participation
 - 99 Civic obligations & participation, n.e.c.*
 - 03 Waiting Associated w/Govt Svcs or Civic Obligations
 - 01 Waiting associated with using police/fire services
 - 02 Waiting associated w/obtaining licenses
 - 03 Waiting associated w/civic obligations & participation
 - 99 Waiting assoc. w/govt svcs or civic obligations, n.e.c.*
 - 04 Security Procedures Rel. to Govt Svcs/Civic Obligations
 - 01 Security procedures rel. to govt svcs/civic obligations
 - 99 Security procedures rel. to govt svcs/civic obligations, n.e.c.*
 - 99 Government Services, n.e.c.*
 - 99 Government services, n.e.c.*
- 11 Eating and Drinking**
 - 01 Eating and Drinking
 - 01 Eating and drinking
 - 99 Eating and drinking, n.e.c.*
 - 02 Waiting associated with eating & drinking
 - 01 Waiting associated w/eating & drinking
 - 99 Waiting associated with eating & drinking, n.e.c.*
 - 99 Eating and Drinking, n.e.c.*
 - 99 Eating and drinking, n.e.c.*
- 12 Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure**
 - 01 Socializing and Communicating

	01	Socializing and communicating with others
	99	Socializing and communicating, n.e.c.*
02		Attending or Hosting Social Events
	01	Attending or hosting parties/receptions/ceremonies
	02	Attending meetings for personal interest (not volunteering)
	99	Attending/hosting social events, n.e.c.*
03		Relaxing and Leisure
	01	Relaxing, thinking
	02	Tobacco and drug use
	03	Television and movies (not religious)
	04	Television (religious)
	05	Listening to the radio
	06	Listening to/playing music (not radio)
	07	Playing games
	08	Computer use for leisure (exc. Games)
	09	Arts and crafts as a hobby
	10	Collecting as a hobby
	11	Hobbies, except arts & crafts and collecting
	12	Reading for personal interest
	13	Writing for personal interest
	99	Relaxing and leisure, n.e.c.*
04		Arts and Entertainment (other than sports)
	01	Attending performing arts
	02	Attending museums
	03	Attending movies/film
	04	Attending gambling establishments
	05	Security procedures rel. to arts & entertainment
	99	Arts and entertainment, n.e.c.*
05		Waiting Associated with Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure
	01	Waiting assoc. w/socializing & communicating
	02	Waiting assoc. w/attending/hosting social events

	03	Waiting associated with relaxing/leisure
	04	Waiting associated with arts & entertainment
	99	Waiting associated with socializing, n.e.c.*
99		Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure, n.e.c.*
	99	Socializing, relaxing, and leisure, n.e.c.*
13		Sports, Exercise, and Recreation
	01	Participating in Sports, Exercise, or Recreation
	01	Doing aerobics
	02	Playing baseball
	03	Playing basketball
	04	Biking
	05	Playing billiards
	06	Boating
	07	Bowling
	08	Climbing, spelunking, caving
	09	Dancing
	10	Participating in equestrian sports
	11	Fencing
	12	Fishing
	13	Playing football
	14	Golfing
	15	Doing gymnastics
	16	Hiking
	17	Playing hockey
	18	Hunting
	19	Participating in martial arts
	20	Playing racquet sports
	21	Participating in rodeo competitions
	22	Rollerblading
	23	Playing rugby
	24	Running

	25	Skiing, ice skating, snowboarding
	26	Playing soccer
	27	Softball
	28	Using cardiovascular equipment
	29	Vehicle touring/racing
	30	Playing volleyball
	31	Walking
	32	Participating in water sports
	33	Weightlifting/strength training
	34	Working out, unspecified
	35	Wrestling
	36	Doing yoga
	99	Playing sports n.e.c.*
02	Attending Sporting/Recreational Events	
	01	Watching aerobics
	02	Watching baseball
	03	Watching basketball
	04	Watching biking
	05	Watching billiards
	06	Watching boating
	07	Watching bowling
	08	Watching climbing, spelunking, caving
	09	Watching dancing
	10	Watching equestrian sports
	11	Watching fencing
	12	Watching fishing
	13	Watching football
	14	Watching golfing
	15	Watching gymnastics
	16	Watching hockey
	17	Watching martial arts

