American Time Use Survey Activity Lexicon

2003-08

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

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ATUS 2003-08 Activity coding lexicon		
6-digit activity code	**Activity**	**Notes**
01	**Personal Care Activities**	
010101	Sleeping	
010102	Sleeplessness	
010199	Sleeping, n.e.c.*	
010201	Washing, dressing and grooming oneself	
010299	Grooming, n.e.c.*	
010301	Health-related self care	
010399	Self care, n.e.c.*	
010401	Personal/Private activities	
010499	Personal activities, n.e.c.*	
010501	Personal emergencies	
010599	Personal care emergencies, n.e.c.*	
019999	Personal care, n.e.c.*	
02	**Household Activities**	
020101	Interior cleaning	
020102	Laundry	
020103	Sewing, repairing, & maintaining textiles	
020104	Storing interior hh items, inc. food	
020199	Housework, n.e.c.*	
020201	Food and drink preparation	
020202	Food presentation	
020203	Kitchen and food clean-up	
020299	Food & drink prep, presentation, & clean-up, n.e.c.*	
020301	Interior arrangement, decoration, & repairs	
020302	Building and repairing furniture	
020303	Heating and cooling	
020399	Interior maintenance, repair, & decoration, n.e.c.*	
020401	Exterior cleaning	
020402	Exterior repair, improvements, & decoration	
020499	Exterior maintenance, repair & decoration, n.e.c.*	
020501	Lawn, garden, and houseplant care	
020502	Ponds, pools, and hot tubs	
020599	Lawn and garden, n.e.c.*	
020681	Care for animals and pets (not veterinary care)	includes 020601 (all years), 020602 (2008)
020699	Pet and animal care, n.e.c.*	
020701	Vehicle repair and maintenance (by self)	
020799	Vehicles, n.e.c.*	
020801	Appliance, tool, and toy set-up, repair, & maintenance (by self)	
020899	Appliances and tools, n.e.c.*	
020901	Financial management	
020902	Household & personal organization and planning	
020903	HH & personal mail & messages (except e-mail)	
020904	HH & personal e-mail and messages	
020905	Home security	
020999	Household management, n.e.c.*	
029999	Household activities, n.e.c.*	
03	**Caring For & Helping Household Members**	
030101	Physical care for hh children	
030102	Reading to/with hh children	
030103	Playing with hh children, not sports	
030104	Arts and crafts with hh children	
030105	Playing sports with hh children	
030186	Talking with/listening to hh children	includes 030106 (all years), 030107 (2003)
030108	Organization & planning for hh children	
030109	Looking after hh children (as a primary activity)	
030110	Attending hh children's events	
030111	Waiting for/with hh children	
030112	Picking up/dropping off hh children	
030199	Caring for & helping hh children, n.e.c.*	
030201	Homework (hh children)	
030202	Meetings and school conferences (hh children)	
030203	Home schooling of hh children	
030204	Waiting associated with hh children's education	
030299	Activities related to hh child's education, n.e.c.*	
030301	Providing medical care to hh children	
030302	Obtaining medical care for hh children	
030303	Waiting associated with hh children's health	
030399	Activities related to hh child's health, n.e.c.*	
030401	Physical care for hh adults	
030402	Looking after hh adult (as a primary activity)	
030403	Providing medical care to hh adult	
030404	Obtaining medical and care services for hh adult	
030405	Waiting associated with caring for household adults	
030499	Caring for household adults, n.e.c.*	
030501	Helping hh adults	
030502	Organization & planning for hh adults	
030503	Picking up/dropping off hh adult	
030504	Waiting associated with helping hh adults	
030599	Helping household adults, n.e.c.*	

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039999	Caring for & helping hh members, n.e.c.*	
04	**Caring for & Helping Nonhousehold Members**	
040101	Physical care for nonhh children	
040102	Reading to/with nonhh children	
040103	Playing with nonhh children, not sports	
