

**Changes made to the ATUS Coding Lexicon:
2003 to 2004**

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This document details differences between the 2003 and 2004 activity classification schemes used to code activities collected during the American Time Use Survey.

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01 Personal Care

02 Grooming

01 Washing, dressing, and grooming oneself

--Added example (moved from personal activities): using the bathroom

03 Health-related Self Care

01 Health-related self care

--Added example: exercising or therapy for medical reasons

04 Personal Activities

01 Personal/Private activities

--Deleted example (moved to grooming): using the bathroom

02 Household Activities

01 Housework

04 Storing interior HH items, incl. food

--Added examples: putting away Christmas decorations; putting away holiday items

02 Food & Drink Prep., Presentation, & Clean-up

01 Food & drink preparation

--Added examples: baking Christmas cookies; making gingerbread house

03 Interior Maintenance, Repair, and Decoration

01 Interior arrangement, decoration, and repairs

--Added examples: taking down indoor decorations; decorating the Christmas tree; carving jack-o-lanterns; setting up manger (inside); hanging Christmas stockings; putting up Christmas decorations (inside); setting up menorah candles (inside); putting up Christmas lights (inside)

04 Exterior Maintenance, Repair, & Decoration

02 Exterior repair, improvements, & decoration

--Added examples: putting up Christmas lights (outside); putting up Christmas decorations (outside)

07 Vehicles

01 Vehicle repair and maintenance

--Added examples: installing a trailer hitch; hooking up trailer to car/truck; cleaning camper/RV; winterizing boat

--Changed example: from "washing/waxing vehicles" to "washing/waxing cars or other vehicles"

08 Appliances, Tools, and Toys

Changed title from Appliances and Tools

01 Appliance, tool, and toy set-up, repair, and maintenance (by self)

--Changed title from Appliance and tool set-up, repair, and maintenance (by self)

--Added new examples: setting up toy train track; setting up doll house; installing heating or A/C equipment

09 Household Management

02 Household and personal organization and planning

--Added examples: Unwrapping/opening packages; sorting books; filling a Christmas stocking; sorting household items; filling an Easter basket; packing recreational vehicle for a trip; opening presents/gifts (alone)

03 HH & personal mail & messages (except e-mail)

--Added examples: addressing holiday cards; writing Christmas cards; writing Valentines

03 Caring For and Helping Household Members

01 Caring For & Helping HH Children

--Deleted 07 Helping/teaching HH children (not related to education)

01 Physical care for HH children

--Deleted duplicate example: breastfeeding HH baby

--Added examples: helping HH child get dressed; helping HH child brush teeth; helping HH child bathe; helping HH child use the bathroom; helping HH child feed him/herself

02 Reading to/with HH children

--Added examples: helping HH child read; teaching HH child to read

03 Playing with HH children, not sports

--Changed example: from "singing/dancing with HH child" to "dancing with HH child" (singing with HH child is an example under 06 Talking with/listening to HH children)

04 Arts and crafts with HH children

--Added example: helping HH child make arts and crafts

05 Playing sports with HH children

--Added examples: teaching HH child how to play a sport; teaching HH child to ride a bike

10 Attending HH children's events

--Added examples: accompanying HH child trick-or-treating; accompanying HH child visiting Santa Claus

02 Activities Related to Household Children's Education

02 Meetings and school conferences (HH children)

--Added examples: attending HH child's school open house; meeting with school speech pathologist of HH child; meeting with guidance counselor of HH child

05 Helping Household Adults

01 Helping HH adults

--Deleted example: running errands for HH adult (not self)

04 Caring For and Helping Nonhousehold Members

01 Caring For & Helping NonHH Children

--Deleted 07 Helping/teaching nonHH children (not related to education)

01 Physical care for nonHH children

--Added examples: helping nonHH child get dressed; helping nonHH child brush teeth; helping nonHH child bathe; helping nonHH child use the bathroom; helping nonHH child feed him/herself