	18	Watching racquet sports
	19	Watching rodeo competitions
	20	Watching rollerblading
	21	Watching rugby
	22	Watching running
	23	Watching skiing, ice skating, snowboarding
	24	Watching soccer
	25	Watching softball
	26	Watching vehicle touring/racing
	27	Watching volleyball
	28	Watching walking
	29	Watching water sports
	30	Watching weightlifting/strength training
	31	Watching people working out, unspecified
	32	Watching wrestling
	99	Attending sporting events, n.e.c.*
03		Waiting Associated with Sports, Exercise, & Recreation
	01	Waiting related to playing sports or exercising
	02	Waiting related to attending sporting events
	99	Waiting associated with sports, exercise, & recreation, n.e.c.*
04		Security Procedures Rel. to Sports, Exercise, & Recreation
	01	Security related to playing sports or exercising
	02	Security related to attending sporting events
	99	Security related to sports, exercise, & recreation, n.e.c.*
99		Sports, Exercise, & Recreation, n.e.c.*
	99	Sports, exercise, & recreation, n.e.c.*
14		Religious and Spiritual Activities
	01	Religious/Spiritual Practices
	01	Attending religious services
	02	Participation in religious practices
	03	Waiting associated w/religious & spiritual activities

- 04 Security procedures rel. to religious & spiritual activities
- 99 Religious and Spiritual Activities, n.e.c.*
- 99 Religious and spiritual activities, n.e.c.*

15 Volunteer Activities

- 01 Administrative & Support Activities
 - 01 Computer use
 - 02 Organizing and preparing
 - 03 Reading
 - 04 Telephone calls (except hotline counseling)
 - 05 Writing
 - 06 Fundraising
 - 99 Administrative & support activities, n.e.c.*
- 02 Social Service & Care Activities (Except Medical)
 - 01 Food preparation, presentation, clean-up
 - 02 Collecting & delivering clothing & other goods
 - 03 Providing care
 - 04 Teaching, leading, counseling, mentoring
 - 99 Social service & care activities, n.e.c.*
- 03 Indoor & Outdoor Maintenance, Building, & Clean-up Activities
 - 01 Building houses, wildlife sites, & other structures
 - 02 Indoor & outdoor maintenance, repair, & clean-up
 - 99 Indoor & outdoor maintenance, building & clean-up activities, n.e.c.*
- 04 Participating in Performance & Cultural Activities
 - 01 Performing
 - 02 Serving at volunteer events & cultural activities
 - 99 Participating in performance & cultural activities, n.e.c.*
- 05 Attending Meetings, Conferences, & Training
 - 01 Attending meetings, conferences, & training
 - 99 Attending meetings, conferences, & training, n.e.c.*
- 06 Public Health & Safety Activities
 - 01 Public health activities

- 02 Public safety activities
- 99 Public health & safety activities, n.e.c.*
- 07 **Waiting Associated with Volunteer Activities**
 - 01 Waiting associated with volunteer activities
 - 99 Waiting associated with volunteer activities, n.e.c.*
- 99 **Volunteer Activities, n.e.c.***
 - 99 Volunteer activities, n.e.c.*

16 Telephone Calls

- 01 **Telephone Calls (to or from)**
 - 01 Telephone calls to/from family members
 - 02 Telephone calls to/from friends, neighbors, or acquaintances
 - 03 Telephone calls to/from education services providers
 - 04 Telephone calls to/from salespeople
 - 05 Telephone calls to/from professional or personal care svcs providers
 - 06 Telephone calls to/from household services providers
 - 07 Telephone calls to/from paid child or adult care providers
 - 08 Telephone calls to/from government officials
 - 99 Telephone calls (to or from), n.e.c.*
- 02 **Waiting Associated with Telephone Calls**
 - 01 Waiting associated with telephone calls
 - 99 Waiting associated with telephone calls, n.e.c.*
- 99 **Telephone Calls, n.e.c.***
 - 99 Telephone calls, n.e.c.*

17 Traveling

- 01 **Travel Related to Personal Care**
 - 01 Travel related to personal care
 - 99 Travel related to personal care, n.e.c.*
- 02 **Travel Related to Household Activities**
 - 01 Travel related to housework
 - 02 Travel related to food & drink prep., clean-up, & presentation
 - 03 Travel related to interior maintenance, repair, & decoration

