

American Time Use Survey Activity Lexicon

2025

This document is the activity classification scheme (including examples) used to code activities collected during the American Time Use Survey into time-use categories.

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Major Categories	2nd-tier	3rd-tier	Examples

01 Personal Care

01 Sleeping

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sleeping	waking up
falling asleep	dreaming
dozing off	cat napping
napping	getting some shut-eye
getting up	dozing

02 Sleeplessness

insomnia	lying awake
tossing and turning	counting sheep

99 Sleeping, n.e.c.*

02 Grooming

01 Washing, dressing and grooming oneself

bathing/showering	washing face
brushing/flossing teeth	washing hands
grooming	putting in contact lenses
blow-drying hair	shaving legs
brushing hair	cleaning contact lenses
putting on makeup	washing hair
shaving	filing nails
getting dressed/undressed	combing hair
changing clothes	gargling mouthwash
laying clothes out	putting on shoes
putting on hand cream	removing curlers
perming own hair	putting on night cream
doing own hair	cutting own hair
running bath	washing feet
doing nails	cleaning ears
putting on nail polish	brushing lint off clothing

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		using the bathroom	putting on pajamas
	99	Grooming, n.e.c.*	
		mom braided my hair	friend rubbed suntan lotion on me
		getting a haircut from spouse/friend (unpaid)	
03		Health-related Self Care	
	01	Health-related self care	
		doing childbirth exercises	meditating (not religious)
		dressing a wound	taking vitamins
		giving oneself a shot	resting because of injury
		taking insulin	taking cough drops
		putting ice on injury	bandaging ankle
		gargling for sore throat	giving oneself an injection
		resting because of illness	testing blood sugar level
		taking medicine	applying ointment
		doing stress management exercises	changing oxygen
		exercising or therapy for medical reasons	checking my oxygen levels
		checking my temperature	taking my temperature before leaving for the airport
		taking my temperature before a telehealth/telemedicine appt	self-administering a COVID test
	99	Self care, n.e.c.*	
		feeling sick	
04		Personal Activities	
	01	Personal/Private activities	
		having sex	private activity, unspecified
		making out	personal activity, unspecified
		cuddling partner in bed	spouse gave me a massage
		necking	
	99	Personal activities, n.e.c.*	
05		Personal Care Emergencies	
	01	Personal emergencies	
		being involved in a personal accident	stanching blood flow

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losing consciousness

waiting for ambulance

being involved in an accident requiring emergency care

99 Personal care emergencies, n.e.c.*

99 Personal Care, n.e.c.*

99 Personal care, n.e.c.*

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02 Household Activities

01 Housework

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Interior cleaning

tidying up
 recycling/sorting newspapers for recycling
 cleaning windows/washing walls
 vacuuming/sweeping floors/sweeping
 making the bed/changing sheets
 cleaning bathrooms/cleaning bedroom
 cleaning carpets/shampooing carpet
 polishing furniture/dusting
 emptying trash cans/taking out the trash
 cleaning cupboards
 picking up toys

picking up clothes
 straightening up the house
 picking up the house/cleaning the house
 washing floor
 cleaning out drawers
 emptying ashtray
 cleaning bathtub/cleaning toilet
 cleaning out closet
 scrubbing
 cleaning floors/mopping floors

02

Laundry

putting laundry in washer/dryer
 hanging clothes on clothesline
 sorting laundry/folding clean laundry
 treating stains/spot treating clothes
 ironing
 putting clean laundry away
 putting out clean towels
 removing lint from dryer
 doing laundry/checking wash

bringing in washing/laundry
 putting towels in bathroom
 hand washing clothing
 taking clothes off the line
 taking clothes out of washer
 washing curtains
 folding clothes/hanging clothes
 adding fabric softener

03

Sewing, repairing, & maintaining textiles

sewing on buttons/hemming garmets
 sewing a new dress/clothing
 sewing curtains/other hh items
 knitting/crocheting blankets
 altering clothing/sewing hem

polishing shoes
 repairing/caring for clothes/hats/shoes/curtains
 cleaning shoes/sneakers
 knitting/crocheting sweaters, clothing
 crocheting/crocheting quilt

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	04	Storing interior hh items, inc. food	
		putting away the groceries/putting shopping away	boxing things up for storage
		storing food/storing the groceries	putting away decorations/Christmas decorations/holiday items
		moving stuff to attic/basement	
	99	Housework, n.e.c.*	
02	Food & Drink Prep., Presentation, & Clean-up		
	01	Food and drink preparation	
		baking/cooking/broiling/boiling	cooking dinner
		defrosting	peeling potatoes
		packing food/lunches/picnics	preparing salad
		making baby food	baking a cake/baking biscuits
		mixing/heating up baby formula	chopping/slicing vegetables
		mixing drinks	putting roast in oven
		making coffee/tea	smoking fish
		heating food up/cooking meals	dehydrating food/drying food
		preparing food for company/guests	thawing frozen food
		canning food/preserving food	putting icing on cake
		preparing food for other hh members	boiling water
		getting a drink/pouring water in glass	butchering/carving/salting meat
		brewing beer or wine	making a gingerbread house
		breast-pumping	making jam/bottling fruit
		baking Christmas cookies	
	02	Food presentation	
		serving a meal/serving hors d'oeuvres	garnishing food
		setting the table	putting out condiments
		polishing silver	passing out drinks
		filling salt/pepper/sugar	
	03	Kitchen and food clean-up	
		cleaning up after a meal/clearing the table	cleaning oven/stove/barbecue grill
		loading the dishwasher/emptying dishwasher	cleaning high chair

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		washing/drying dishes putting leftovers away cleaning up the kitchen only cleaning kitchen cupboard cleaning freezer/defrosting freezer cleaning refrigerator cleaning microwave oven	cleaning up plates and food wiping table rinsing dishes/washing pots and pans putting dishes away throwing away leftovers mopping the kitchen floor
	99	Food & drink prep, presentation, & clean-up, n.e.c.*	
03	Interior Maintenance, Repair, & Decoration		
	01	Interior arrangement, decoration, & repairs	
		decorating moving/rearranging furniture hanging pictures hanging curtains/wallpaper painting laying linoleum/tile/wood floors refitting kitchen/bathroom remodeling interior of house fixing leaks plastering putting up shelves replacing fuses changing light bulbs putting up Christmas lights (inside) setting mousetraps	fumigating house measuring windows for curtains making plumbing improvements stripping paint stripping wallpaper installing carpet hanging blinds/shades taking down towel bars decorating the Christmas tree carving jack-o-lanterns setting up a manger (inside) hanging Christmas stockings putting up Christmas decorations (inside) setting up menorah candles (inside) pulling out Christmas decorations
	02	Building and repairing furniture	
		making furniture refinishing furniture reupholstering furniture refinishing wood furniture	making cabinets stripping furniture sanding wood furniture staining wood furniture

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		repairs to furniture	changing cabinet hardware
		painting furniture	assembling furniture
	03	Heating and cooling	
		chopping wood	collecting wood
		lighting fireplace	stacking firewood
		bringing in wood/kindling	setting the fire
		shoveling coal	installing wood burning stove
		filling heater with fuel	installing fireplace
		installing window AC unit	opening/closing windows
		changing furnace filter	
	99	Interior maintenance, repair, & decoration, n.e.c.*	
04	Exterior Maintenance, Repair, & Decoration		
	01	Exterior cleaning	
		sweeping deck/patio/porch	cleaning shed
		sweeping steps	sweeping garage
		shoveling snow	cleaning chimney
		removing ice from walkways	washing outside windows
		putting away yard equipment	picking up trash that blew into yard
		putting away bicycles	sweeping sidewalk
		cleaning gutters	putting away outside toys
		cleaning garage	
	02	Exterior repair, improvements, & decoration	
		painting/staining porch/deck	painting house exterior
		fixing the roof	fixing mailbox
		fixing broken windows	staining house exterior
		replacing screens	fixing weatherboards
		building a deck	fixing bird feeder
		building a garage/carport	building a fence
		building a shed	painting or staining fence