02 Reading to/with nonHH children

--Added examples: helping nonHH child read; teaching nonHH child to read

03 Playing with nonHH children, not sports

--Changed example: from "singing/dancing with nonHH child" to "dancing with nonHH child" (singing with nonHH child is an example under 06 Talking with/listening to nonHH children)

04 Arts and crafts with nonHH children

--Added example: helping nonHH child make arts and crafts

05 Playing sports with nonHH children

--Added examples: teaching nonHH child how to play a sport; teaching nonHH child to ride a bike

10 Attending nonHH children's events

--Added example: accompanying nonHH child trick-or-treating

99 Caring for & helping nonHH children, n.e.c.

--Added example: handing out Halloween candy

02 Activities Related to NonHH Children's Education

02 Meetings and school conferences (nonHH children)

--Added example: attending nonHH child's school open house; meeting with guidance counselor of nonHH child; meeting with school speech pathologist of nonHH child

05 Work and Work-related Activities

01 Working

--Added 3rd tier category: 04 Waiting associated with working

03 Security procedures related to work

--Changed example: from "going through metal detector (work)" to "passing through metal detector (work)"

02 Work-related Activities

--Added 3rd tier category: 05 Waiting associated with work-related activities

04 Security procedures as part of job

--Changed example: from "going through metal detector (part of job)" to "passing through metal detector (part of job)"

03 Other Income-generating Activities

--Added 3rd tier category: 05 Waiting associated with other income-generating activities

04 Job Search and Interviewing

01 Active job search

--Changed example: from "asking for references from former employers" to "asking former employers to provide references"

06 Education

01 Taking Classes

02 Taking class for personal interest

Added examples: attending Sunday school; attending Bible study

04 Security procedures related to taking classes

--Changed example: from "going through metal detector (taking classes)" to "passing through metal detector (taking classes)"

02 Extracurricular School Activities (Except Sports)

--Added 3rd tier category: 04 Waiting associated with extracurricular activities

02 Extracurricular music and performance activities

--Changed example: from "choir practice" to "attending choir practice as extracurricular school activity"

07 Consumer Purchases

01 Shopping (Store, Telephone, Internet)

02 Purchasing gas

--Changed example: from "paying for gasoline or other products" to "paying for gasoline and other products"

--Deleted example: buying other products at gas station

03 Purchasing food (not groceries)

--Added examples: talking to fast food cashier; talking to waiter

02 Researching purchases

01 Comparison shopping

--Changed example: from “going to different stores to compare prices” to “comparing prices at different stores”

08 Professional and Personal Care Services

04 Medical and Care Services

01 Using health and care services outside the home

--Changed example: from “going to group therapy” to “attending group therapy”

05 Personal Care Services

01 Using Personal Care Services

--Changed example: from “going to tanning salon” to “getting a tan at the tanning salon”

06 Real Estate

01 Activities related to purchasing/selling real estate

--Added example: paying the rent

--Clarified example (added words in parentheses): attending open house (real estate)

08 Security Procedures Related to Professional/Personal Services

01 Security procedures related to professional/personal services

--Changed example: from “going through metal detector (professional svcs)” to “passing through metal detector (professional svcs)”

99 Professional and Personal Care Services, N.E.C.

99 Professional and personal care services, n.e.c.

--Added examples: portrait studio; having a family portrait made

09 Household Services

02 Home Maintenance, Repair, Decoration, and Construction (not done by self)

01 Using home maintenance, repair, decoration, and construction services

--Changed example: from “hiring a home remodeling service” to “hiring a professional home remodeling service”

99 Household Services, N.E.C.

99 Using household services, n.e.c.

--Added example: using butchering services

10 Government Services and Civic Obligations

No changes

11 Eating and Drinking

01 Eating and Drinking

01 Eating and drinking

--Added example: attending Passover Seder

02 Waiting Associated with Eating and Drinking

--Collapsed 3rd tier from 5 categories to 2

01 Waiting associated with eating and drinking

--Changed title from Waiting associated with eating and drinking at home

--Deleted 02 Waiting associated with eating and drinking at a restaurant, bar, or other place of purchase