- 04 Travel related to exterior maintenance, repair, & decoration
- 05 Travel related to lawn, garden, and houseplants
- 06 Travel related to care for animals and pets (not vet care)
- 07 Travel related to vehicle care & maintenance (by self)
- 08 Travel related to appliance, tool, and toy set-up, repair, & maintenance (by self)
- 09 Travel related to household management
- 99 Travel related to household activities, n.e.c.*
- 03 Travel Related to Caring For & Helping HH Members
 - 01 Travel related to caring for & helping hh children
 - 02 Travel related to caring for & helping hh adults
 - 99 Travel rel. to caring for & helping hh members, n.e.c.*
- 04 Travel Related to Caring For & Helping Nonhh Members
 - 01 Travel related to caring for and helping nonhh children
 - 02 Travel related to caring for and helping nonhh adults
 - 99 Travel rel. to caring for & helping nonhh members, n.e.c.*
- 05 Travel Related to Work
 - 01 Travel related to working
 - 02 Travel related to work-related activities
 - 03 Travel related to income-generating activities
 - 04 Travel related to job search and interviewing activities
 - 99 Travel related to work, n.e.c.*
- 06 Travel Related to Education
 - 01 Commuting to/from school
 - 02 Education-related travel, not commuting
 - 99 Education travel, n.e.c.*
- 07 Travel Related to Consumer Purchases
 - 01 Traveling to/from the grocery store
 - 02 Traveling to/from other store
 - 03 Traveling to/from gas station
 - 99 Travel related to consumer purchases, n.e.c.*
- 08 Travel Related to Using Professional and Personal Care Services

- 01 Travel related to using childcare services
- 02 Travel related to using financial services and banking
- 03 Travel related to using legal services
- 04 Travel related to using medical services
- 05 Travel related to using personal care services
- 06 Travel related to using real estate services
- 07 Travel related to using veterinary services
- 99 Travel rel. to using prof. & personal care services, n.e.c.*
- 09 **Travel Related to Using Household Services**
 - 01 Travel related to using household services
 - 02 Travel related to using home main./repair/décor./construction svcs
 - 03 Travel related to using pet services (not vet)
 - 04 Travel related to using lawn and garden services
 - 05 Travel related to using vehicle maintenance & repair services
 - 99 Travel related to using household services, n.e.c.*
- 10 **Travel Related to Using Govt Services & Civic Obligations**
 - 01 Travel related to using police/fire services
 - 02 Travel related to using social services
 - 03 Travel related to obtaining licenses and fines/fees
 - 04 Travel related to civic obligations & participation
 - 99 Travel rel. to govt svcs & civic obligations, n.e.c.*
- 11 **Travel Related to Eating and Drinking**
 - 01 Travel related to eating and drinking
 - 99 Travel related to eating and drinking, n.e.c.*
- 12 **Travel Related to Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure**
 - 01 Travel related to socializing and communicating
 - 02 Travel related to attending or hosting social events
 - 03 Travel related to relaxing and leisure
 - 04 Travel related to arts and entertainment
 - 99 Travel rel. to socializing, relaxing, & leisure, n.e.c.*
- 13 **Travel Related to Sports, Exercise, & Recreation**

	01	Travel related to participating in sports/exercise/recreation
	02	Travel related to attending sporting/recreational events
	99	Travel related to sports, exercise, & recreation, n.e.c.*
14		Travel Related to Religious/Spiritual Activities
	01	Travel related to religious/spiritual practices
	99	Travel rel. to religious/spiritual activities, n.e.c.*
15		Travel Related to Volunteer Activities
	01	Travel related to volunteering
	99	Travel related to volunteer activities, n.e.c.*
16		Travel Related to Telephone Calls
	01	Travel related to phone calls
	99	Travel rel. to phone calls, n.e.c.*
17		Security Procedures Related to Traveling
	01	Security procedures related to traveling
	99	Security procedures related to traveling, n.e.c.*
99		Traveling, n.e.c.*
	99	Traveling, n.e.c.*
50		Data Codes
	01	Unable to Code
	01	Insufficient detail in verbatim
	03	Missing travel or destination
	04	Recorded simultaneous activities incorrectly
	05	Respondent refused to provide information/"none of your business"
	06	Gap/can't remember
	07	Unable to code activity at 1st tier
99		Data codes, n.e.c.*
	99	Data codes, n.e.c.*

*N.E.C. = Not elsewhere classified