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> putting new roof on house adding another room to house screening in a porch installing a gate or fence paving or blacktopping making structural additions hanging outdoor lights decorating outside for parties putting up outdoor holiday decorations putting up Christmas lights (outside) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> putting new roof on garage setting up garden furniture decorating outside for holidays hanging flags hanging address numbers working on boat lift repairing boat dock hanging up wind chimes repairing wind chimes putting up Christmas decorations (outside)
	99	Exterior maintenance, repair & decoration, n.e.c.*	
05	Lawn, Garden, and Houseplants		
	01	Lawn, garden, and houseplant care	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> applying pesticides spraying for bugs gardening doing yard work trimming branches/hedges pruning shrubs/flowers picking up branches, twigs raking leaves blowing leaves planting mulching watering houseplants weeding cutting the grass mowing the lawn edging adding chemicals to lawn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> picking fruit and vegetables gathering nuts collecting eggs, honey planting tomatoes digging in the vegetable garden laying paving stones fertilizing garden planting beans planting fruit tree pruning tree putting snail killer around vegetables sowing flower or vegetable seeds spraying fruit trees spraying rose bushes tying up tomatoes putting pesticides on lawn turning sprinkler on or off

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		fertilizing the lawn spreading mulch watering lawn/garden seeding planting fruit and vegetables cleaning the yard	watering outdoor plants hunting mushrooms weeding vegetable garden weeding flower garden disposing/recycling lawn clippings
	02	Ponds, pools, and hot tubs adding chemicals to pool chlorinating the pool cleaning the pond, pool, hot tub putting in a pond, pool, hot tub repairing pond, pool, hot tub winterizing pool	draining pool filling the pool adding chemicals to hot tub testing ph in water turning on/off the hot tub
	99	Lawn and garden, n.e.c.*	
06	Animals and Pets		
	01	Care for animals and pets (not veterinary care) caring for household pets cleaning up after pets watching kittens/puppies being born feeding/watering pets petting animals clipping cat's claws adopting a pet visiting an animal shelter to select pet clipping dog's nails cleaning the litter box providing medical care to pets burying animals feeding ducks feeding the dog	bathing dog changing dog's water feeding rabbit feeding birds grooming pets feeding fish grooming horse feeding guinea pig brushing dog tending a wounded bird feeding a stray feeding a raccoon caring for an orphaned animal nursing a sick animal

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		filling the bird feeder	feeding squirrels
		feeding horses	feeding cat
		putting together rabbit pen	letting the dog out
	02	Walking / exercising / playing with animals	
		exercising pets	playing with animals
		taking pets for a walk	playing with the dog
		walking the dog	
	99	Pet and animal care, n.e.c.*	
07	Vehicles		
	01	Vehicle repair and maintenance (by self)	
		changing oil	changing wheel on motorcycle
		adding oil	putting new chain on bicycle
		putting air in tires	filling brake fluid
		charging battery	checking battery
		filling radiator	restoring car
		changing spark plugs	checking tire pressure
		washing/waxing cars or other vehicles	cleaning boat
		replacing vehicle headlights	fixing bike
		putting protective cover on vehicle	fixing motorcycle
		scraping ice/snow off vehicle	cleaning/vacuuming vehicles
		checking fluids	replacing vehicle taillights
		changing/rotating tires	installing car CD player
		replacing brakes	putting on registration stickers
		adding equipment to vehicles	putting car/vehicle in garage
		installing car stereo/speakers	checking tires
		putting on license plates/tags	assembling bicycle
		overhauling engine	rebuilding engine
		doing a ring job	covering boat
		doing a valve job	installing a trailer hitch
		tuning up vehicles	hooking up trailer to car/truck

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		cleaning camper/RV	winterizing boat
		checking to make sure car was locked	charging an electric car
		waiting for car to charge	
	99	Vehicles, n.e.c.*	
08	Appliances, Tools, and Toys		
	01	Appliance, tool, and toy set-up, repair, & maintenance (by self)	
		fixing household camera	installing a printer
		setting up or fixing computer	installing a scanner
		changing batteries in appliances	installing a modem
		setting/winding clocks	installing a fax machine
		repairing toys	connecting washing machine/dryer
		installing appliances	maintaining tools and equipment
		repairing appliances	charging batteries
		hooking up stereo, VCR	loading software on computer
		cleaning tools and equipment	waxing skis
		repairing tools & equipment	restringing tennis racket
		sharpening knives/other tools	repairing sporting equipment
		cleaning/oiling lawnmowers	setting up doll house
		setting up toy train track	installing heating or A/C equipment
		hooking up satellite dish	
	99	Appliances and tools, n.e.c.*	
09	Household Management		
	01	Financial management	
		paying the rent/mortgage/bills	writing checks
		using computer to pay bills	filing receipts
		making a budget/using computer to keep budget	filling out tax forms
		balancing the checkbook/checking receipts against bank statements	giving money to hh child or hh adult
		checking/trading/buying/selling stocks	borrowing/lending money (not banking)
		researching investments	looking at bills
		donating money	checking bank account balance

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		checking cryptocurrency/bitcoin balance	
02	Household & personal organization and planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> making shopping lists assigning chores getting organized for work (for self) organizing/planning hh parties or hh events planning vacation/household trip planning household meals/menu looking for misplaced items borrowing/lending household items carrying in groceries sorting/doing/filling out paperwork sorting books/sorting household items filling a Christmas stocking/Easter basket opening presents/gifts (alone) Loading/unloading the car looking at store purchases making reservations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> unpacking/packing recreational vehicle for trip organizing file cabinet making photocopies (for self or hh) unloading groceries/shopping items putting pictures in albums labeling videos organizing boxes in garage unpacking/packing car for trip packing boxes for household move or trip unwrapping/opening packages packing/unpacking bags or suitcase (for self) organizing school stuff (for self) wrapping presents dropping off/picking up household items making dinner reservations creating shoppings lists on Alexa or similar technology
03	HH & personal mail & messages (except e-mail)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> mailing letters, payments checking phone messages sending reg./cert. packages/mail/express mail bringing in newspaper/mail writing letters/cards (personal or hh) looking at/checking/sorting mail checking to see if mail came/getting mail in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> collecting mail/reading mail writing Valentines/Christmas cards mailing/picking up letters or packages throwing away junk mail signing for certified mail addressing holiday cards
04	HH & personal e-mail and messages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> reading/sending e-mail (personal or hh) instant messaging (personal) checking e-mail (personal or hh) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> cleaning out e-mail inbox (personal or hh) reading/sending e-mail (unspecified)

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	05	Home security	
		installing/maintaining smoke detectors	maintaining alarms/security systems
		checking/changing locks	breaking into home if locked out
		setting security alarm/installing alarms	closing house up
		locking doors, windows/turning out the lights	closing the blinds/curtains
		breaking into a locked house	locking up the house/locking up home
		bolting doors/windows	
	99	Household management, n.e.c.*	
99	Household Activities, n.e.c.*		
	99	Household activities, n.e.c.*	
		household emergency	putting out a kitchen fire
		household accident	collecting water from burst pipe

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03 Caring For & Helping Household Members

01 Caring For & Helping HH Children

01 Physical care for hh children

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| dressing/bathing hh child | feeding hh child |
| changing hh child's diapers | cutting hh child's hair |
| helping hh child get dressed/brush teeth/bathe | preparing a shower for a hh child |
| breastfeeding/nursing hh baby | soothing hh child/baby |
| laying out clothes for hh child | tucking in hh child |
| giving hh child a bottle | getting hh child up |
| getting hh child ready to go somewhere | Helping hh child feed him/herself |
| waking hh child | helping hh child use the bathroom |
| getting hh child ready for bed | drawing a bath for a hh child |
| putting hh child to bed | giving hh child a bath |
| rocking/cuddling/holding hh child | getting hh child ready for school |
| carrying hh child/baby | |

02 Reading to/with hh children

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| reading to or with hh child | helping hh child read |
| listening to a hh child read | |

03 Playing with hh children, not sports

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| playing with hh child | horsing around with hh child |
| tickling hh child | dancing with hh child |
| playing games w/hh child only | entertaining hh child |
| giving hh child a piggyback ride | |

04 Arts and crafts with hh children

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| making holiday decorations w/hh child | organizing coin collection with hh child |
| helping hh child make arts and crafts | building model planes with hh child |