040104	Arts and crafts with nonhh children	
040105	Playing sports with nonhh children	
040186	Talking with/listening to nonhh children	Includes 040106 (all years), 040107 (2003)
040108	Organization & planning for nonhh children	
040109	Looking after nonhh children (as primary activity)	
040110	Attending nonhh children's events	
040111	Waiting for/with nonhh children	
040112	Dropping off/picking up nonhh children	
040199	Caring for and helping nonhh children, n.e.c.*	
040201	Homework (nonhh children)	
040202	Meetings and school conferences (nonhh children)	
040203	Home schooling of nonhh children	
040204	Waiting associated with nonhh children's education	
040299	Activities related to nonhh child's educ., n.e.c.*	
040301	Providing medical care to nonhh children	
040302	Obtaining medical care for nonhh children	
040303	Waiting associated with nonhh children's health	
040399	Activities related to nonhh child's health, n.e.c.*	
040401	Physical care for nonhh adults	
040402	Looking after nonhh adult (as a primary activity)	
040403	Providing medical care to nonhh adult	
040404	Obtaining medical and care services for nonhh adult	
040405	Waiting associated with caring for nonhh adults	
040499	Caring for nonhh adults, n.e.c.*	
040501	Housework, cooking, & shopping assistance for nonhh adults	
040502	House & lawn maintenance & repair assistance for nonhh adults	
040503	Animal & pet care assistance for nonhh adults	
040504	Vehicle & appliance maintenance/repair assistance for nonhh adults	
040505	Financial management assistance for nonhh adults	
040506	Household management & paperwork assistance for nonhh adults	
040507	Picking up/dropping off nonhh adult	
040508	Waiting associated with helping nonhh adults	
040599	Helping nonhh adults, n.e.c.*	
049999	Caring for & helping nonhh members, n.e.c.*	
05	**Work & Work-Related Activities**	
050101	Work, main job	
050102	Work, other job(s)	
050103	Security procedures related to work	
050189	Working, n.e.c.*	Includes 050104 (2004-2008); 050199 (all years)
050201	Socializing, relaxing, and leisure as part of job	
050202	Eating and drinking as part of job	
050203	Sports and exercise as part of job	
050204	Security procedures as part of job	
050289	Work-related activities, n.e.c.*	Includes 050205 (2004-2008); 050299 (all years)
050301	Income-generating hobbies, crafts, and food	
050302	Income-generating performances	
050303	Income-generating services	
050304	Income-generating rental property activities	
050389	Other income-generating activities, n.e.c.*	Includes 050305 (2004-2008); 050399 (All years)
050481	Job search activities	Includes 050401 (All years); 050402 (2003-2004)
050403	Job interviewing	
050404	Waiting associated with job search or interview	
050405	Security procedures rel. to job search/interviewing	
050499	Job search and Interviewing, n.e.c.*	
059999	Work and work-related activities, n.e.c.*	
06	**Education**	
060101	Taking class for degree, certification, or licensure	
060102	Taking class for personal interest	
060103	Waiting associated with taking classes	
060104	Security procedures rel. to taking classes	
060199	Taking class, n.e.c.*	
060201	Extracurricular club activities	
060202	Extracurricular music & performance activities	
060203	Extracurricular student government activities	
060289	Education-related extracurricular activities, n.e.c.*	Includes 060204 (2004-2008); 060299 (all years)
060301	Research/homework for class for degree, certification, or licensure	
060302	Research/homework for class for pers. interest	
060303	Waiting associated with research/homework	
060399	Research/homework n.e.c.*	
060401	Administrative activities: class for degree, certification, or licensure	
060402	Administrative activities: class for personal interest	
060403	Waiting associated w/admin. activities (education)	
060499	Administrative for education, n.e.c.*	

