

1998 Activity Classification Structure

The following table shows the definitions of the Major and Minor activity groupings derived from the 177 activity codes used in the 1998 General Social Survey (GSS). This is similar to the grouping of activities used in the 1992 survey.

TWENTY-FOUR CODE ACTIVITY SYSTEM

A. PAID WORK AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

1. Paid Work (WORKPAID)

- 011 Work for Pay at Main Job
- 012 Work for Pay at Other Job(s)
- 021 Overtime Work
- 023 Unpaid Work in a Family Business or Farm
- 030 Travel During Work
- 040 Waiting/Delays at Work
- 070 Coffee/Other Breaks
- 832 Hobbies Done For Sale or Exchange
- 842 Domestic Home Crafts Done For Sale or Exchange
- 080 Other Work Activities

2. Activities Related to Paid Work (OTHRPAID)

- 022 Looking for Work
- 060 Idle Time Before/After Work
- 893 Travel: Hobbies & Crafts for Sale

3. Commuting (DUR090)

- 090 Travel: To/From Work

B. HOUSEHOLD WORK AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

4. Cooking/Washing Up (COOKDOMS)

- 101 Meal Preparation
- 102 Baking, Preserving Food, Home Brewing, etc.
- 110 Food (or Meal) Cleanup

5. Housekeeping (HSKPDOMS)

- 120 Indoor Cleaning
- 130 Outdoor Cleaning
- 140 Laundry, Ironing, Folding
- 151 Mending/Shoe Care
- 152 Dressmaking and Sewing

6. Maintenance and Repair (MAINDOMS)

- 161 Interior Maintenance and Repair
- 162 Exterior Maintenance and Repair
- 163 Vehicle Maintenance
- 164 Other Home Improvements

- 7. Other Household Work (OTHRDOMS)**
 - 171 Gardening/Grounds Maintenance
 - 172 Pet Care
 - 173 Care of House Plants
 - 181 Household Management
 - 182 Stacking and Cutting Firewood
 - 183 Other Domestic/Household Work, n.e.s.
 - 184 Unpacking Groceries
 - 185 Packing and Unpacking Luggage and/or Car
 - 186 Packing and Unpacking for a Move of the Household
 - 190 Travel: Domestic Work

- 8. Shopping for Goods and Services (SHOPDOMS)**
 - 301 Groceries
 - 302 Everyday Goods and products (Clothing, Gas, etc.)
 - 303 Take-out Food
 - 304 Rental of Videos
 - 310 Shopping for Durable Goods
 - 320 Personal Care Services
 - 331 Financial Services
 - 332 Government Services
 - 340 Adult Medical and Dental Care (Outside Home)
 - 350 Other Professional Services (Lawyer, Veterinarian)
 - 361 Automobile Maintenance and Repair Services
 - 362 Other Repair and Cleaning Services
 - 380 Other Shopping and Services
 - 390 Travel: Shopping for Goods and Services

- 9. Child Care (CHLDDOMS)**
 - 200 Child Care (Infant to 4 Years Old)
 - 211 Putting Children to Bed
 - 212 Getting Children Ready for School
 - 213 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 Child
 - 260 Unpaid Babysitting
 - 281 Help and Other Care - Household Children
 - 291 Travel: Household Child

C. SOCIAL SUPPORT, CIVIC AND VOLUNTARY ACTIVITY

- 10. Civic and Voluntary Activity (VLNTORGN)**
 - 800 Coaching
 - 600 Professional, Union, General Meetings

- 610 Political, Civic Activity
- 620 Child, Youth, Family Organizations
- 630 Religious Meetings, Organizations
- 651 Fraternal and Social Organizations
- 652 Support Groups
- 660 Volunteer Work, (Organizations)
- 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
- 271 Personal Care - Household Adults
- 272 Medical Care - Household Adults
- 282 Help and Other Care - Household Adults
- 691 Travel: Civic & Voluntary Activity
- 892 Travel: Coaching
- 292 Travel: Household Adults

D. EDUCATION AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

11. Education and Related Activities (SCHLEDUC)

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

E. SLEEP, MEALS AND OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES

12. Night Sleep (DUR450)

- 450 Night/Essential Sleep

13. Meals (excl. Restaurant Meals) (MEALPERS)

- 050 Meals/Snacks at Work
- 430 Meals/Snacks/Coffee at Home
- 431 Meals/Snacks/Coffee at Another Place (excl. Restaurants)
- 540 Meals/Snacks/Coffee at School
- 642 Meals/Snacks/Coffee at Religious Services

