

### **1992 to 1998 Activity Code Comparison**

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



**CYCLE 7****EMPLOYED WORK**

011	Work for Pay at Main Job
012	Work for Pay at Other Job(s)
021	Overtime Work
022	Looking for Work
023	Unpaid Work in a Family Business or Farm
030	Travel During Work
040	Waiting/Delays at Work
050	Meals/Snacks at Work
060	Idle Time Before/After Work
070	Coffee/Other Breaks
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
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, e.g. Paying Bills, Menu Planning, etc.
182	Stacking and Cutting Firewood
183	Other Domestic/Household Work

**CYCLE 12****EMPLOYED WORK**

011	Work for Pay at Main Job
012	Work for Pay at Other Job(s)
021	Overtime Work
022	Looking for Work
023	Unpaid Work in a Family Business or Farm
030	Travel During Work
040	Waiting/Delays at Work
050	Meals/Snacks at Work
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070	Coffee/Other Breaks
080	Other Work Activity
090	Travel: To/From Work

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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**

190 Travel: Domestic Work

**CARE GIVING FOR HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS**

200 Baby Care - Household Child

210<sup>1</sup> Child Care - Household Child

220 Helping/Teaching/Reprimanding

230 Reading/Talking/Conversation with Child

240 Play with Children

250 Medical Care - Household Children

260 Unpaid Babysitting

271 Personal Care - Household Adults

272 Medical Care - Household Child

281<sup>1</sup> Other Child Care

282 Other Care for Household Adults

291 Travel: Household Child

292 Travel: Household Adults

**SHOPPING AND SERVICES**

301 Groceries

302 Clothing, Gas, etc.

303 Take-out Food

310 Shopping for Durable Household Goods

320 Personal Care Services (e.g. Haircut)

331 Financial Services (e.g. Banking)

332 Government Services (e.g. UIC)

**CYCLE 12**

185\* Packing or Unpacking Luggage and/or Car

186\* Packing and Unpacking for a Move of the Household

190 Travel for Domestic Work

200 Child Care (Infant to 4 Years Old)

211<sup>1</sup> Putting Children to Bed212<sup>1</sup> Getting Children Ready for School213<sup>1</sup> Personal Care for Children of the Household

220 Helping/Teaching/Reprimanding

230 Reading/Talking/Conversation with Child

240 Play with Children

250 Medical Care - Household Children

260 Unpaid Babysitting

271 Personal Care - Household Adults

272 Medical Care - Household Child

281<sup>1</sup> Help and Other Care - Household Children

282 Help and Other Care - Household Adults

291 Travel: Household Child

292 Travel: Household Adults

**SHOPPING AND SERVICES**

301\* Groceries

302\* Everyday Goods and Products (Clothing, Gas, etc.)

303\* Take-out Food

310\* Shopping for Durable Household Goods

320\* Personal Care Services

331\* Financial Services

332\* Government Services

CYCLE 7		CYCLE 12	
340	Adult Medical and Dental Care	340*	Adult Medical and Dental Care (Outside Home)
350	Other Professional Service	350*	Other Professional Service (Lawyer, Veterinarian)
361	Automotive Maintenance and Repair	361*	Automotive Maintenance and Repair 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	301*	Groceries
		302*	Everyday Goods and Products (Clothing, Gas, etc.)
		303*	Take-out Food
		310*	Shopping for Durable Household Goods
		320*	Personal Care Services
		331*	Financial Services
		332*	Government Services
		340*	Adult Medical and Dental Care (Outside Home)
		350*	Other Professional Service (Lawyer, Veterinarian)
		361*	Automotive Maintenance and Repair Services
		362*	Other Repair Services (e.g. T.V., Appliance)
		380*	Other Shopping and Services
380	Other Shopping and Services	380*	Other Shopping and Services
		304*	Rental of Videos
390	Travel: Goods and Services	390	Travel for Goods and Services
<b>PERSONAL CARE</b>			
400	Washing, Dressing	400	Washing, Dressing
410	Personal Medical Care (Home)	410	Personal Medical Care (At Home)
430	Meals at Home/Snacks/Coffee	430	Meals at Home/Snacks/Coffee
431	Other Meals (Non-Restaurant/Non-Socializing)	431	Other Meals at Another Place
440	Restaurant Meals	440	Restaurant Meals
450	Night Sleep/Essential Sleep	450	Night Sleep/Essential Sleep