--Deleted 03 Waiting associated with eating and drinking in transit

--Deleted 04 Elsewhere

--Added examples previously classified in category 110202: "waiting for a table," "waiting for the check," and "waiting to place an order"

99 Waiting associated with eating and drinking, n.e.c.

--Changed tier title from 99 Elsewhere

12 Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure

01 Socializing and Communicating

01 Socializing and communicating with others

--Added examples: opening birthday presents (with others); opening Christmas gifts (with others); opening gifts (with others); opening wedding presents (with others)

02 Attending or Hosting Social Events

01 Attending or hosting parties/receptions/ceremonies

--Added examples: attending housewarming; attending holiday open house

--Deleted example: opening birthday presents

--Changed examples: from "graduation ceremonies (for adults)" to "attending graduation ceremonies (for adults)"; from "charity social event" to "attending a charity social event"; from "receptions" to "attending receptions"; from "parties" to "attending parties"

02 Attending meetings for personal interest (not volunteering)

--Changed examples: added the phrase "attending a/an" to all examples

03 Relaxing and Leisure

01 Relaxing, thinking

--Added examples: sitting in the sauna; sitting in the hot tub/Jacuzzi/whirlpool

06 Listening to/playing music (not radio)

--Added examples: singing; singing karaoke; Christmas caroling

07 Playing games

--Added examples: hitting piñata; spinning dreidels; hiding matzo (Passover); hiding Easter eggs

09 Arts and crafts as a hobby

--Added examples: videotaping; taking pictures; taking snapshots; making Halloween costumes (for self); stringing popcorn; dyeing Easter eggs; making Christmas decorations

--Deleted example: putting pictures in albums

13 Writing for personal interest

--Added example: editing (personal interest)

04 Arts and Entertainment (other than sports)

01 Attending performing arts

--Added example: attending jazz bar

05 Security procedures related to arts and entertainment

--Changed example: from "going through metal detector (art/entertainment)" to "passing through metal detector (art/entertainment)"

99 Arts and entertainment, n.e.c.

--Added examples: setting off fireworks

13 Sports, Exercise, and Recreation

01 Participating in Sports, Exercise, or Recreation

29 Vehicle touring/racing

--Added example: riding in a go-cart

32 Participating in water sports

--Added example: water aerobics

02 Attending Sporting/Recreational Events

29 Watching water sports

--Added example: watching water aerobics

04 Security Procedures Related to Sports, Exercise, and Recreation

01 Security related to playing sports or exercising

--Changed example: from "going through metal detector (playing sports)" to "passing through metal detector (playing sports)"

02 Security related to attending sporting events

--Changed example: from "going through metal detector (attending sports)" to "passing through metal detector (attending sports)"

14 Religious and Spiritual Activities

01 Religious/Spiritual Practices

01 Attending religious services

--Changed examples: from "confirmation service" to "attending confirmation service"; from "wakes, memorial services" to "attending wakes, memorial services"; from "weddings" to "attending/participating in weddings"

02 Participation in religious practices

--Added examples: lighting menorah candles (Hanukkah); lighting Advent wreath; opening Advent calendar day; conducting religious rites in the home

--Deleted example: attending Bible study

--Changed examples: from "ushering" to "ushering for religious services"; from "singing in the choir" to "singing in the church choir"; from "choir practice" to "attending church choir practice"; from "going on retreat" to "attending a religious retreat"

04 Security procedures related to religious and spiritual activities

--Changed example: from "going through metal detector (religious activities)" to "passing through metal detector (religious activities)"

15 Volunteer Activities

--Added 2nd tier category: 07 Waiting Associated with Volunteer Activities

01 Administrative and Support Activities

02 Organizing and preparing

--Added examples: filing (volunteer); preparing/organizing schedules (volunteer); addressing envelopes (volunteer)

02 Social Service and Care Activities (except medical)

02 Collecting and delivering clothing and other goods

--Added examples: donating books; donating clothing; sorting books (volunteer); sorting clothing (volunteer)

07 Waiting Associated with Volunteer Activities

--Added 3rd tier category: 01 Waiting associated with volunteer activities

--Added 3rd tier category: 99 Waiting associated with volunteer activities, n.e.c.

