

AMERICAN TIME USE SURVEY ACTIVITY LEXICON

2003

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

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

Major Categories	2nd-tier	3rd-tier
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American Time Use Survey Activity Lexicon: 2003

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, and maintaining textiles
- 04 Storing interior household items, including food
- 99 Housework, n.e.c.

02 Food and Drink Preparation, Presentation, and Clean-up

- 01 Food and drink preparation
- 02 Food presentation
- 03 Kitchen and food clean-up
- 99 Food and drink prep, presentation, and clean-up, n.e.c.

03 Interior Maintenance, Repair, and Decoration

- 01 Interior arrangement, decoration, and repairs
- 02 Building and repairing furniture
- 03 Heating and cooling
- 99 Interior maintenance, repair, and decoration, n.e.c.

04 Exterior Maintenance, Repair, and Decoration

- 01 Exterior cleaning
- 02 Exterior repair, improvements, and decoration

99 Exterior maintenance, repair and 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 and Tools

01 Appliance and tool set-up, repair, and maintenance (by self)

99 Appliances and tools, n.e.c.

09 Household Management

01 Financial management

02 Household and personal organization and planning

03 Household and personal mail and messages (except e-mail)

04 Household and 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 and Helping Household Members

01 Caring For and Helping Household Children

01 Physical care for household children

02 Reading to/with household children

03 Playing with household children, not sports

04 Arts and crafts with household children

05 Playing sports with household children

06 Talking with/listening to household children

07 Helping/teaching household children (not related to education)

08 Organization and planning for household children

09 Looking after household children (as a primary activity)

10 Attending household children's events

11 Waiting for/with household children

12 Picking up/dropping off household children

99 Caring for and helping household children, n.e.c.

02 Activities Related to household Children's Education

01 Homework (household children)

02 Meetings and school conferences (household children)

- 03 Home schooling of household children
- 04 Waiting associated with household children's education
- 99 Activities related to household child's education, n.e.c

03 Activities Related to household Children's Health

- 01 Providing medical care to household children
- 02 Obtaining medical care for household children
- 03 Waiting associated with household children's health
- 99 Activities related to household child's health, n.e.c.

04 Caring For Household Adults

- 01 Physical care for household adults
- 02 Looking after household adult (as a primary activity)
- 03 Providing medical care to household adult
- 04 Obtaining medical and care services for household adult
- 05 Waiting associated with caring for household adults
- 99 Caring for household adults, n.e.c.

05 Helping Household Adults

- 01 Helping household adults
- 02 Organization and planning for household adults
- 03 Picking up/dropping off household adult
- 04 Waiting associated with helping household adults
- 99 Helping household adults, n.e.c.

99 Caring For and Helping household Members, N.E.C.

- 99 Caring for and helping household members, n.e.c.

04 Caring For and Helping Nonhousehold Members

01 Caring For and Helping Nonhousehold Children

- 01 Physical care for nonhousehold children
- 02 Reading to/with nonhousehold children
- 03 Playing with nonhousehold children, not sports
- 04 Arts and crafts with nonhousehold children
- 05 Playing sports with nonhousehold children
- 06 Talking with/listening to nonhousehold children
- 07 Helping/teaching nonhousehold children (not related to educ)
- 08 Organization and planning for nonhousehold children
- 09 Looking after nonhousehold children (as primary activity)
- 10 Attending nonhousehold children's events
- 11 Waiting for/with nonhousehold children
- 12 Dropping off/picking up nonhousehold children
- 99 Caring for and helping nonhousehold children, n.e.c.

02 Activities Related to Nonhousehold Children's Education

- 01 Homework (nonhousehold children)
- 02 Meetings and school conferences (nonhousehold children)

- 03 Home schooling of nonhousehold children
- 04 Waiting associated with nonhousehold children's education
- 99 Activities related to nonhousehold child's educ., n.e.c

03 Activities Related to Nonhousehold Children's Health

- 01 Providing medical care to nonhousehold children
- 02 Obtaining medical care for nonhousehold children
- 03 Waiting associated with nonhousehold children's health
- 99 Activities related to nonhousehold child's health, n.e.c.