**CYCLE 7**

- 460 Incidental Sleep, Naps
- 470 Relaxing, Thinking, Resting
- 480 Other Personal Care or Private Activities
- 491 Travel: Restaurant Meals
- 492 Travel: Other Personal Activities

**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: Education

**ORGANIZATIONAL, VOLUNTARY  
AND RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY**

- 600 Professional, Union, General
- 610 Political, Civic Activity
- 620 Child, Youth, Family Organizations
- 630 Religious Meetings, Organizations
- 640 Religious Services/Prayer/Bible Readings
- 651 Fraternal and Social Organizations (e.g. Lion's Club)
- 652 Support Groups (e.g. Al-Anon, AA)
- 660 Volunteer Work (Organizations)

**CYCLE 12**

- 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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- 560 Leisure and Special Interest Classes
- 580 Other Study
- 590 Travel for Education

- 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
- 411\* Private Prayer, Meditation and Other Informal Spiritual Activities
- 651 Fraternal and Social Organizations
- 652 Support Groups
- 660\* Volunteer Work (Organizations)
- 661\* Meal/Snack/Coffee at Place of Volunteer Work

CYCLE 7		CYCLE 12	
671	Housework and Cooking Assistance	671	Housework and Cooking Assistance
672	House Maintenance and Repair Assistance	672	House Maintenance and Repair Assistance
673	Unpaid Babysitting	673	Unpaid Babysitting
674	Transportation Assistance	674	Transportation Assistance
675	Care for Disabled or Ill	675	Care for Disabled or Ill
676	Correspondence Assistance	676	Correspondence Assistance
677	Unpaid Help for a Business or Farm	677	Unpaid Help for a Business or Farm
678	Other Unpaid Work	678	Other Unpaid Help
680	Other Organizational, Voluntary and Religious Activity	680*	Other Organizational, Voluntary and Religious Activity
		642*	Meal/Snacks/Coffee at Religious Services
		661*	Meal/Snack/Coffee at Place of Volunteer Work
691	Travel: Civic & Voluntary Activity	691	Travel for Civic and Voluntary Activity
692	Travel: Religious Services	692	Travel for Religious Services
<b>ENTERTAINMENT (ATTENDING)</b>		<b>ENTERTAINMENT (ATTENDING)</b>	
701	Professional Sports Event	701	Professional Sports Event
702	Amateur Sports Events	702	Amateur Sports Events
711	Pop Music, Concerts	711	Pop Music, Concerts
712	Fairs	712	Fairs, Festivals, Circuses, Parades
713	Zoos	713	Zoos
720	Movies, Films	720	Movies, Films
730	Opera, Ballet, Theatre	730	Opera, Ballet, Theatre
741	Museums	741	Museums
742	Art Galleries	742	Art Galleries
743	Heritage Site	743	Heritage Site
751	Socializing (No Meal)	751	Socializing with Friends/Relatives (No Meal)
752	Socializing (w/Meal, Excl. Restaurants)	752	Socializing with Friends/Relatives (with Meal)
753	Socializing w/Friends (Non-Private Residence)	753*	Socializing with Friends/Relatives (Non-Private and Non-Institutional Residence)
760	Socializing at Bars, Clubs (No Meal)	754*	Socializing with Friends/Relatives (Institutional Residence)