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069999	Education, n.e.c.*	
07	**Consumer Purchases**	
070101	Grocery shopping	
070102	Purchasing gas	
070103	Purchasing food (not groceries)	
070104	Shopping, except groceries, food and gas	
070105	Waiting associated with shopping	
070199	Shopping, n.e.c.*	
070201	Comparison shopping	
070299	Researching purchases, n.e.c.*	
070301	Security procedures rel. to consumer purchases	
070399	Security procedures rel. to consumer purchases, n.e.c.*	
079999	Consumer purchases, n.e.c.*	
08	**Professional & Personal Care Services**	
080101	Using paid childcare services	
080102	Waiting associated w/purchasing childcare svcs	
080199	Using paid childcare services, n.e.c.*	
080201	Banking	
080202	Using other financial services	
080203	Waiting associated w/banking/financial services	
080299	Using financial services and banking, n.e.c.*	
080301	Using legal services	
080302	Waiting associated with legal services	
080399	Using legal services, n.e.c.*	
080401	Using health and care services outside the home	
080402	Using in-home health and care services	
080403	Waiting associated with medical services	
080499	Using medical services, n.e.c.*	
080501	Using personal care services	
080502	Waiting associated w/personal care services	
080599	Using personal care services, n.e.c.*	
080601	Activities rel. to purchasing/selling real estate	
080602	Waiting associated w/purchasing/selling real estate	
080699	Using real estate services, n.e.c.*	
080701	Using veterinary services	
080702	Waiting associated with veterinary services	
080799	Using veterinary services, n.e.c.*	
080801	Security procedures rel. to professional/personal svcs.	
080899	Security procedures rel. to professional/personal svcs n.e.c.*	
089999	Professional and personal services, n.e.c.*	
09	**Household Services**	
090101	Using interior cleaning services	
090102	Using meal preparation services	
090103	Using clothing repair and cleaning services	
090104	Waiting associated with using household services	
090199	Using household services, n.e.c.*	
090201	Using home maint/repair/décor/construction svcs	
090202	Waiting associated w/ home main/repair/décor/constr	
090299	Using home maint/repair/décor/constr services, n.e.c.*	
090301	Using pet services	
090302	Waiting associated with pet services	
090399	Using pet services, n.e.c.*	
090401	Using lawn and garden services	
090402	Waiting associated with using lawn & garden services	
090499	Using lawn and garden services, n.e.c.*	
090501	Using vehicle maintenance or repair services	
090502	Waiting associated with vehicle main. or repair svcs	
090599	Using vehicle maint. & repair svcs, n.e.c.*	
099999	Using household services, n.e.c.*	
10	**Government Services & Civic Obligations**	
100101	Using police and fire services	
100102	Using social services	
100103	Obtaining licenses & paying fines, fees, taxes	
100199	Using government services, n.e.c.*	
100201	Civic obligations & participation	
100299	Civic obligations & participation, n.e.c.*	
100381	Waiting associated with using government services	The name of this category was changed from "Waiting associated with using police/fire services" on the 2003-07 files to "Waiting associated with using government services. Includes 100301 (2003-2007), 100302 (2003-2007), 100304 (2008).
100383	Waiting associated w/civic obligations & participation	Includes 100303 (2003-2007), 100305 (2008)
100399	Waiting assoc. w/govt svcs or civic obligations, n.e.c.*	
100401	Security procedures rel. to govt svcs/civic obligations	
100499	Security procedures rel. to govt svcs/civic obligations, n.e.c.*	
109999	Government services, n.e.c.*	
11	**Eating and Drinking**	
110101	Eating and drinking	
110199	Eating and drinking, n.e.c.*	

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110281	Waiting associated w/eating & drinking	Includes 110201 (All years); 110202, 110203 (2003)
110289	Waiting associated with eating & drinking, n.e.c.*	Includes 110204 (2003); 110299 (All years)
119999	Eating and drinking, n.e.c.*	
12	**Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure**	
120101	Socializing and communicating with others	
120199	Socializing and communicating, n.e.c.*	
120201	Attending or hosting parties/receptions/ceremonies	