661 Meals/Snacks/Coffee at Place of Volunteer Work

14. Other Personal Activities (OTHRPERS)

400 Washing, Dressing
410 Personal Medical Care at Home
411 Private Prayer, Meditation and Other Informal Spiritual Activities
460 Incidental Sleep, Naps
470 Relaxing, Thinking, Resting, Smoking
480 Other Personal Care or Private Activities
492 Travel: Other Personal Activities
640 Religious Services/Prayer/Bible Readings
692 Travel: Religious Services

F. SOCIALIZING

15. Restaurant Meals (RESTSOCL)

440 Restaurant Meals
491 Travel: Restaurant Meals

16. Socializing (In Homes) (HOMESOCL)

751 Socializing with Friends/Relatives (No Meal)
752 Socializing with Friends/Relatives (With Meal)
950 Talking, Conversation, Phone
792 Travel: Socializing (Between Residences)

17. Other Socializing (OTHRSOCL)

753 Socializing with Friends/Relatives (Non-residential or institutional)
754 Socializing with Friends/Relatives (Institutional e.g.Hospital, Nursing Home)
760 Socializing at Bars, Clubs (No Meal)
770 Casino, Bingo, Arcade
780 Other Social Gatherings (Weddings, Wakes)
793 Travel: Other Socializing

G. TELEVISION, READING AND OTHER PASSIVE LEISURE

18. Watching Television (TELEMDIA)

911 Watching Television (Regular Scheduled TV)
912 Watching Television (Time-shifted TV)
913 Watching Rented or Purchased Movies
914 Other Television Watching

19. Reading Books, Magazines, Newspapers (READMDIA)

931 Reading Books
932 Reading Magazines, Pamphlets, Bulletins, Newsletters
940 Reading Newspapers

- 20. Other Passive Leisure (OTHRMDIA)**
 - 900 Listening to the Radio
 - 920 Listening to CDs, Cassette Tapes or Records
 - 961 Reading Mail
 - 962 Other Letters and Mail
 - 980 Other Media or Communication
 - 990 Travel: Media and Communication

H. SPORTS, MOVIES AND OTHER ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

- 21. Sports, Movies and Other Entertainment Events (ENTREVNT)**
 - 701 Professional Sports Events
 - 702 Amateur Sports Events
 - 711 Pop Music, Concerts
 - 712 Fairs, Festivals, Circuses, Parades
 - 713 Zoos
 - 720 Movies, Films
 - 730 Opera, Ballet, Theatre
 - 741 Museums
 - 742 Art Galleries
 - 743 Heritage Sites
 - 791 Travel: Sports and Entertainment Events

I. ACTIVE LEISURE

- 22. Active Sports (SPRTACTV)**
 - 801 Football, Basketball, Baseball, Volleyball, Hockey, Soccer, Field Hockey
 - 802 Tennis, Squash, Racquetball, Paddle Ball
 - 803 Golf, Miniature Golf
 - 804 Swimming, Waterskiing
 - 805 Skiing, Ice Skating, Sledding, Curling, Snowboarding
 - 806 Bowling, Pool, Ping-pong, Pinball
 - 807 Exercises, Yoga, Weightlifting
 - 808 Judo, Boxing, Wrestling, Fencing
 - 809 Rowing, Canoeing, Kayaking, Windsurfing, Sailing (Competitive)
 - 810 Other Sports
 - 811 Hunting
 - 812 Fishing
 - 813 Boating
 - 814 Camping
 - 815 Horseback Riding, Rodeo, Jumping, Dressage
 - 816 Other Outdoor Activities/Excursions
 - 821 Walking, Hiking, Jogging, Running
 - 822 Bicycling
 - 891 Travel: Active Sports

- 23. **Other Active Leisure (OTHRACTV)**
 - 831 Hobbies Done Mainly for Pleasure
 - 841 Domestic Home Crafts Done Mainly for Pleasure
 - 850 Music, Theatre, Dance
 - 861 Games, Cards, Puzzles, Board Games
 - 862 Video Games, Computer Games
 - 863 General Computer Use (Excluding Surfing the Net or Playing Games)
 - 864 Surfing the Net (As a Leisure Activity)
 - 871 Pleasure Drives as a Driver
 - 872 Pleasure Drives as a Passenger in a Car
 - 873 Other Pleasure Drives, Sightseeing
 - 880 Other Sport or Active Leisure
 - 894 Travel: Other Active Leisure

J. RESIDUAL

- 24. **Residual Time (DVRESID)**
 - 001 Missing Gap in Time
 - 002 Refusals