CYCLE 7		CYCLE 12	
780	Other Social Gatherings (Weddings, Wakes)	760	Socializing at Bars, Clubs
791	Travel: Sports, Movies & Other Entertainment Events	780	Other Social Gatherings
792	Travel: Socializing (In Homes)	791	Travel to Sports and Entertainment Events
793	Travel: Other Socializing	792	Travel for Socializing (Between Residences)
		793	Travel for Other Socializing
<b>SPORTS AND HOBBIES</b>			
800	Coaching	800	Coaching
801	Football, Baseball, Hockey, etc.	801	Football, Basketball, Baseball, Volleyball, Hockey, Soccer, Field Hockey
802	Tennis, Squash, Racquetball, etc.	802	Tennis, Squash, Racquetball, Paddleball
803	Golf, Miniature Golf	803	Golf, Miniature Golf
804	Swimming, Waterskiing	804	Swimming, Waterskiing
805 <sup>2</sup>	Skiing, Ice Skating, etc.	805 <sup>2</sup>	Skiing, Ice Skating, Sledding, Curling, Snowboarding
806	Bowling, Pool, etc.	810 <sup>2</sup>	Other Sports (e.g. Frisbee, Catch)
807	Exercises, Yoga, Weight Lifting	806	Bowling, Pool, Ping-Pong, Pinball
808	Judo, Boxing, Wrestling, Fencing	807	Exercises, Yoga, Weight Lifting
809	Rowing, Canoeing, Kayaking and Sailing	808	Judo, Boxing, Wrestling, Fencing
		809	Rowing, Canoeing, Kayaking and Wind Surfing and Sailing (Competitive)
810 <sup>2</sup>	Other Sports (e.g. Frisbee, Catch)	810 <sup>2</sup>	Other Sports (e.g. Frisbee, Catch)
811	Hunting	811	Hunting
812	Fishing	812	Fishing
813	Boating	813	Boating (Motorboats and Rowboats)
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	821	Walking, Hiking, Jogging, Running
822	Biking	822	Bicycling
831	Hobbies Done Mainly for Pleasure	831	Hobbies Done Mainly for Pleasure
832	Hobbies Done for Sale or Exchange		



CYCLE 7		CYCLE 12	
	of Items	832	Hobbies Done for Sale or Exchange of Items
841	Domestic Home Crafts Done Mainly for Pleasure	841	Domestic Home Crafts Done Mainly for Pleasure
842	Domestic Home Crafts Done for Sale or Exchange of Items	842	Domestic Home Crafts Done for Sale or Exchange of Items
850	Music, Theatre, Dance	850	Music, Theatre, Dance
861	Games, Cards, Arcade	861*	Games, Cards, Puzzle, Board Games
862	Video games/Computer Games	770*	Casino, Bingo, Arcade
863	General Computer Use (Not Games)	862	Video games/Computer Games
		863*	General Computer Use (Excluding Surfing the Net or Playing Games)
871	Pleasure Drives as a Driver	864*	Surfing the Net (as a Leisure Activity)
872	Pleasure Drives as a Passenger in a Car	871	Pleasure Drives, Sightseeing (as a Driver)
873	Other Pleasure Drives (e.g. Bus Tour)	872	Pleasure Drives, Sightseeing(as a Passenger in a Car)
880	Other Sports or Active Leisure	873	Other Pleasure Drives, Sightseeing
891	Travel: Active Sports	880	Other Sports or Active Leisure
892	Travel: Coaching	891	Travel for Active Sports
893	Travel: Hobbies & Crafts for Sale	892	Travel for Coaching
894	Travel: Other Active Leisure	893	Travel for Hobbies and Crafts for Sale
		894	Travel for Other Active Leisure
<b>MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS</b>			
900	Listening to the Radio	900	Listening to the Radio
911	Watching Television (Regular Scheduled Television)	911	Watching Television (Regular Scheduled T.V.)
912	Watching Television (Time-Shifted Television)	912	Watching Television (Time-Shifted T.V.)
913	Watching Rented or Purchased Movies	913	Watching Rented or Purchased Movies
914	Other Television Viewing (Home Recorded Movies)	914	Other Television Viewing
920	Listening to CD's, Tapes, Records	920	Listening to CD's, Cassette Tapes or Records
931	Reading Books	931	Reading Books
932	Reading Magazines		
940	Reading Newspapers		

950 Talking, Conversation, Phone  
961 Reading Mail  
962 Other (Writing Letters)  
980 Other Media or Communication  
990 Travel: Media or Communication

**RESIDUAL CODES**

001 Missing Gap in Time  
002 Refused Information

932 Reading Magazines, Pamphlets,  
Bulletins, Newsletters  
940 Reading Newspapers  
950 Talking, Conversation, Telephone  
961 Reading Mail  
962 Other Letter and Mail  
980 Other Media or Communication  
990 Travel for Media or Communication

001 Missing Gap in Time  
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"