120202	Attending meetings for personal interest (not volunteering)	
120299	Attending/hosting social events, n.e.c.*	
120301	Relaxing, thinking	
120302	Tobacco and drug use	
120303	Television and movies (not religious)	
120304	Television (religious)	
120305	Listening to the radio	
120306	Listening to/playing music (not radio)	
120307	Playing games	
120308	Computer use for leisure (exc. Games)	
120309	Arts and crafts as a hobby	
120310	Collecting as a hobby	
120311	Hobbies, except arts & crafts and collecting	
120312	Reading for personal interest	
120313	Writing for personal interest	
120399	Relaxing and leisure, n.e.c.*	
120401	Attending performing arts	
120402	Attending museums	
120403	Attending movies/film	
120404	Attending gambling establishments	
120405	Security procedures rel. to arts & entertainment	
120499	Arts and entertainment, n.e.c.*	
120501	Waiting assoc. w/socializing & communicating	
120502	Waiting assoc. w/attending/hosting social events	
120503	Waiting associated with relaxing/leisure	
120504	Waiting associated with arts & entertainment	
120599	Waiting associated with socializing, n.e.c.*	
129999	Socializing, relaxing, and leisure, n.e.c.*	
13	**Sports, Exercise, & Recreation**	
130101	Doing aerobics	
130102	Playing baseball	
130103	Playing basketball	
130104	Biking	
130105	Playing billiards	
130106	Boating	
130107	Bowling	
130108	Climbing, spelunking, caving	
130109	Dancing	
130110	Participating in equestrian sports	
130111	Fencing	
130112	Fishing	
130113	Playing football	
130114	Golfing	
130115	Doing gymnastics	
130116	Hiking	
130117	Playing hockey	
130118	Hunting	
130119	Participating in martial arts	
130120	Playing racquet sports	
130121	Participating in rodeo competitions	
130122	Rollerblading	
130123	Playing rugby	
130124	Running	
130125	Skiing, ice skating, snowboarding	
130126	Playing soccer	
130127	Softball	
130128	Using cardiovascular equipment	
130129	Vehicle touring/racing	
130130	Playing volleyball	
130131	Walking	
130132	Participating in water sports	
130133	Weightlifting/strength training	
130134	Working out, unspecified	
130135	Wrestling	
130136	Doing yoga	
130199	Playing sports n.e.c.*	
130201	Watching aerobics	
130202	Watching baseball	
130203	Watching basketball	
130204	Watching biking	
130205	Watching billiards	
130206	Watching boating	

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130207	Watching bowling	
130208	Watching climbing, spelunking, caving	
130209	Watching dancing	
130210	Watching equestrian sports	
130211	Watching fencing	
130212	Watching fishing	
130213	Watching football	
130214	Watching golfing	
130215	Watching gymnastics	
130216	Watching hockey	
130217	Watching martial arts	
130218	Watching racquet sports	
130219	Watching rodeo competitions	
130220	Watching rollerblading	
130221	Watching rugby	
130222	Watching running	
130223	Watching skiing, ice skating, snowboarding	
130224	Watching soccer	
130225	Watching softball	
130226	Watching vehicle touring/racing	
130227	Watching volleyball	
130228	Watching walking	
130229	Watching water sports	
130230	Watching weightlifting/strength training	
130231	Watching people working out, unspecified	
130232	Watching wrestling	
130299	Attending sporting events, n.e.c.*	
130301	Waiting related to playing sports or exercising	
130302	Waiting related to attending sporting events	
130399	Waiting associated with sports, exercise, & recreation, n.e.c.*	
130401	Security related to playing sports or exercising	
130402	Security related to attending sporting events	
130499	Security related to sports, exercise, & recreation, n.e.c.*	
139999	Sports, exercise, & recreation, n.e.c.*	
14	**Religious and Spiritual Activities**	
140101	Attending religious services	
140102	Participation in religious practices	
140103	Waiting associated w/religious & spiritual activities	
140104	Security procedures rel. to religious & spiritual activities	
140105	Religious education activities	The activity category "Religious education activities" (140105) was added to the lexicon in 2007. Examples previously classified as "Taking class for personal interest" (060102) were moved to 140105. This re-classification had a small impact on the ATUS estimates for these categories.
