

1998 to 1992 Activity Code Comparison

The following document compares the codes for daily activities that were used in the 1992 General Social Survey (GSS) to those which were used during the 1998 GSS.

CYCLE 12**EMPLOYED WORK**

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050	Meals/Snacks at Work
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080	Other Work Activity
090	Travel: To/From Work

DOMESTIC WORK

101	Meal Preparation
102	Baking, Preserving Food, Home Brewing, etc.
110	Food (or Meal) Cleanup
120	Indoor Cleaning
130	Outdoor Cleaning
140	Laundry, Ironing, Folding
151	Mending/Shoe Care
152	Dressmaking and Sewing (for Self or Household Members)
161	Interior Maintenance and Repair
162	Exterior Maintenance and Repair
163	Vehicle Maintenance
164	Other Home Improvements
171	Gardening/Grounds Maintenance
172	Pet Care
173	Care of House Plants
181	Household Administration
182	Stacking and Cutting Firewood
183	Other Domestic/Household Work
184*	Unpacking Groceries

CYCLE 7**EMPLOYED WORK**

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182	Stacking and Cutting Firewood
183	Other Domestic/Household Work
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185*	Packing or Unpacking Luggage and/or Car	183	Other Domestic/Household Work
186*	Packing and Unpacking for a Move of the Household	183	Other Domestic/Household Work
190	Travel for Domestic Work	190	Travel: Domestic Work
CARE GIVING FOR HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS			
200	Child Care (Infant to 4 Years Old)	200	Baby Care - Household Child
211 ¹	Putting Children to Bed	210 ¹	Child Care - Household Child
212 ¹	Getting Children Ready for School	210 ¹	Child Care - Household Child
213 ¹	Personal Care for Children of the Household	210 ¹	Child Care - Household Child
220	Helping/Teaching/Reprimanding	220	Helping/Teaching/Reprimanding
230	Reading/Talking/Conversation with Child	230	Reading/Talking/Conversation with Child
240	Play with Children	240	Play with Children
250	Medical Care - Household Children	250	Medical Care - Household Children
260	Unpaid Babysitting	260	Unpaid Babysitting
271	Personal Care - Household Adults	271	Personal Care - Household Adults
272	Medical Care - Household Child	272	Medical Care - Household Child
281 ¹	Help and Other Care - Household Children	281 ¹	Other Child Care
282	Help and Other Care - Household Adults	282	Other Care for Household Adults
291	Travel: Household Child	291	Travel: Household Child
292	Travel: Household Adults	292	Travel: Household Adults
SHOPPING AND SERVICES			
301	Groceries	301	Groceries
302	Everyday Goods and Products (Clothing, Gas, etc.)	370	Waiting for Purchases or Services
303	Take-out Food	302	Clothing, Gas, etc.
304	Rental of Videos	370	Waiting for Purchases or Services
		303	Take-out Food
		370	Waiting for Purchases or Services
		380	Other Shopping and Services
		370	Waiting for Purchases or Services

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310	Shopping for Durable Household Goods	310	Shopping for Durable Household Goods
		370	Waiting for Purchases or Services
320	Personal Care Services	320	Personal Care Services (e.g. Haircut)
		370	Waiting for Purchases or Services
331	Financial Services	331	Financial Services (e.g. Banking)
		370	Waiting for Purchases or Services
332	Government Services	332	Government Services (e.g. UIC)
		370	Waiting for Purchases or Services
340	Adult Medical and Dental Care (Outside Home)	340	Adult Medical and Dental Care
		370	Waiting for Purchases or Services
350	Other Professional Service (Lawyer, Veterinarian)	350	Other Professional Service
		370	Waiting for Purchases or Services
361	Automotive Maintenance and Repair Services	361	Automotive Maintenance and Repair
		370	Waiting for Purchases or Services
362	Other Repair Services (e.g. T.V., Appliance)	362	Other Repair Services (e.g. T.V., Appliance)
		370	Waiting for Purchases or Services
380	Other Shopping and Services	380	Other Shopping and Services
		370	Waiting for Purchases or Services
390	Travel for Goods and Services	390	Travel: Goods and Services
PERSONAL CARE		PERSONAL CARE	
400	Washing, Dressing	400	Washing, Dressing
410	Personal Medical Care (At Home)	410	Personal Medical Care (Home)
411	Private Prayer, Meditation and Other Informal Spiritual Activities	640	Religious Services/Prayer/Bible Readings
430	Meals at Home/Snacks/Coffee	430	Meals at Home/Snacks/Coffee
431	Other Meals at Another Place	431	Other Meals (Non-Restaurant/Non-Socializing)
440	Restaurant Meals	440	Restaurant Meals