05 Playing sports with hh children

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| riding bikes with hh child | playing basketball with hh child |
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Major Categories	2nd-tier	3rd-tier	Examples
		strolling with a hh child	teaching hh child how to play a sport
		teaching hh child to ride a bike	walking with a hh child
06		Talking with/listening to hh children	
		talking with hh child	telling hh child to brush teeth
		fussing at/scolding/lecturing hh child	telling hh child to get ready for bed
		listening to hh child sing/recite	singing to hh child
		singing with hh child	hearing about hh child's day
08		Organization & planning for hh children	
		planning parties/activities/events for hh child	helping with parties for hh child
		making costume for hh child	organizing activities for hh child
		packing/unpacking hh child's bag	signing hh child up for activities
		planning play dates for hh child	organizing closet for hh child
09		Looking after hh children (as a primary activity)	
		supervising/monitoring/keeping tabs on hh child	checking on hh child
		watching but not interacting with hh child	supervising hh child swimming
		sitting with hh child	accompanying hh child visiting Santa Claus
		accompanying hh child trick-or-treating	
10		Attending hh children's events	
		watching hh child's sporting event or school play	attending hh child's recital
		watching hh child's dance class	watching hh child's karate lesson
		watching hh child's baseball practice	
11		Waiting for/with hh children	
		waiting to pick up hh child	waiting for hh child to get ready
		waiting for school bus with hh child	waiting for hh child to finish his/her activity
12		Picking up/dropping off hh children	
		dropping off hh child at friend's house	dropping off hh child at babysitter's
		picking up hh child from day care/school/church	dropping off hh child at soccer practice
		putting hh child on bus	

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	99	Caring for & helping hh children, n.e.c.* adopting a child	
02	Activities Related to HH Children's Education		
	01	Homework (hh children) helping hh child with homework reviewing hh child's homework helping hh child with a school project quizzing hh child before a test	signing hh child's homework log checking hh child's homework for completion picking up hh child's books/assignments
	02	Meetings and school conferences (hh children) observing hh child's class attending hh child's parent-teacher conference attending hh child's back-to-school night meeting w/school psychologist of hh child talking with teachers of hh child attending a PTA meeting emailing teacher of hh child attending hh child's virtual/web/online school meeting	meeting with guidance counselor of hh child meeting with principal of hh child talking to/with hh child's tutor meeting with hh child's tutor attending hh child's school open house meeting w/school speech pathologist of hh child virtual/web/online meeting with teacher of hh child
	03	Home schooling of hh children home schooling a hh child helping hh child set up virtual/web/online class teaching hh child long division teaching hh child to read	sitting with hh child during their virtual/web/online class helping hh child sign in to virtual/web/online class planning hh child's class schedule
	04	Waiting associated with hh children's education waiting to meet with hh child's teacher	waiting for hh child's virtual/web/online class to start
	99	Activities related to hh child's education, n.e.c.* helping hh child practice piano	helping hh child research colleges
03	Activities Related to HH Children's Health		
	01	Providing medical care to hh children	

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		taking hh child's temperature	giving hh child medicine
		putting medicine on hh child's cuts	sitting with sick hh child
		giving hh child's insulin shot	putting medicine on hh child's burn
		bandaging hh child's scrapes	bandaging hh child's cuts/burns
		helping hh child w/physical therapy	
	02	Obtaining medical care for hh children	
		accompanying hh child to medical appt	talking with hh child's nurse
		talking with hh child's doctor	sitting with hh child on telehealth/telemedicine appt
	03	Waiting associated with hh children's health	
		waiting while doctor examines hh child	waiting with hh child at physician's office
		waiting with hh child at hospital	
	99	Activities related to hh child's health, n.e.c.*	
		visiting hh child in hospital	
04		Caring For Household Adults	
	01	Physical care for hh adults	
		bathing hh adult	putting hh adult to bed
		feeding hh adult	providing physical aid to hh adult
		dressing hh adult	helping hh adult dress
		getting hh adult ready to go somewhere	cutting hh adult's hair
		waking hh adult	
	02	Looking after hh adult (as a primary activity)	
		supervising hh adult	checking on hh adult
		monitoring hh adult	
	03	Providing medical care to hh adult	
		giving hh adult medicine	bandaging hh adult
	04	Obtaining medical and care services for hh adult	
		accompanying hh adult to medical appt.	meeting with adult care provider
		talking to hh adult's doctors/nurses	talking to/with adult daycare provider

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		sitting with hh adult on telehealth/telemedicine appt	
	05	Waiting associated with caring for household adults	
		waiting while doctor examines hh adult	waiting with hh adult at hospital
		waiting with hh adult at physician's office	waiting to meet a hh adult's care provider
	99	Caring for household adults, n.e.c.*	
05	Helping Household Adults		
	01	Helping hh adults	
		helping hh adult w/computer	shopping for hh adult (not self)
		helping hh adult w/taxes/bills	
	02	Organization & planning for hh adults	
		planning activities for hh adult	packing hh adult's bags
		organizing parties for hh adult	planning events for hh adult
		making things for hh adult	planning parties for hh adult
	03	Picking up/dropping off hh adult	
		dropping hh adult off at senior center	picking up hh adult from hh adult's event
		helping hh adult get into car	
	04	Waiting associated with helping hh adults	
		waiting to pick up hh adult	waiting for hh adult to get ready
	99	Helping household adults, n.e.c.*	
99	Caring For & Helping HH Members, n.e.c.*		
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04 Caring For & Helping NonHH Members

01 Caring For & Helping NonHH Children

01 Physical care for nonhh children

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| dressing/bathing nonhh child | feeding nonhh child |
| changing nonhh child's diapers | cutting nonhh child's hair |
| laying out clothes for nonhh child | preparing a shower for nonhh child |
| giving nonhh child a bottle | soothing nonhh child/baby |
| getting nonhh child ready to go somewhere | tucking in nonhh child |
| waking nonhh child | helping nonhh child feed him/herself |
| putting nonhh child to bed | helping nonhh child use the bathroom |
| cuddling/rocking/holding nonhh child | drawing a bath for nonhh child |
| carrying nonhh child/baby | helping nonhh child get dressed/brush teeth/bathe |

02 Reading to/with nonhh children

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| reading to or with nonhh children | helping nonhh child read |
| listening to a nonhh child read | |

03 Playing with nonhh children, not sports

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| playing with nonhh child | horsing around w/nonhh child |
| tickling nonhh child | dancing with nonhh child |
| playing games w/nonhh child only | entertaining nonhh child |
| giving nonhh child a piggyback ride | |

04 Arts and crafts with nonhh children

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| making holiday decorations w/nonhh child | organizing coin collection with nonhh child |
| helping nonhh child make arts and crafts | building model planes with nonhh child |

05 Playing sports with nonhh children

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| riding bikes with nonhh child | playing basketball with nonhh child |
| strolling with a nonhh child | teaching nonhh child how to play a sport |
| teaching nonhh child to ride a bike | walking with a nonhh child |

06 Talking with/listening to nonhh children

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| talking with nonhh child | telling nonhh child to brush teeth |
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		fussing at/scolding/lecturing nonhh child listening to a nonhh child sing singing with nonhh child	telling nonhh child to get ready for bed singing to nonhh child hearing about nonhh child's day
	08	Organization & planning for nonhh children planning party/activities for nonhh child making costumes for nonhh child packing/unpacking nonhh child's bag planning play dates for nonhh child	helping w/party for nonhh child organizing activities for nonhh child signing nonhh child up for activities
	09	Looking after nonhh children (as primary activity) supervising/monitoring/keeping tabs on nonhh child watching but not interacting w/nonhh child accompanying nonhh child trick-or-treating	checking on nonhh child supervising nonhh child swimming accompanying nonhh child visiting Santa Claus
	10	Attending nonhh children's events watching nonhh child's sporting event or school play Watching nonhh child's dance class Watching nonhh child's baseball practice	attending nonhh child's recital Watching nonhh child's karate lesson
	11	Waiting for/with nonhh children waiting to pick up nonhh child waiting for school bus with nonhh child	waiting for nonhh child to get ready waiting for nonhh child to finish his/her activity
	12	Dropping off/picking up nonhh children dropping off nonhh child at friend's house picking up nonhh child from day care/school putting nonhh child on bus	dropping off nonhh child at babysitter's dropping off nonhh child at soccer practice
	99	Caring for and helping nonhh children, n.e.c.* handing out Halloween candy	
02	Activities Related to Nonhh Children's Education		
	01	Homework (nonhh children) helping a nonhh child w/homework reviewing nonhh child's homework	signing nonhh child's homework log checking nonhh child's homework