149999	Religious and spiritual activities, n.e.c.*	
15	**Volunteer Activities**	
150101	Computer use	
150102	Organizing and preparing	
150103	Reading	
150104	Telephone calls (except hotline counseling)	
150105	Writing	
150106	Fundraising	
150199	Administrative & support activities, n.e.c.*	
150201	Food preparation, presentation, clean-up	
150202	Collecting & delivering clothing & other goods	
150203	Providing care	
150204	Teaching, leading, counseling, mentoring	
150299	Social service & care activities, n.e.c.*	
150301	Building houses, wildlife sites, & other structures	
150302	Indoor & outdoor maintenance, repair, & clean-up	
150399	Indoor & outdoor maintenance, building & clean-up activities, n.e.c.*	
150401	Performing	
150402	Serving at volunteer events & cultural activities	
150499	Participating in performance & cultural activities, n.e.c.*	
150501	Attending meetings, conferences, & training	
150599	Attending meetings, conferences, & training, n.e.c.*	
150601	Public health activities	
150602	Public safety activities	
150699	Public health & safety activities, n.e.c.*	
159989	Volunteer activities, n.e.c.*	Includes 150701, 150799 (2004-2008); 150801, 150899 (2007-2008); 159999 (All years)
16	**Telephone Calls**	
160101	Telephone calls to/from family members	
160102	Telephone calls to/from friends, neighbors, or acquaintances	
160103	Telephone calls to/from education services providers	
160104	Telephone calls to/from salespeople	
160105	Telephone calls to/from professional or personal care svcs providers	
160106	Telephone calls to/from household services providers	
160107	Telephone calls to/from paid child or adult care providers	

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160108	Telephone calls to/from government officials	
169989	Telephone calls, n.e.c.*	Includes 160199, 160201, 160299 (2004-2008); 169999 (All years)
18	**Travelling**	
180101	Travel related to personal care	includes 170101 (2003-2004), 180101 (2005-2008)
180199	Travel related to personal care, n.e.c.*	includes 170199 (2003-2004), 180199 (2005-2008)
180280	Travel related to household activities	Includes 170201, 170202, 170299 (2003-2004); 170203, 170204, 170205, 170206, 170207, 170208, 170209 (2004); 180201, 180202, 180203, 180204, 180205, 180206, 180207, 180208, 180209, 180299 (2005-2008)
180381	Travel related to caring for and helping hh children	Includes 170301 (2003, 2004); 180301, 180302, 180303 (2005-2008)
180382	Travel related to caring for and helping hh adults	Includes 170302 (2003, 2004); 180304, 180305 (2005-2008)
180399	Travel rel. to caring for & helping hh members, n.e.c.*	Includes 170399 (2003-2004); 180399 (2005-2008)
180481	Travel related to caring for and helping nonhh children	Includes 170401 (2003-2004); 180401, 180402, 180403 (2005-2008)
180482	Travel related to caring for and helping nonhh adults	Includes 170402 (2003-2004); 180404, 180405 (2005-2008)
180499	Travel rel. to caring for & helping nonhh members, n.e.c.*	includes 170499 (2003-2004); 180499 (2005-2008)
180501	Travel related to working	includes 170501 (2003-2004); 180501 (2005-2008)
180502	Travel related to work-related activities	includes 170502 (2003-2004); 180502 (2005-2008)
180589	Travel related to work, n.e.c.*	Includes 170503, 170504 (2004); 170599 (2003-2004); 180503, 180504, 180599 (2005-2008)
180601	Travel related to taking class	includes 170601 (2003-2004); 180601 (2005-2008)
180682	Travel related to education (except taking class)	Includes 170602 (2003, 2004); 180602, 180603, 180604 (2005-2008)
180699	Travel related to education, n.e.c.*	includes 170699 (2003-2004); 180699 (2005-2008)
180701	Travel related to grocery shopping	includes 170701 (2003-2004); 180701 (2005-2008)
180782	Travel related to shopping (except grocery shopping)	Includes 170702, 170799 (2003-2004); 170703 (2004); 180702, 180703, 180704, 180799 (2005-2008)
180801	Travel related to using childcare services	includes 170801 (2003-2004); 180801 (2005-2008)
