

Table A-1. Time spent in detailed primary activities ¹ and percent of the civilian population engaging in each detailed primary activity category, averages per day by sex, 2004 annual averages

Activity	Average hours per day, civilian population			Average percent engaged in the activity per day			Average hours per day for persons who engaged in the activity		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
Total, all activities	24.00	24.00	24.00	100.0	100.0	100.0	-	-	-
Personal care activities	9.33	9.13	9.52	100.0	99.9	100.0	9.33	9.14	9.52
Sleeping	8.55	8.48	8.61	99.9	99.9	100.0	8.55	8.49	8.61
Grooming .....	.67	.55	.78	79.7	77.1	82.1	.84	.72	.94
Health-related self care .....	.09	.07	.11	6.2	4.3	7.9	1.53	1.71	1.44
Personal activities .....	.01	.01	.01	.6	.7	.5	1.52	(²)	(²)
Travel related to personal care .....	.01	.02	.01	2.4	2.5	2.3	.62	.62	.62
Eating and drinking	1.24	1.31	1.18	97.0	97.0	97.0	1.28	1.35	1.22
Eating and drinking	1.11	1.17	1.06	97.0	97.0	97.0	1.15	1.20	1.09
Travel related to eating and drinking .....	.13	.14	.12	26.0	27.9	24.2	.49	.50	.49
Household activities	1.81	1.33	2.26	73.9	63.1	84.0	2.45	2.10	2.69
Housework .....	.59	.23	.93	37.1	18.9	54.2	1.59	1.20	1.72
Food preparation and cleanup .....	.52	.26	.76	51.2	35.1	66.3	1.01	.73	1.14
Lawn and garden care .....	.20	.25	.14	10.1	11.5	8.7	1.95	2.21	1.63
Household management .....	.14	.11	.17	16.6	13.4	19.6	.84	.82	.85
Interior maintenance, repair, and decoration .....	.11	.14	.08	4.3	5.1	3.5	2.55	2.81	2.19
Exterior maintenance, repair, and decoration .....	.06	.10	.03	3.1	4.2	2.0	1.99	2.30	1.37
Animals and pets .....	.07	.06	.08	12.9	11.4	14.3	.57	.54	.59
Vehicles .....	.05	.10	.01	3.2	5.2	1.4	1.67	1.87	1.01
Appliances, tools, and toys .....	.02	.04	.01	1.4	2.1	.7	1.48	1.71	.86
Travel related to household activities .....	.04	.04	.05	9.6	8.7	10.5	.45	.45	.45
Purchasing goods and services .....	.82	.66	.97	45.7	40.7	50.5	1.79	1.61	1.91
Consumer goods purchases .....	.41	.30	.51	41.3	37.1	45.2	.98	.81	1.12
Grocery shopping .....	.10	.07	.14	14.7	10.6	18.5	.71	.65	.74
Professional and personal care services .....	.09	.07	.11	9.3	6.9	11.6	.97	1.01	.94
Financial services and banking .....	.01	.01	.01	3.7	2.8	4.5	.26	.33	.22
Medical and care services .....	.05	.04	.05	3.4	2.7	4.1	1.43	1.61	1.31
Personal care services .....	.02	.01	.04	1.9	.9	2.8	1.22	.88	1.33
Household services .....	.02	.01	.02	2.4	1.7	3.0	.68	.79	.63
Home maintenance, repair, decoration, and construction (not done by self) .....	.01	.01	.01	.5	.3	.7	1.41	(²)	1.23
Vehicle maintenance and repair services (not done by self) .....	.01	.01	.01	1.1	.9	1.2	.61	.65	.59
Government services .....	.00	.00	.00	.4	.3	.5	(²)	(²)	(²)
Travel related to purchasing goods and services .....	.30	.27	.33	44.5	39.6	49.1	.67	.68	.67
Caring for and helping household members .....	.56	.36	.76	26.9	21.4	32.0	2.10	1.67	2.36
Caring for and helping household children .....	.43	.25	.59	22.1	16.6	27.3	1.94	1.52	2.17
Caring for and helping household children (except activities related to education and health) .....	.38	.23	.52	21.6	16.2	26.7	1.76	1.40	1.96
Activities related to household children's education .....	.04	.02	.05	3.6	1.9	5.2	1.02	1.12	.98
Activities related to household children's health .....	.01	.00	.02	1.0	.4	1.5	1.24	(²)	1.25
Caring for and helping household adults .....	.05	.04	.06	6.5	6.2	6.7	.78	.71	.83
Caring for household adults03	.03	.04	2.3	1.8	2.9	1.37	1.59	1.24
Helping household adults02	.02	.02	4.5	4.6	4.5	.40	.34	.46