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Major Categories	2nd-tier	3rd-tier	Examples
		helping nonhh child with sch. project	picking up nonhh child's books/assignments
		quizzing nonhh child before a test	
	02	Meetings and school conferences (nonhh children)	
		observing nonhh child's class	meeting w/school speech pathologist of nonhh child
		observing nonhh child's class	meeting with guidance counselor of nonhh child
		attending non-hh child's parent-teacher conference	meeting with principal of nonhh child
		attending non-hh child's back-to-school night	talking to/with nonhh child's tutor
		meeting w/school psychologist of nonhh child	meeting with nonhh child's tutor
		talking with teachers of nonhh child	attending nonhh child's school open house
		attending PTA meeting	emailing teacher of nonhh child
		virtual/web/online meeting with teacher of nonhh child	attending nonhh child's virtual/web/online school meeting
	03	Home schooling of nonhh children	
		home schooling a nonhh child	sitting with nonhh child during their virtual/web/online class
		helping nonhh child set up their virtual/web/online class	teaching nonhh child long division
		planning nonhh child's class schedule	helping nonhh child sign in to virtual/web/online class
		teaching nonhh child to read	
	04	Waiting associated with nonhh children's education	
		waiting to meet with nonhh child's teacher	waiting for nonhh child's virtual/web/online class to start
	99	Activities related to nonhh child's educ., n.e.c.*	
03		Activities Related to Nonhh Children's Health	
	01	Providing medical care to nonhh children	
		taking a nonhh child's temperature	giving nonhh child medicine
		putting medicine on nonhh child's cuts	sitting with sick nonhh child
		giving nonhh child's insulin shot	putting medicine on nonhh child's burn
		bandaging nonhh child's scrapes/cuts	bandaging nonhh child's cuts/burns
		helping nonhh child w/phys. therapy	
	02	Obtaining medical care for nonhh children	
		accompanying nonhh child to medical appt	talking with nonhh child's nurse

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Major Categories	2nd-tier	3rd-tier	Examples
		talking with nonhh child's doctor	sitting with nonhh child on telehealth/telemedicine appt
	03	Waiting associated with nonhh children's health	
		waiting while doctor examines nonhh child	waiting with nonhh child at hospital
		waiting with nonhh child at physician's office	
	99	Activities related to nonhh child's health, n.e.c.*	
		visiting a nonhh child in the hospital	
04		Caring For Nonhousehold Adults	
	01	Physical care for nonhh adults	
		bathing nonhh adult	putting nonhh adult to bed
		feeding nonhh adult	providing physical aid to nonhh adult
		dressing nonhh adult	helping nonhh adult dress
		getting nonhh adult ready to go somewhere	cutting nonhh adult's hair
		waking nonhh adult	
	02	Looking after nonhh adult (as a primary activity)	
		supervising nonhh adult	checking on nonhh adult
		monitoring nonhh adult	
	03	Providing medical care to nonhh adult	
		giving nonhh adult medicine	bandaging nonhh adult
	04	Obtaining medical and care services for nonhh adult	
		accompanying nonhh adult to medical appt.	meeting w/nonhh adult care provider
		talking to nonhh adult's doctors/nurses	talking to/with nonhh adult care provider
		sitting with nonhh adult on telehealth/telemedicine appt	
	05	Waiting associated with caring for nonhh adults	
		waiting while doctor examines nonhh adult	waiting with nonhh adult at hospital
		waiting with nonhh adult at physician's office	waiting to meet a nonhh adult care provider
	99	Caring for nonhh adults, n.e.c.*	
05		Helping Nonhousehold Adults	
	01	Housework, cooking, & shopping assistance for nonhh adults	
		doing housework for nonhh adult	shopping for nonhh adult (not self)

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		doing laundry for nonhh adult (not self)	cooking/preparing food for nonhh adult
	02	House & lawn maintenance & repair assistance for nonhh adults	
		mowing the lawn for nonhh adult	mending fence for nonhh adult
		fixing plumbing leak for nonhh adult	painting house for nonhh adult
		disposing of trash for nonhh adult	
	03	Animal & pet care assistance for nonhh adults	
		feeding pets for nonhh adult	walking dog for nonhh adult
		bathing dog for nonhh adult	
	04	Vehicle & appliance maintenance/repair assistance for nonhh adults	
		changing tires for nonhh adult	fixing computer for nonhh adult
		adjusting brakes for nonhh adult	fixing car for nonhh adult
		fixing appliances for nonhh adult	maintaining sports equipment for nonhh adults
	05	Financial management assistance for nonhh adults	
		helping nonhh adult w/computer applications	helping nonhh adult w/taxes/bills
	06	Household management & paperwork assistance for nonhh adults	
		running errands for nonhh adult (not self)	packing nonhh adult's bags
		planning activities for nonhh adult	planning events for nonhh adult
		organizing party for nonhh adult	planning party for nonhh adult
		making things for nonhh adult	doing paperwork for nonhh adult
	07	Picking up/dropping off nonhh adult	
		dropping nonhh adult off at senior center	picking up nonhh adult from adult's event
		helping nonhh adult get into car	
	08	Waiting associated with helping nonhh adults	
		waiting to pick up nonhh adult	waiting for nonhh adult to get ready
	99	Helping nonhh adults, n.e.c.*	
99	Caring For & Helping NonHH Members, n.e.c.*		
	99	Caring for & helping nonhh members, n.e.c.*	

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Major Categories	2nd-tier	3rd-tier	Examples

05 Work & Work-Related Activities

01 Working

01 Work, main job

at work (main job)	putting in overtime at work (main job)
working extra hours (main job)	talking to instructor (class for main job)
on-the-job training (main job)	surfing the Internet (main job)
reading and writing (main job)	doing research/homework (main job)
computer use (main job)	registering for class (main job)
telephone calls (main job)	attending typing training (main job)
attending class (main job)	phone calls to/from supervisors (main job)
registering for training (main job)	phone calls to/from customers (main job)
attending conferences/convention (main job)	leading a blessing (main job)
making reserv. on the Internet (main job)	phone calls to/from coworkers (main job)
teaching/leading Bible study (main job)	phone calls to/from clients (main job)
leading religious youth group (main job)	attending sales training (main job)
reading the Bible/Torah/scriptures (main job)	teaching bat/bar mitzvah class (main job)
teaching confirmation class (main job)	teaching religious class (main job)
organizing/preparing materials (main job)	hearing confession (main job)
designing/updating a website (main job)	marking assignments (main job)
reading a book/other material (main job)	checking e-mail (main job)
reviewing notes, briefs, or papers (main job)	calling leads for stories/information (main job)
preparing lesson plans/grading papers (main job)	enrollment in training/classes (main job)
writing memos/papers/letters (main job)	talking to other conference attendees (main job)
checking voicemail messages (main job)	reading/sending e-mail (main job)
teleworking (main job)	phone/video conferences to/from supervisor (main job)
phone/videoconferences to/from coworkers (main job)	

02 Work, other job(s)

at work (other job)	hearing confession (other job)
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		extra hours at other job	phone calls to/from coworkers (other job)
		on-the-job training (other job)	phone calls to/from clients (other job)
		reading and writing (other job)	attending typing training (other job)
		computer use (other job)	teaching confirmation class (other job)
		telephone calls (other job)	phone calls to/from supervisors (other job)
		attending class (other job)	phone calls to/from customers (other job)
		registering for training (other job)	checking e-mail (other job)
		attending conferences/convention (other job)	teaching bat/bar mitzvah class (other job)
		talking to instructor (class for other job)	moonlighting
		reading the Bible/Torah/scriptures (other job)	leading a blessing (other job)
		teaching/leading Bible study (other job)	attending sales training (other job)
		leading religious youth group (other job)	doing research/homework (other job)
		surfing the Internet (other job)	calling leads for stories/information (other job)
		organizing/preparing materials (other job)	teaching religious class (other job)
		reading a book/other material (other job)	enrollment in training/classes (other job)
		reviewing notes, briefs, or papers (other job)	making reserv. on the Internet (other job)
		preparing lesson plans/grading papers (other job)	checking voicemail messages (other job)
		writing memos/papers/letters (other job)	registering for class (other job)
		marking assignments (other job)	talking to other conference attendees (other job)
		designing/updating a website (other job)	reading/sending e-mail (other job)
		teleworking (other job)	phone/video conferences to/from supervisor (other job)
		phone/video conferences to/from co-workers (other job)	
	03	Security procedures related to work	
		opening bags for security search (work)	passing through metal detector (work)
		being searched at security checkpoint (work)	
	04	Waiting associated with working	
	99	Working, n.e.c.*	
		getting temperature check at workplace	
02	Work-Related Activities		