04 Caring For Nonhousehold Adults

- 01 Physical care for nonhousehold adults
- 02 Looking after nonhousehold adult (as a primary activity)
- 03 Providing medical care to nonhousehold adult
- 04 Obtaining medical and care services for nonhousehold adult
- 05 Waiting associated with caring for nonhousehold adults
- 99 Caring for nonhousehold adults, n.e.c.

05 Helping Nonhousehold Adults

- 01 Housework, cooking, shopping assistance for nonhh adults
- 02 House & lawn maint and repair assistance for nonhh adults
- 03 Animal and pet care assistance for nonhousehold adults
- 04 Vehicle & appliance maint/repair assistance for nonhh adults
- 05 Financial management assistance for nonhousehold adults
- 06 HH management & paperwork assistance for nonhh adults
- 07 Picking up/dropping off nonhousehold adult
- 08 Waiting associated with helping nonhousehold adults
- 99 Helping nonhousehold adults, n.e.c.

99 Caring For and Helping Nonhousehold Members, N.E.C.

- 99 Caring for and helping nonhousehold members, n.e.c.

05 Working and Work-Related Activities

01 Working

- 01 Work, main job
- 02 Work, other job(s)
- 03 Security procedures related to work
- 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
- 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
- 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: degree
- 02 Taking class: personal interest
- 03 Waiting associated with taking classes
- 04 Security procedures related to taking classes
- 99 Taking class, n.e.c.

02 Extracurricular School Activities (Except Sports)

- 01 Extracurricular club activities
- 02 Extracurricular music and performance activities
- 03 Extracurricular student government activities
- 99 Education-related extracurricular activities, n.e.c.

03 Research/Homework

- 01 Research/homework: class for degree
- 02 Research/homework: class for personal 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 with administrative 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 Related to Consumer Purchases
 - 01 Security procedures related to consumer purchases
 - 99 Security procedures related to consumer purchases, n.e.c.
- 99 Consumer Purchases, N.E.C.
 - 99 Consumer purchases, n.e.c.

08 Professional and Personal Care Services

- 01 Childcare Services
 - 01 Using paid childcare services
 - 02 Waiting associated with 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 with 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 with personal care services
 - 99 Using personal care services, n.e.c.
- 06 Real Estate
 - 01 Activities related to purchasing/selling real estate
 - 02 Waiting associated with 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 Related to Professional/Personal Services

01 Security procedures related to professional/personal services

99 Security procedures related to prof/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 Maintenance, Repair, Decoration, and Construction (not done by self)

01 Using home maint/repair/decoration/construction svcs

02 Waiting assoc w/home maintenance/repair/decoration/const

99 Using home maint/repair/decoration/constr svcs, 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 and Garden Services (not done by self)

01 Using lawn and garden services

02 Waiting associated with using lawn and garden services

99 Using lawn and garden services, n.e.c.

05 Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Services (not done by self)

01 Using vehicle maintenance or repair services

02 Waiting associated with vehicle maintenance or repair services

99 Using vehicle maintenance and repair services, n.e.c.

99 Household Services, N.E.C.

99 Using household services, n.e.c.

10 Government Services and Civic Obligations

01 Using Government Services

01 Using police and fire services

02 Using social services

03 Obtaining licenses and paying fines, fees, taxes

99 Using government services, n.e.c.

02 Civic Obligations and Participation

01 Civic obligations and participation

99 Civic obligations and participation, n.e.c.

03 Waiting Associated with Government Services or Civic Obligations

- 01 Waiting associated with using police/fire services
- 02 Waiting associated with obtaining licenses
- 03 Waiting associated with civic obligations and participation
- 99 Waiting assoc with govt services or civic obligations, n.e.c.