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450	Night Sleep/Essential Sleep
460	Incidental Sleep, Naps
470	Relaxing, Thinking, Resting, Smoking
480	Other Personal Care or Private Activities
491	Travel to Restaurant Meals
492	Travel for Other Personal Activities

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SCHOOL AND EDUCATION

500	Full-Time Classes
511	Other Classes (Part-Time)
512	Credit Courses on Television
520	Special Lectures: Occasional
530	Homework: Course, Career/ Self-Development
540	Meals/Snacks/Coffee at School
550	Breaks/Waiting for Class
560	Leisure and Special Interest Classes
580	Other Study
590	Travel for Education

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**ORGANIZATIONAL, VOLUNTARY
AND RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY**

600	Professional, Union, General Meetings
610	Political, Civic Activity
620	Child, Youth, Family Organizations
630	Religious Meetings, Organizations
640*	Religious Services/Prayer/Bible Readings
642*	Meal/Snacks/Coffee at Religious Services
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651	Fraternal and Social Organizations
652	Support Groups

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680	Other Organizational, Voluntary and Religious Activity
651	Fraternal and Social Organizations (e.g. Lion's Club)
652	Support Groups (e.g. Al-Anon, AA)
660	Volunteer Work (Organizations)

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- 660* Volunteer Work (Organizations)
- 661* Meal/Snack/Coffee at Place of Volunteer Work
- 661* Meal/Snack/Coffee at Place of Volunteer Work
- 671 Housework and Cooking Assistance
- 672 House Maintenance and Repair Assistance
- 673 Unpaid Babysitting
- 674 Transportation Assistance
- 675 Care for Disabled or Ill
- 676 Correspondence Assistance
- 677 Unpaid Help for a Business or Farm
- 678 Other Unpaid Help
- 680* Other Organizational, Voluntary and Religious Activity
- 691 Travel for Civic and Voluntary Activity
- 692 Travel for Religious Services

ENTERTAINMENT (ATTENDING)

- 701 Professional Sports Event
- 702 Amateur Sports Events
- 711 Pop Music, Concerts
- 712 Fairs, Festivals, Circuses, Parades
- 713 Zoos
- 720 Movies, Films
- 730 Opera, Ballet, Theater
- 741 Museums
- 742 Art Galleries
- 743 Heritage Site
- 751 Socializing with Friends/Relatives (No Meal)
- 752 Socializing with Friends/Relatives (with Meal)
- 753* Socializing with Friends/Relatives (Non-Private and Non-Institutional Residence)
- 754* Socializing with Friends/Relatives (Institutional Residence)

CYCLE 7

- 660 Volunteer Work (Organizations)
- 680 Other Organizational, Voluntary and Religious Activity
- 671 Housework and Cooking Assistance
- 672 House Maintenance and Repair Assistance
- 673 Unpaid Babysitting
- 674 Transportation Assistance
- 675 Care for Disabled or Ill
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- 753 Socializing w/Friends (Non-Private Residence)
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- 760 Socializing at Bars, Clubs (No Meal)