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Major Categories	2nd-tier	3rd-tier	Examples
	01	Socializing, relaxing, and leisure as part of job	
		attending social event w/coworkers (part of job)	attending social event w/bosses (part of job)
		talking w/co-workers at social event (part of job)	talking w/clients at social event (part of job)
	02	Eating and drinking as part of job	
		eating/drinking w/clients (part of job)	eating/drinking w/bosses (part of job)
		eating/drinking w/customers (part of job)	having lunch/dinner w/clients (part of job)
		eating/drinking w/coworkers (part of job)	
	03	Sports and exercise as part of job	
		playing golf w/clients (part of job)	attending sporting event w/boss (part of job)
		working out w/clients (part of job)	
	04	Security procedures as part of job	
		opening bags for security search (part of job)	passing through metal detector (part of job)
		being searched at security checkpoint (part of job)	
	05	Waiting associated with work-related activities	
	99	Work-related activities, n.e.c.*	
03	Other Income-generating Activities		
	01	Income-generating hobbies, crafts, and food	
		preparing food or drink for sale	making baskets for sale
		drawing, painting, or sketching for sale	doing woodworking for sale
		making pottery for sale	making tapestries/quilts for sale
		making furniture for sale	making dinners for sale
	02	Income-generating performances	
		playing in a band for pay	singing for pay
		acting in a play for pay	dancing for pay
	03	Income-generating services	
		babysitting for pay	shoveling snow for pay
		mowing lawns for pay	home improvements for pay
		doing household chores for pay	typing paper for pay
	04	Income-generating rental property activities	
		maintaining/renovating rental property	making repairs to rental property

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Major Categories	2nd-tier	3rd-tier	Examples
	05	Waiting associated with other income-generating activities	
	99	Other income-generating activities, n.e.c.*	
		redeeming winning lottery ticket	listing/selling items online
		selling items at auction, yard sale	listing/selling items on e-bay
		selling items at flea market	collecting aluminum cans to sell for self
		selling own used textbooks for pay	selling items at a garage sale
		sorting items for garage sale	organizing items for yard sale
04	Job Search and Interviewing		
	01	Job search activities	
		contacting employer	reading ads in paper/on Internet
		sending out resumes	checking vacancies
		sending resumes to employers	writing/updating resume
		placing/answering ads	picking up job application
		researching details about a job	making phone calls to prospective. employer
		asking about job openings	asking former employers to provide references
		researching an employer	auditioning for acting role (non-volunteer)
		submitting applications	auditioning for band/symphony (non-volunteer)
		meeting with headhunter/temp agency	filling out job application
	03	Job interviewing	
		interviewing by phone or in person	preparing for interview
		scheduling/canceling interview (for self)	
	04	Waiting associated with job search or interview	
		waiting to go in for an interview	
	05	Security procedures rel. to job search/interviewing	
		opening bags for security search (job search)	passing through metal detector (job search)
		being searched at security checkpoint (job search)	
	99	Job search and Interviewing, n.e.c.*	
99	Work and Work-Related Activities, n.e.c.*		
	99	Work and work-related activities, n.e.c.*	

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Major Categories	2nd-tier	3rd-tier	Examples

06 Education

01 Taking Class

01 Taking class for degree, certification, or licensure

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| attending class (degree, certificate, or license) | talking to classmates (degree, certificate, or license) |
| auditing a course (degree, certificate, or license) | listening to a lecture (degree, certificate, or license) |
| taking a field trip (degree, certificate, or license) | attending a seminar (degree, certificate, or license) |
| attending practicum/internships (degree, certificate, or license) | taking on-line course (degree, certificate, or license) |
| taking exams (degree, certificate, or license) | talking to teacher (degree, certificate, or license) |
| taking driving lessons (degree, certificate, or license) | taking driver's education (degree, certificate, or license) |
| taking virtual/web/online class (degree, certificate, or license) | |

02 Taking class for personal interest

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| taking an art, craft, hobby, recreational course (personal int.) | taking virtual/web/online class (personal int) |
| attending Lamaze class | taking a car maintenance/repair class (personal int.) |
| taking a cooking class (personal int.) | dance class (personal int.) |
| taking a financial planning class (personal int.) | taking a sewing class (personal int.) |
| taking a retirement planning seminar | taking a pottery class (personal int.) |
| taking personal development classes (personal int.) | taking a wine appreciation class (personal int.) |
| taking music/voice lessons (personal int.) | taking parenting class |
| taking photography class (personal int.) | taking a massage class (personal int.) |
| taking academic class (personal int.) | taking on-line course (personal interest) |
| taking CPR, first aid (personal int.) | talking to teacher (class for personal int.) |
| prenatal/child care classes (personal int.) | talking to classmates (class for personal int.) |
| taking self-defense (personal int.) | |

03 Waiting associated with taking classes

- waiting for the teacher

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	04	Security procedures rel. to taking classes	
		opening bags for security search (taking classes)	passing through metal detector (taking classes)
		being searched at security checkpoint (taking classes)	
	99	Taking class, n.e.c.*	
		attending class, reason unknown	taking GRE prep course
		taking a CPA prep course	taking SAT prep course
		having detention	taking GMAT prep course
		attending study hall	taking LSAT prep course
		having a free period	
02		Extracurricular School Activities (Except Sports)	
	01	Extracurricular club activities	
		attending Key Club activities, including meetings	attending National Honor Society activities
		attending language club activities	attending pep club activities
		attending math club activities	attending American Field Service activities, inc mtgs
		participating in chess club activities, inc. meetings	practicing for debate club competition
		participating in academic club activities, inc meetings	attending science club activities
	02	Extracurricular music & performance activities	
		attending band practice	attending play practice
		attending choir practice as extracurricular school activity	
	03	Extracurricular student government activities	
		attending student government meetings	preparing for student govt elections
	04	Waiting associated with extracurricular activities	
		waiting for band practice to start	waiting for an after-school meeting to start
	99	Education-related extracurricular activities, n.e.c.*	
03		Research/Homework	
	01	Research/homework for class for degree, certification, or licensure	
		listening to language cd (degree, certificate, or licensure)	organizing notes (degree, certificate, or licensure)
		writing paper/essay (degree, certificate, or licensure)	reading (degree, certificate, or licensure)
		attending study group (degree, certificate, or licensure)	reading/sending e-mail (degree, certificate, or licensure)

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Major Categories	2nd-tier	3rd-tier	Examples
		studying (degree, certificate, or licensure)	reading the Bible/scriptures (degree, certificate, or licensure)
		practicing driving to get license (degree, certificate, or licensure)	studying for a driver's license (degree, certificate, or licensure)
	02	Research/homework for class for pers. interest	
		listening to language cd (class for personal int.)	organizing notes (class for personal int.)
		writing paper/essay (class for personal int.)	reading (class for personal int.)
		attending study group (class for personal int.)	reading/sending e-mail (class for personal int.)
		studying (class for personal int.)	studying for a driver's license
		practice driving to get license	
	03	Waiting associated with research/homework	
		waiting for study group	
	99	Research/homework n.e.c.*	
		studying for the SAT	studying for the CPA exam
		studying for the GRE	preparing for SAT
		studying for the LSAT	preparing for the GRE
		studying for the GMAT	preparing for the LSAT
		studying English (personal interest)	
04		Registration/Administrative activities	
	01	Administrative activities: class for degree, certification, or licensure	
		enrolling in class (degree, certificate, or licensure)	getting ID for class (degree, certificate, or licensure)
		registering for class (degree, certificate, or licensure)	paying tuition/fees for class (degree)
		looking at course descriptions/listings (degree, certificate, or licensure)	getting parking pass for class (degree, certificate, or licensure)
	02	Administrative activities: class for personal interest	
		enrolling in class (personal interest)	paying tuition for class (personal interest)
		registering for class (personal interest)	getting parking pass for class (personal interest)
		getting ID for class (personal interest)	paying fees for class (personal interest)
	03	Waiting associated w/admin. activities (education)	
		waiting in line to register/get ID	waiting in line to pay tuition/fees
		waiting to enroll in class	