04 Security Procedures Related to Government Services/Civic Obligations

- 01 Security procedures related 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 and drinking

- 01 Waiting associated with eating and drinking at home
- 02 Waiting assoc w/eating/drinking at restaurant/place of purchase
- 03 Waiting associated with eating and drinking in transit
- 04 Elsewhere

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 (except games)
- 09 Arts and crafts as a hobby
- 10 Collecting as a hobby
- 11 Hobbies, except arts and 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 related to arts and entertainment

99 Arts and entertainment, n.e.c.

05 Waiting Associated with Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure

01 Waiting associated with socializing and communicating

02 Waiting associated with attending/hosting social events

03 Waiting associated with relaxing/leisure

04 Waiting associated with arts and 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, and Recreation

- 01 Waiting related to playing sports or exercising
- 02 Waiting related to attending sporting events
- 99 Waiting associated with sports, exercise, and recreation, n.e.c.

04 Security Procedures Related to Sports, Exercise, and Recreation

- 01 Security related to playing sports or exercising
- 02 Security related to attending sporting events
- 99 Security related to sports, exercise, and recreation, n.e.c.

99 Sports, Exercise, and Recreation, N.E.C.

- 99 Sports, exercise, and 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 with religious and spiritual activities
- 04 Security procedures related to religious and spiritual activities

99 Religious and Spiritual Activities, N.E.C.

- 99 Religious and spiritual activities, n.e.c.

15 Volunteer Activities

01 Administrative and Support Activities

- 01 Computer use
- 02 Organizing and preparing
- 03 Reading
- 04 Telephone calls (except hotline counseling)
- 05 Writing
- 06 Fundraising
- 99 Administrative and support activities, n.e.c.

02 Social Service and Care Activities (Except Medical)

- 01 Food preparation, presentation, clean-up
- 02 Collecting and delivering clothing and other goods
- 03 Providing care
- 04 Teaching, leading, counseling, mentoring

- 99 Social service and care activities, n.e.c.
- 03 Indoor and Outdoor Maintenance, Building, and Clean-up Activities
 - 01 Building houses, wildlife sites, and other structures
 - 02 Indoor and outdoor maintenance, repair, and clean-up
 - 99 Indoor/outdoor maintenance/building/clean-up activities, n.e.c.
- 04 Participating in Performance and Cultural Activities
 - 01 Performing
 - 02 Serving at volunteer events and cultural activities
 - 99 Participating in performance and cultural activities, n.e.c.
- 05 Attending Meetings, Conferences, and Training
 - 01 Attending meetings, conferences, and training
 - 99 Attending meetings, conferences, and training, n.e.c.
- 06 Public Health and Safety Activities
 - 01 Public health activities
 - 02 Public safety activities
 - 99 Public health and safety 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 profess/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, 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 household management
 - 99 Travel related to household activities, n.e.c.
- 03 Travel Related to Caring For and Helping household Members
 - 01 Travel related to caring for and helping household children
 - 02 Travel related to caring for and helping household adults

- 99 Travel related to caring for & helping hh members, n.e.c.
- 04 Travel Related to Caring For and Helping Nonhousehold Members**
 - 01 Travel related to caring for and helping nonhousehold children
 - 02 Travel related to caring for and helping nonhousehold adults
 - 99 Travel related to caring for and helping nonhh members, n.e.c.
- 05 Travel Related to Work**
 - 01 Commuting to/from work
 - 02 Work-related travel, not commuting
 - 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
 - 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 related to using professional/personal care svcs, n.e.c.
- 09 Travel Related to Using Household Services**
 - 01 Travel related to using household services
 - 02 Travel rel. to using home repair/decoration/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 Government Services and 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 and participation
 - 99 Travel related to government 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, and leisure, n.e.c.
- 13 Travel Related to Sports, Exercise, and Recreation
 - 01 Travel related to participating in sports/exercise/recreation
 - 02 Travel related to attending sporting/recreational events
 - 99 Travel related to sports, exercise, and recreation, n.e.c.
- 14 Travel Related to Religious/Spiritual Activities
 - 01 Travel related to religious/spiritual practices
 - 99 Travel related 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 related 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.

00 Data Codes

- 01 Unable to Code
 - 01 Insufficient detail in verbatim
 - 02 Recorded activity using incorrect words (ex. going, went, at)
 - 03 Missing travel or destination
 - 04 Recorded simultaneous activities incorrectly
 - 05 Resp. 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.