180802	Travel related to using financial services and banking	includes 170802 (2003-2004); 180802 (2005-2008)
180803	Travel related to using legal services	includes 170803 (2003-2004); 180803 (2005-2008)
180804	Travel related to using medical services	includes 170804 (2003-2004); 180804 (2005-2008)
180805	Travel related to using personal care services	includes 170805 (2003-2004); 180805 (2005-2008)
180806	Travel related to using real estate services	includes 170806 (2003-2004); 180806 (2005-2008)
180807	Travel related to using veterinary services	includes 170807 (2003-2004); 180807 (2005-2008)
180899	Travel rel. to using prof. & personal care services, n.e.c.*	includes 170899 (2003-2004); 180899 (2005-2008)
180901	Travel related to using household services	includes 170901 (2003-2004); 180901 (2005-2008)
180902	Travel related to using home main./repair/décor./construction svcs	includes 170902 (2003-2004); 180902 (2005-2008)
180903	Travel related to using pet services (not vet)	includes 170903 (2003-2004); 180903 (2005-2008)
180904	Travel related to using lawn and garden services	includes 170904 (2003-2004); 180904 (2005-2008)
180905	Travel related to using vehicle maintenance & repair services	includes 170905 (2003-2004); 180905 (2005-2008)
180999	Travel related to using household services, n.e.c.*	includes 170999 (2003-2004); 180999 (2005-2008)
181081	Travel related to using government services	includes 171001, 171002, 171003 (2003-2004); 181001 (2005-2008)
181002	Travel related to civic obligations & participation	includes 171004 (2003-2004); 181002 (2005-2008)
181099	Travel rel. to govt svcs & civic obligations, n.e.c.*	includes 171099 (2003-2004); 181099 (2005-2008)
181101	Travel related to eating and drinking	includes 171101 (2003-2004); 181101 (2005-2008)
181199	Travel related to eating and drinking, n.e.c.*	includes 171199 (2003-2004); 181199 (2005-2008)
181201	Travel related to socializing and communicating	includes 171201 (2003-2004); 181201 (2005-2008)
181202	Travel related to attending or hosting social events	includes 171202 (2003-2004); 181202 (2005-2008)
181283	Travel related to relaxing and leisure	Includes 171203 (2003-2004); 181203, 181205 (2005-2008)
181204	Travel related to arts and entertainment	includes 171204 (2003-2004); 181204 (2005-2008)
181299	Travel rel. to socializing, relaxing, & leisure, n.e.c.*	includes 171299 (2003-2004); 181299 (2005-2008)
181301	Travel related to participating in sports/exercise/recreation	includes 171301 (2003-2004); 181301 (2005-2008)
181302	Travel related to attending sporting/recreational events	includes 171302 (2003-2004); 181302 (2005-2008)
181399	Travel related to sports, exercise, & recreation, n.e.c.*	includes 171399 (2003-2004); 181399 (2005-2008)
181401	Travel related to religious/spiritual practices	includes 171401 (2003-2004); 181401 (2005-2008)
181499	Travel rel. to religious/spiritual activities, n.e.c.*	includes 171499 (2003-2004); 181499 (2005-2008)
181501	Travel related to volunteering	includes 171501 (2003-2004); 181501 (2005-2008)
181599	Travel related to volunteer activities, n.e.c.*	includes 171599 (2003-2004); 181599 (2005-2008)
181601	Travel related to phone calls	includes 171601 (2003-2004); 181601 (2005-2008)
181699	Travel rel. to phone calls, n.e.c.*	includes 171699 (2003-2004); 181699 (2005-2008)
181801	Security procedures related to traveling	includes 171701 (2003-2004); 181801 (2005-2008)
181899	Security procedures related to traveling, n.e.c.*	includes 171799 (2003-2004); 181899 (2005-2008)
189999	Traveling, n.e.c.*	includes 179999 (2003-2004); 189999 (2005-2008)
500101	Insufficient detail in verbatim	
500103	Missing travel or destination	
500104	Recorded simultaneous activities incorrectly	
500105	Respondent refused to provide information/"none of your business"	
500106	Gap/can't remember	
500107	Unable to code activity at 1st tier	
509989	Data codes, n.e.c.*	includes 500102 (2003); 509999 (All years)