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99 **Administrative for education, n.e.c.***

registering for LSAT	registering for test prep class
registering for GMAT	registering for GRE
registering for CPA exam	registering for SAT
registering for MCAT	

99 **Education, n.e.c.***

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attending own graduation ceremony	taking the LSAT
taking the GMAT	taking the GRE
taking the CPA exam	taking the SAT
taking the MCAT	

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07 Consumer Purchases

01 Shopping (Store, Telephone, Internet)

01 Grocery shopping

buying/ordering/paying for groceries	talking to the produce manager
picking up pre-ordered groceries from the grocery store	
ordering groceries online	ordering groceries via Alexa or similar technology

02 Purchasing gas

buying gas/paying for gasoline	talking to gas station attendant
pumping gas	

03 Purchasing food (not groceries)

paying the pizza delivery person	paying for meal at restaurant
paying check for a meal/drink/snack	picking up take-out food
buying fast food	placing order at a deli/fast food place
paying for fast food at drive-through	talking to fast food cashier/talking to the waiter

04 Shopping, except groceries, food and gas

buying movie tickets	paying for purchases
browsing/shopping but not yet buying	paying for movie tickets
shopping at warehouse stores (Wal-Mart, Costco, Super-K, etc.)	buying/ordering clothes
shopping at mall	buying books/CDs/other items
ordering products	looking at products
shopping at e-bay/flea markets/auctions	shopping at yard sales
shopping for a new or used car	buying gardening supplies
test-driving a vehicle	renting a tuxedo
buying/paying for a new or used car	renting a rug shampooer
checking out of hotel/motel/B&B	renting lawn equipment
browsing/shopping at fundraisers	ordering concert tickets/ordering football tickets
dropping off products for repairs	visiting a book fair
buying everyday consumer goods	talking to the salesclerk
buying a pet	returning videotapes to store/renting a movie
buying appliances	picking up prescriptions/film

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		renting products	looking through catalogs
		returning consumer goods	looking at products in catalogs
		renting a car/truck/van	buying postage stamps
		paying for a rental car/truck/van	window shopping
		buying airline tickets online	checking into hotel/motel/B&B
		shopping for clothes online via Alexa or similar technology	
	05	Waiting associated with shopping	
		waiting in line to purchase groceries	waiting in line to pay for goods/buy gas
	99	Shopping, n.e.c.*	
02	Researching Purchases		
	01	Comparison shopping	
		researching items/prices/availability	browsing through circulars
		reading product reviews	comparing prices at different stores
		comparison shopping on the Internet	comparing prices for a new vehicle via Alexa or similar technology
	99	Researching purchases, n.e.c.*	
03	Security Procedures Rel. to Consumer Purchases		
	01	Security procedures rel. to consumer purchases	
		opening bags for security search (consumer purchases)	passing through metal detector (consumer purchases)
		being searched at security checkpoint (consumer purchases)	
	99	Security procedures rel. to consumer purchases, n.e.c.*	
99	Consumer Purchases, n.e.c.*		
	99	Consumer purchases, n.e.c.*	

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08 Professional & Personal Care Services

01 Childcare Services

01 Using paid childcare services

hiring a nanny or babysitter	paying for lessons, instructions
paying for daycare	paying for tutorial services
checking out daycare facility	hiring a tutor
paying for summer camp	paying for after school care program
talking to/with the daycare provider	meeting with daycare providers
talking to/with the camp counselor	talking to/with babysitter

02 Waiting associated w/purchasing childcare svcs

waiting to meet a childcare provider

99 Using paid childcare services, n.e.c.*

02 Financial Services and Banking

01 Banking

doing banking	finding out information about loans
making a withdrawal, deposit, transfer	meeting with loan officer
applying for a loan or mortgage	talking to/with the bank manager
filling in loan applications	talking to/with a teller
using the ATM	talking to/with a loan officer
	applying for a loan online

02 Using other financial services

meeting with an accountant	meeting with claims adjuster
meeting with stockbroker	talking to/with claims adjusters
completing a credit card application	talking to/with an accountant
meeting w/insurance agent	talking to/with stock broker
talking to/with insurance agents	applying for a credit card online

03 Waiting associated w/banking/financial services

waiting in line at the bank

99 Using financial services and banking, n.e.c.*

03 Legal Services

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Major Categories	2nd-tier	3rd-tier	Examples
	01	Using legal services	
		paying a lawyer	talking to/with a mediator
		meeting with a lawyer/paralegal	talking to/with a paralegal/arbitrator
		talking to/with a lawyer	meeting with arbitrator/mediator
	02	Waiting associated with legal services	
		waiting to meet a lawyer	
	99	Using legal services, n.e.c.*	
04	Medical and Care Services		
	01	Using health and care services outside the home	
		having dental work done	talking to/with a pharmacist
		having an eye exam	having wisdom teeth removed
		having inpatient treatment	attending group therapy
		having outpatient treatment	having acupuncture
		having a doctor's appointment	talking to/with a doctor
		having a physical	talking to/with a nurse
		seeing a psychologist	talking to/with a healthcare practitioner
		receiving physical therapy	purchasing adult daycare
		seeing a chiropractor	paying for adult care services
		making a co-payment	paying for long-term care
		paying for healthcare services	purchasing elder care services
		talking to/with a physical therapist	purchasing hospice/respite care
		talking to/with a psychologist	checking out adult care facility
		paying the doctor	having lab work done
		having blood drawn	having lab tests done
		meeting with doctor virtually for telehealth/telemedicine appt	getting tested for COVID-19 at doctor's office
		getting tested for COVID-19 at stand-alone testing site	
	02	Using in-home health and care services	
		receiving in-home healthcare	hiring someone to look after hh adult
	03	Waiting associated with medical services	
		waiting at the physician's office	waiting for surgery

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Major Categories	2nd-tier	3rd-tier	Examples
		waiting for lab test results	
	99	Using medical services, n.e.c.*	
05	Personal Care Services		
	01	Using personal care services	
		getting a haircut	talking to/with the hair stylist
		having nails done	talking to/with the manicurist
		having a facial	having a pedicure
		having a massage	getting hair done
		paying for a haircut	getting a tan at the tanning salon
	02	Waiting associated w/personal care services	
		waiting for the barber	
	99	Using personal care services, n.e.c.*	
		getting temperature check at hair salon	getting temperature check at barbershop
		getting temperature check at nail salon	
06	Real Estate		
	01	Activities rel. to purchasing/selling real estate	
		looking at property	talking to/with a home buyer
		purchasing house, apartment, land	talking to/with a home seller
		reviewing house information	writing a contract on an apartment
		reading real estate ads	putting up "for sale" signs for house
		renting house, apartment, land	attending open house (real estate)
		writing a contract on a house/property	talking to home inspector
		renting storage space	meeting a real estate agent
		closing on house/condominium	signing a lease
		talking to/with a real estate agent	signing a housing contract
	02	Waiting associated w/purchasing/selling real estate	
		waiting for a real estate agent	
	99	Using real estate services, n.e.c.*	
07	Veterinary Services (excluding grooming)		
	01	Using veterinary services	

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Major Categories	2nd-tier	3rd-tier	Examples
		purchasing medicine for a pet paying for veterinary services talking to/with vet	talking to/with vet assistant/vet tech. paying for pet health insurance
	02	Waiting associated with veterinary services	
		waiting for the vet	
	99	Using veterinary services, n.e.c.*	
08	Security Procedures Rel. to Professional/Personal Svcs.		
	01	Security procedures rel. to professional/personal svcs.	
		opening bags for security search (professional svcs)	passing through metal detector (professional svcs)
		being searched at security checkpoint (professional svcs)	
	99	Security procedures rel. to professional/personal svcs n.e.c.*	
99	Professional and Personal Services, n.e.c.*		
	99	Professional and personal services, n.e.c.*	
		sitting for photos at a portrait studio	having a family portrait made
		meeting with a wedding planner	

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Major Categories	2nd-tier	3rd-tier	Examples