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760	Socializing at Bars, Clubs (No Meal)	861	Games, Cards, Arcade
770*	Casino, Bingo, Arcade	780	Other Social Gatherings (Weddings, Wakes)
780	Other Social Gatherings	791	Travel: Sports, Movies & Other Entertainment Events
791	Travel to Sports and Entertainment Events	792	Travel: Socializing (In Homes)
792	Travel for Socializing (Between Residences)	793	Travel: Other Socializing
793	Travel for Other Socializing		
SPORTS AND HOBBIES			
800	Coaching	800	Coaching
801	Football, Basketball, Baseball, Volleyball, Hockey, Soccer, Field Hockey	801	Football, Baseball, Hockey, etc.
802	Tennis, Squash, Racquetball, Paddleball	802	Tennis, Squash, Racquetball, etc.
803	Golf, Miniature Golf	803	Golf, Miniature Golf
804	Swimming, Waterskiing	804	Swimming, Waterskiing
805 ²	Skiing, Ice Skating, Sledding, Curling, Snowboarding	805 ²	Skiing, Ice Skating, etc.
806	Bowling, Pool, Ping-Pong, Pinball	806	Bowling, Pool, etc.
807	Exercises, Yoga, Weight Lifting	807	Exercises, Yoga, Weight Lifting
808	Judo, Boxing, Wrestling, Fencing	808	Judo, Boxing, Wrestling, Fencing
809	Rowing, Canoeing, Kayaking and Wind Surfing and Sailing (Competitive)	809	Rowing, Canoeing, Kayaking and Sailing
810 ²	Other Sports (e.g. Frisbee, Catch)	810 ²	Other Sports (e.g. Frisbee, Catch)
810 ²	Other Sports (e.g. Frisbee, Catch)	805 ²	Skiing, Ice Skating, etc.
811	Hunting	811	Hunting
812	Fishing	812	Fishing
813	Boating (Motorboats and Rowboats)	813	Boating
814	Camping	814	Camping
815	Horseback Riding, Rodeo, Jumping, Dressage	815	Horseback Riding, Rodeo, Jumping, Dressage
816	Other Outdoor Activities/Excursions	816	Other Outdoor Activities-Excursions
821	Walking, Hiking, Jogging, Running	821	Walking, Hiking
822	Bicycling	822	Biking
		831	Hobbies Done Mainly for Pleasure

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- 831 Hobbies Done Mainly for Pleasure
- 832 Hobbies Done for Sale or Exchange of Items
- 841 Domestic Home Crafts Done Mainly for Pleasure
- 842 Domestic Home Crafts Done for Sale or Exchange of Items
- 850 Music, Theater, Dance
- 861* Games, Cards, Puzzle, Board Games
- 862 Video games/Computer Games
- 863* General Computer Use (Excluding Surfing the Net or Playing Games)
- 864* Surfing the Net (as Leisure Activity)
- 871 Pleasure Drives, Sightseeing (as a Driver)
- 872 Pleasure Drives, Sightseeing(as a Passenger in a Car)
- 873 Other Pleasure Drives, Sightseeing
- 880 Other Sports or Active Leisure
- 891 Travel for Active Sports
- 892 Travel for Coaching
- 893 Travel for Hobbies and Crafts for Sale
- 894 Travel for Other Active Leisure

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 900 Listening to the Radio
- 911 Watching Television (Regular Scheduled T.V.)
- 912 Watching Television (Time-Shifted T.V.)
- 913 Watching Rented or Purchased Movies
- 914 Other Television Viewing
- 920 Listening to CD's, Cassette Tapes or Records

CYCLE 7

- 832 Hobbies Done for Sale or Exchange of Items
- 841 Domestic Home Crafts Done Mainly for Pleasure
- 842 Domestic Home Crafts Done for Sale or Exchange of Items
- 850 Music, Theater, Dance
- 861 Games, Cards, Arcade
- 862 Video games/Computer Games
- 863 General Computer Use (Not Games)
- 863 General Computer Use (Not Games)
- 871 Pleasure Drives as a Driver
- 872 Pleasure Drives as a Passenger in a Car
- 873 Other Pleasure Drives (e.g. Bus Tour)
- 880 Other Sports or Active Leisure
- 891 Travel: Active Sports
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- 920 Listening to CD's, Tapes, Records
- 931 Reading Books

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931	Reading Books	932	Reading Magazines
932	Reading Magazines, Pamphlets, Bulletins, Newsletters	940	Reading Newspapers
940	Reading Newspapers	950	Talking, Conversation, Phone
950	Talking, Conversation, Telephone	961	Reading Mail
961	Reading Mail	962	Other (Writing Letters)
962	Other Letter and Mail	980	Other Media or Communication
980	Other Media or Communication	990	Travel: Media or Communication
990	Travel for Media or Communication		

RESIDUAL CODES

001	Missing Gap in Time	001	Missing Gap in Time
002	Refused Information	002	Refused Information

1. As boundaries between 213 and 281 may be indistinct, it is recommended that the following aggregates be used for comparisons:
210 + 281 in Cycle 7, 1992 = 211 + 212 + 213 + 281 in Cycle 12, 1998
2. The activity 'Roller Skating' was included in 805 in Cycle 7, 1992 but in 810 in Cycle 12, 1998.

* denotes 'part of'