16 Telephone Calls

01 Telephone calls (to or from)

- Added 3rd tier category: 99 Telephone calls (to or from), n.e.c.
- Added 2nd tier category: 02 Waiting Associated with Telephone Calls
 - 01 Telephone calls to/from family members**
 - Changed example: from “relatives” to “talking on phone to relatives”
 - 02 Telephone calls to/from friends, neighbors, or acquaintances**
 - Added “Talking on phone to” to all examples
 - 03 Telephone calls to/from education services providers**
 - Added “Talking on phone to a/an” to all examples
 - 04 Telephone calls to/from salespeople**
 - Added “Talking on phone to” to all examples
 - Changed example: from “counter persons” to “talking on phone to a store counter person”
 - 05 Telephone calls to/from professional or pers. care svcs provider**
 - Added “Talking on phone to a/an” to all examples
 - 06 Telephone calls to/from household services providers**
 - Added “Talking on phone to a/an” to all examples
 - 07 Telephone calls to/from paid child or adult care provider**
 - Added “Talking on phone to a/an” to all examples
 - 08 Telephone calls to/from government officials**
 - Added “Talking on phone to a/an” to all examples
 - 99 Telephone calls (to or from), n.e.c.**
 - Added example: Talking on telephone, unidentified
- 02 Waiting Associated with Telephone Calls**
 - Added 3rd tier category: 01 Waiting associated with telephone calls
 - Added 3rd tier category: 99 Waiting associated with telephone calls, n.e.c.
 - 01 Waiting associated with telephone calls**
 - Added examples: waiting to use a pay phone; waiting for a phone call
- 99 Telephone Calls, n.e.c.**
 - 99 Telephone calls, n.e.c.**
 - Deleted example: others, unidentified

17 Traveling

- 02 Travel Related to Household Activities**
 - Added the following 3rd tier categories and re-numbered 02 Travel related to household management to 09:
 - 02 Travel related to food and drink prep., presentation, and clean-up
 - 03 Travel related to interior maintenance, repair, and decoration
 - 04 Travel related to exterior maintenance, repair, and decoration
 - 05 Travel related to lawn, garden, and houseplants
 - 06 Travel related to care for animals and pets (not vet care)
 - 07 Travel related to vehicle care and maintenance (by self)
 - 08 Travel related to appliance, tool, and toy set-up, repair, and maintenance (by self)
 - 05 Travel Related to Work and Work-related Activities**
 - Changed the label of the following 3rd tier categories:
 - 01 Commuting to/from work to 01 Travel related to working
 - 02 Work-related travel, not commuting to 02 Travel related to work-related activities
 - Added the following 3rd tier categories:
 - 03 Travel related to income-generating activities
 - 04 Travel related to job search and interviewing activities

07 Travel Related to Consumer Purchases

--Added 3rd tier category: 03 Traveling to/from gas station

12 Travel Related to Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure

--Added examples: driving around look at Christmas lights; driving, no purpose (pleasure driving)

99 Traveling, N.E. C.

99 Traveling, n.e.c.

--Deleted examples: paying toll booth attendant; paying parking garage attendant; paying parking lot attendant; driving, no purpose (pleasure driving)

--Added example: driving, no purpose (DP changed mind)

50 Data Codes

01 Unable to Code

--Deleted 3rd tier category: 02 Recorded activity using incorrect words (going, went, in, at)