09 Household Services

01 Household Services (not done by self)

01 Using interior cleaning services

hiring a cleaning service or maid
hiring a butler
paying a cleaning service

talking to/meeting with the maid/maid service
hiring carpet cleaners

02 Using meal preparation services

hiring a caterer
hiring wait staff/bartender for a party
hiring a personal chef
paying the caterer
paying the wait staff

meeting a caterer
tipping the wait staff or bartender
talking to/meeting with caterer
talking to/meeting with reception planner

03 Using clothing repair and cleaning services

dropping off clothes at the dry cleaners
having a garment altered
having shirts laundered
picking up clothing at the dry cleaners

having a suit tailored
having a dress hemmed
paying the drycleaner
paying the tailor

04 Waiting associated with using household services

waiting for the cleaning service
watching paid cook prepare a meal

waiting for meal preparation services

99 Using household services, n.e.c.*

02 Home Maint/Repair/Decor/Construction (not done by self)

01 Using home maint/repair/décor/construction svcs

hiring an electrician or plumber
hiring/meeting w/interior designer
hiring a prof. home remodeling svc.
hiring a contractor
hiring/meeting with an architect
paying to have your roof repaired
hiring someone to build an addition

hiring someone to clean house siding
hiring/meeting w/interior decorator
hiring someone to repair house siding
meeting with a contractor
talking to/with electrician or plumber
talking to/with the interior designer
talking to/with the contractor

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Major Categories	2nd-tier	3rd-tier	Examples
		hiring appliance repairer hiring someone to fix your computer paying a contractor paying a plumber or electrician hiring window washers hiring deck cleaners/refinishers	talking to/with computer technician hiring movers talking to/meeting with movers paying a decorator hiring driveway pavers
	02	Waiting associated w/ home main/repair/décor/constr	
		waiting for architect watching repair person waiting for cleaners to finish	waiting while repairs are made watching movers
	99	Using home maint/repair/décor/constr services, n.e.c.*	
03	Pet Services (not done by self, not vet)		
	01	Using pet services	
		attending animal obedience classes hiring a pet sitter/walker paying the pet sitter/walker talking to/with animal trainer talking to/with the groomer talking to/with the pet sitter	hiring a pet trainer meeting with pet trainer meeting with kennel caretakers talking to/with animal caretaker paying the pet groomer paying the animal trainer
	02	Waiting associated with pet services	
		waiting for pet services watching pet trainer	watching pet groomer
	99	Using pet services, n.e.c.*	
04	Lawn & Garden Services (not done by self)		
	01	Using lawn and garden services	
		hiring a landscaper hiring someone to water houseplants	talking to person who cuts your grass hiring someone to water lawn/flowers

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Major Categories	2nd-tier	3rd-tier	Examples
		hiring someone to cut grass	hiring someone to shovel snow
		meeting with landscaper	hiring someone to rake leaves
		talking to/with a plant-sitter	paying the landscaper
		talking to/with the landscaper	
	02	Waiting associated with using lawn & garden services	
		waiting for landscaper	watching landscaper
	99	Using lawn and garden services, n.e.c.*	
05	Vehicle Maint. & Repair Services (not done by self)		
	01	Using vehicle maintenance or repair services	
		paying for a tune-up/oil change	talking to/with mechanic
		paying for a car wash	talking to/with auto body repair person
		paying for repair work done on car	paying a mechanic
		talking to/with service person	
	02	Waiting associated with vehicle main. or repair svcs	
		waiting while car is repaired	watching car being washed
		waiting while car is washed	
	99	Using vehicle maint. & repair svcs, n.e.c.*	
99	Household Services, n.e.c.*		
	99	Using household services, n.e.c.*	
		talking to telephone repairperson	using butchering services

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Major Categories	2nd-tier	3rd-tier	Examples

10 Government Services & Civic Obligations

01 Using Government Services

01 Using police and fire services

obtaining police or fire services
 being questioned by police
 being stopped for traffic violation

helping the police with something
 talking to police officer
 meeting with detective

02 Using social services

applying for social services
 filling out forms to receive compensation
 applying for unemployment benefits
 applying for welfare, food stamps, etc
 collecting unemployment benefits

collecting social security/workers comp
 applying for relief services
 filling out forms to receive benefits
 talking to a social services worker
 meeting social worker

03 Obtaining licenses & paying fines, fees, taxes

getting driver's license or tags
 getting car inspected
 obtaining boat licensing
 obtaining parking permits
 getting a passport
 taking a driving exam
 taking a pilot's exam
 getting a pet or sporting license

paying for a pet or sporting license
 paying for a marriage license
 paying overdue library book fines
 paying parking/speeding ticket
 getting fishing/crabbing license
 paying property taxes at gov't. office
 talking to a motor vehicle admin. clerk
 getting a marriage license

99 Using government services, n.e.c.*

02 Civic Obligations & Participation

01 Civic obligations & participation

serving on jury duty
 making a court appearance
 participating in naturalization ceremony
 meeting with a parole officer
 interviewing with INS, IRS, etc.
 voting
 participating in government surveys

meeting w/congressperson
 acting as a witness in court
 talking to a parole officer or judge
 talking to immigration/naturalization agent
 doing court-ordered community service
 meeting w/State/local govt rep.
 attending zoning hearings

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Major Categories	2nd-tier	3rd-tier	Examples
		attending a Congressional session	talking to a political representative
		attending a town hall meeting	
	99	Civic obligations & participation, n.e.c.*	
03	Waiting Associated w/Govt Svcs or Civic Obligations		
	04	Waiting associated with using government services	
	05	Waiting associated with civic obligations & participation	
	99	Waiting assoc. w/govt svcs or civic obligations, n.e.c.*	
04	Security Procedures Rel. to Govt Svcs/Civic Obligations		
	01	Security procedures rel. to govt svcs/civic obligations	
		opening bags for security search (govt svcs)	passing through metal detector (govt svcs)
		being searched at security checkpoint (govt svcs)	
	99	Security procedures rel. to govt svcs/civic obligations, n.e.c.*	
99	Government Services, n.e.c.*		
	99	Government services, n.e.c.*	

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Major Categories	2nd-tier	3rd-tier	Examples

11 Eating and Drinking

01 Eating and Drinking

01 Eating and drinking

taking a lunch break

99 Eating and drinking, n.e.c.*

02 Waiting associated with eating & drinking

01 Waiting associated w/eating & drinking

waiting for the pizza delivery person

waiting for the check

waiting for food to be delivered

waiting to place an order

waiting for a table

99 Waiting associated with eating & drinking, n.e.c.*

99 Eating and Drinking, n.e.c.*

99 Eating and drinking, n.e.c.*

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Major Categories	2nd-tier	3rd-tier	Examples

12 Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure

01 Socializing and Communicating

01 Socializing and communicating with others

entertaining family	hugging/kissing acquaintances/others
hanging out with family	greeting other parents
spending time with family	hugging/kissing neighbors
talking with family	giving gifts to friends
arguing with family	giving presents to adults
greeting family	opening birthday presents (with others)
hugging or kissing family	opening Christmas gifts (with others)
visiting with family	opening gifts (with others)
accompanying family while they run errands	opening wedding presents (with others)
entertaining friends	visiting household/nonhh adult in hospital
hanging out with friends	visiting adult in nursing home
spending time with friends	accompanying family/friends to look at family/friend's new house
talking with friends	talking with neighbors
arguing with friends	talking to/with other parents
greeting friends	talking with acquaintances
hugging/kissing friends	greeting neighbors/acquaintances
visiting with friends	accompanying friends while they run errands

99 Socializing and communicating, n.e.c.*

02 Attending or Hosting Social Events

01 Attending or hosting parties/receptions/ceremonies

attending graduation ceremonies (for adults)	attending birthday parties
attending a charity social event	attending bachelor/ette party
attending receptions	attending housewarming
attending parties	attending holiday open house