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Activity	Average hours per day, civilian population			Average percent engaged in the activity per day			Average hours per day for persons who engaged in the activity		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
Travel related to caring for and helping household members .....	.08	.06	.11	14.0	10.6	17.2	.61	.58	.62
Caring for and helping nonhousehold members .....	.27	.25	.30	15.2	13.2	17.2	1.80	1.89	1.73
Caring for and helping nonhousehold children .....	.08	.05	.12	5.8	4.1	7.5	1.43	1.13	1.58
Caring for and helping nonhousehold adults .....	.11	.11	.10	10.1	9.4	10.7	1.05	1.20	.92
Caring for nonhousehold adults .....	.03	.02	.04	1.4	.9	1.9	1.96	2.12	1.89
Helping nonhousehold adults .....	.08	.09	.06	9.2	8.8	9.6	.84	1.07	.65
Travel related to caring for and helping nonhousehold members .....	.08	.09	.08	12.7	11.5	13.9	.65	.76	.57
Working and work-related activities	3.66	4.41	2.96	45.8	52.6	39.4	7.99	8.38	7.52
Working	3.33	4.00	2.71	43.9	50.2	38.0	7.59	7.97	7.13
Work-related activities .....	.01	.01	.00	.4	.6	.3	1.19	(²)	(²)
Other income-generating activities .....	.02	.02	.03	1.0	.9	1.0	2.55	2.35	2.73
Job search and interviewing .....	.02	.03	.01	1.3	1.9	.8	1.48	1.46	1.50
Travel related to work .....	.28	.35	.21	38.5	44.5	32.9	.73	.79	.65
Educational activities .....	.48	.48	.48	9.0	8.4	9.4	5.35	5.66	5.09
Attending class .....	.29	.31	.28	6.5	6.3	6.6	4.54	4.96	4.17
Homework and research .....	.14	.12	.16	5.4	4.7	6.1	2.62	2.57	2.65
Travel related to education .....	.04	.03	.04	6.1	6.0	6.2	.61	.59	.62
Organizational, civic, and religious activities .....	.31	.27	.34	13.5	11.6	15.3	2.30	2.35	2.26
Religious and spiritual activities .....	.12	.11	.13	7.6	6.6	8.5	1.58	1.64	1.54
Volunteering (organizational and civic activities) .....	.15	.12	.17	7.1	6.0	8.1	2.08	2.10	2.08
Volunteer activities .....	.15	.12	.17	6.9	5.8	7.9	2.12	2.13	2.11
Administrative and support activities .....	.04	.03	.05	3.0	2.2	3.8	1.36	1.29	1.40
Social service and care activities (except medical) .....	.04	.03	.04	2.0	1.7	2.3	1.89	1.95	1.84
Indoor and outdoor maintenance, building, and cleanup activities .....	.01	.01	.01	.6	.7	.5	1.63	1.63	(²)
Participating in performance and cultural activities .....	.01	.01	.01	.4	.5	.3	1.89	(²)	(²)
Attending meetings, conferences, and training .....	.02	.02	.02	.9	.9	.9	2.18	2.28	2.09
Civic obligations and participation .....	.00	.00	.00	.3	.2	.3	(²)	(²)	(²)
Travel related to organizational, civic, and religious activities .....	.04	.04	.04	9.0	8.2	9.8	.46	.46	.45
Leisure and sports	5.19	5.56	4.84	96.3	96.5	96.1	5.39	5.76	5.03
Socializing, relaxing, and leisure	4.64	4.89	4.40	95.5	95.8	95.2	4.85	5.11	4.62
Socializing and communicating .....	.76	.72	.79	40.0	36.8	43.0	1.89	1.95	1.84
Socializing and communicating (except social events) .....	.66	.64	.68	38.0	35.3	40.6	1.73	1.80	1.67
Attending or hosting social events .....	.10	.08	.11	3.5	2.8	4.3	2.77	2.97	2.65
Relaxing and leisure	3.77	4.08	3.49	91.6	92.8	90.4	4.12	4.39	3.86
Watching TV	2.65	2.86	2.44	80.6	82.7	78.7	3.28	3.46	3.10
Arts and entertainment (other than sports) .....	.11	.09	.12	4.2	3.7	4.6	2.54	2.54	2.53
Sports, exercise, and recreation .....	.32	.42	.23	18.4	20.8	16.2	1.76	2.04	1.43
Participating in sports, exercise, and recreation .....	.29	.39	.20	17.5	19.9	15.3	1.67	1.97	1.30
Attending sporting or recreational events .....	.03	.03	.03	1.2	1.2	1.2	2.66	2.57	2.75
Travel related to leisure and sports .....	.23	.25	.21	35.6	36.1	35.1	.64	.68	.60
Telephone calls, mail, and e-mail .....	.18	.11	.24	24.7	18.5	30.5	.73	.61	.80
Telephone calls (to or from)11	.07	.16	15.9	10.0	21.4	.72	.65	.75
Household and personal messages06	.05	.08	12.2	10.4	13.8	.51	.44	.55

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Household and personal mail and messages03	.02	.04	7.7	6.0	9.2	.38	.34	.40
Household and personal e-mail and messages03	.03	.04	5.5	5.1	5.9	.59	.50	.67
Travel related to telephone calls00	.00	.00	.6	.4	.7	.50	(²)	.64
Other activities, not elsewhere classified14	.14	.15	11.0	9.6	12.2	1.31	1.42	1.23

¹ A primary activity refers to an individual's main activity. Other activities done simultaneously are not included.

² Data not shown where base is less than 800,000.

– Not applicable.

NOTE: Data refer to persons 15 and over. In September 2009, this table was updated with estimates generated using the 2006 weighting method; use of this method facilitates greater comparability between years. For more information about the ATUS weighting method, see the ATUS User's Guide at www.bls.gov/tus/atususersguide.pdf.

Source: American Time Use Survey, Bureau of Labor Statistics