

American Time Use Survey Activity Lexicon

2011

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

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

Major Categories

2nd-tier

3rd-tier

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)

02 Walking / exercising / playing with animals

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

Major Categories

2nd-tier

3rd-tier

- 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 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, certification, or licensure
- 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, certification, or licensure
- 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, certification, or licensure

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 w/ 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

04 Waiting associated with using government services

05 Waiting associated with 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 (excluding 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**

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- 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

05 Religious education 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.*

08 Security procedures related to volunteer activities

01 Security procedures related to volunteer activities

99 Security procedures related to 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.*

18 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 houseplant care
- 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 hh children's education
- 03 Travel related to hh children's health
- 04 Travel related to caring for hh adults
- 05 Travel related to 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 nonhh children's education
- 03 Travel related to nonhh children's health
- 04 Travel related to caring for nonhh adults
- 05 Travel related to 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 & interviewing
- 99 Travel related to work, n.e.c.*

06 Travel Related to Education

- 01 Travel related to taking class
- 02 Travel related to extracurricular activities (ex. Sports)
- 03 Travel related to research/homework

04 Travel related to registration/administrative activities

99 Travel related to education, n.e.c.*

07 Travel Related to Consumer Purchases

01 Travel related to grocery shopping

02 Travel related to purchasing gas

03 Travel related to purchasing food (not groceries)

04 Travel related to shopping, ex groceries, food, and gas

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 government services
- 02 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
- 05 Travel as a form of 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.*

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16 Travel Related to Telephone Calls

01 Travel related to phone calls

99 Travel rel. to phone calls, n.e.c.*

18 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.*

*Not elsewhere classified