02 Attending meetings for personal interest (not volunteering)

attending a senior citizens meeting	attending a Boy Scout/Girl Scout meeting (for self)
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Major Categories	2nd-tier	3rd-tier	Examples
		attending an Al-anon meeting	attending professional meetings (not work)
		attending a homeowner's association meeting	attending fraternity/sorority meetings
		attending a fraternal lodge meeting	attending book club meetings
		attending AA meetings	attending club meetings (not school)
		attending a Weight Watchers meeting	
	99	Attending/hosting social events, n.e.c.*	
03	Relaxing and Leisure		
	01	Relaxing, thinking	
		doing nothing/goofing off/wasting time	sunbathing
		hanging around/hanging out (alone)	grieving
		sitting in the hot tub/Jacuzzi/whirlpool/sauna	worrying/crying
		breaks at work, unspecified activity	watching husband assemble lawnmower
		watching wife garden/watching husband cook dinner	resting/relaxing/lounging
		lying around/sitting around	reflecting/daydreaming/fantasizing/wondering
	02	Tobacco and drug use	
		smoking a cigarette/cigar/pipe	smoking marijuana/pot/weed
		having a cigarette/rolling a cigarette	chewing tobacco/using recreational drugs
		vaping	
	03	Television and movies (not religious)	
		watching TV or a DVD/video/instructional video	watching home movies/home videos
		setting the VCR or DVD player	borrowing movies from or returning movies to the library
		watching videos on YouTube	watching TV/DVDs on computer (personal interest)
		setting TiVo/DVR	streaming movies
		watching shows on Netflix/Hulu or similar technology	
	04	Television (religious)	
		watching religious broadcasting	
	05	Listening to the radio	
		listening to public radio/a radio talk show	listening to the top ten on the radio
		listening to music on the radio	listening to a podcast
		listening to Pandora	listening to the news on Alexa or similar technology

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Major Categories	2nd-tier	3rd-tier	Examples
		listening to a podcast on Amazon Echo or similar technology	
06	Listening to/playing music (not radio)	listening to recorded music/records/CDs/DVDs/tapes playing musical instrument (leisure) singing/singing karaoke/Christmas caroling	listening to someone play the piano composing music tuning musical instruments
07	Playing games	playing board games/Scrabble/cards playing computer games/playing games over the Internet hiding matzo (Passover)/hiding Easter eggs playing bingo	hitting a pinata spinning dreidels working jigsaw puzzles/crossword puzzles playing poker
08	Computer use for leisure (exc. Games)	computer use, unspecified surfing the internet/web (personal interest) downloading files, music, pictures (personal interest) burning CDs (personal interest) using Twitter or tweeting writing computer software (personal interest) checking MySpace	computer use, leisure (personal interest) browsing on the internet (personal interest) participating in a chat room (personal interest) designing/updating website (personal interest) checking Facebook/Instagram computer programming (personal interest)
09	Arts and crafts as a hobby	scrapbooking, making a scrapbook making holiday/other decorations videotaping/photography/model making/jewelry making making pottery/sculpting/wood working taking pictures/snapshots/photographs making a TikTok video	making Halloween costumes (for self) dyeing Easter eggs artistic painting making Christmas decorations sketching/drawing making podcast
10	Collecting as a hobby	collecting/organizing stamps or coin collection	
11	Hobbies, except arts & crafts and collecting	bird watching	researching family tree

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Major Categories	2nd-tier	3rd-tier	Examples
	12	Reading for personal interest	
		reading a magazine/book/newspaper (personal interest)	checking out library books
		flipping/leafing through magazine (personal interest)	being read to (personal interest)
		listening to books on tape/audio books (personal interest)	reading, unspecified
		borrowing books from the library	returning library books/browsing at the library
		doing research (personal interest)	reading a book on a Kindle or other electronic book reader (personal interest)
	13	Writing for personal interest	
		writing in diary/journal (personal interest)	writing stories (personal interest)
		writing lyrics	editing (personal interest)
		blogging (personal interest)	
	99	Relaxing and leisure, n.e.c.*	
		looking at pictures in photo album	looking at photos on computer or camera
04		Arts and Entertainment (other than sports)	
	01	Attending performing arts	
		attending comedy club	attending plays
		attending opera	attending musicals
		attending a concert	attending the theater
		attending the ballet	attending jazz bar
		attending dance troupe performances	
	02	Attending museums	
		attending an art gallery	attending an arboretum
		visiting the zoo	attending a botanical garden
		attending exhibitions	
	03	Attending movies/film	
		attending the movies	
	04	Attending gambling establishments	
		gambling	playing craps
		attending a casino	playing keno
		betting on the horses	

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Major Categories	2nd-tier	3rd-tier	Examples
	05	Security procedures rel. to arts & entertainment	
		opening bags for security search (art/entertainment)	passing through metal detector (art/entertainment)
		being searched at security checkpoint (art/entertainment)	
	99	Arts and entertainment, n.e.c.*	
		attending an art/history/music lecture	setting off fireworks
		taking a guided nature walk	visiting historic sites
		attending a flower show	attending the county fair
		attending an amusement park	attending the circus
		attending a festival	attending a carnival
		attending a poetry reading	watching a parade/fireworks
		attending a book signing	attending an auto show
		sightseeing	participating in an escape room
05		Waiting Associated with Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure	
	01	Waiting assoc. w/socializing & communicating	
	02	Waiting assoc. w/attending/hosting social events	
	03	Waiting associated with relaxing/leisure	
	04	Waiting associated with arts & entertainment	
	99	Waiting associated with socializing, n.e.c.*	
99		Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure, n.e.c.*	
	99	Socializing, relaxing, and leisure, n.e.c.*	

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Major Categories	2nd-tier	3rd-tier	Examples

13 Sports, Exercise, and Recreation

01 Participating in Sports, Exercise, or Recreation

01 Doing aerobics

doing step aerobics

doing low-impact aerobics

doing high-impact aerobics

talking to aerobics instructor

Zumba

02 Playing baseball

talking to baseball coach

03 Playing basketball

talking to basketball referee

04 Biking

registering for a bike race

spinning

riding a stationary bike

biking / mountain biking

05 Playing billiards

shooting pool

playing snooker

06 Boating

sailing

yachting

kayaking

rafting

canoeing

crewing

07 Bowling

playing duck pins

playing ten pins

08 Climbing, spelunking, caving

rock climbing

mountain climbing

09 Dancing

10 Participating in equestrian sports

horseback riding

playing polo

steeple chase

11 Fencing

12 Fishing

deep-sea fishing

clam-digging

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		fly fishing	talking to the boat captain
		crabbing	ice fishing
	13	Playing football	
		playing touch football	talking to the football referee
		playing flag football	
	14	Golfing	
		playing the front 9	practicing putting
		playing the back 9	talking to the caddy
		hitting balls at the driving range	
	15	Doing gymnastics	
		tumbling	using uneven bars
		using the balance beam	using the pommel horse
		using parallel bars	talking to the gymnastics coach
	16	Hiking	
	17	Playing hockey	
		playing ice hockey	talking to the hockey coach
		playing field hockey	
	18	Hunting	
		hunting game	hunting ducks
		hunting deer/elk	talking to the hunting guide
	19	Participating in martial arts	
		doing karate	talking to martial arts instructor
		doing kickboxing	doing tae kwon do
	20	Playing racquet sports	
		playing tennis	playing badminton
		playing squash	talking to the tennis coach
		playing handball	playing lacrosse
		playing racquetball	
	21	Participating in rodeo competitions	
		calf roping	barrel riding

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Major Categories	2nd-tier	3rd-tier	Examples
	22	Roller skating, inline skating, skateboarding	
		roller skating	skateboarding
		inline skating	
	23	Playing rugby	
	24	Running	
		jogging	talking to race officials
		running a marathon	running cross country
		running a race/organized run	running on a treadmill
	25	Skiing, ice skating, snowboarding	
		snow tubing	sledding
	26	Playing soccer	
	27	Softball	
		playing wiffle ball	
	28	Using cardiovascular equipment	
		using the Stairmaster	exercising on the treadmill
		using the elliptical	using the treadmill
		using the rowing machine	
	29	Vehicle touring/racing	
		stock car racing	4-wheeling
		drag racing	riding in a go-cart
		doing motocross	riding in or driving a dune buggy
		snowmobiling	
	30	Playing volleyball	
		playing Wally ball	
	31	Walking	
		walking on a treadmill	speed walking
		power walking	
	32	Participating in water sports	
		swimming	river tubing
		playing water polo	surfing

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Major Categories	2nd-tier	3rd-tier	Examples
		diving	body surfing
		waterskiing	boogie-boarding
		snorkeling	talking to the swimming coach
		scuba diving	water aerobics
33		Weightlifting/strength training	
		lifting weights	bodybuilding
34		Working out, unspecified	
		stretching	doing cardio (unspecified)
		doing calisthenics	doing Crossfit
35		Wrestling	
		freestyle wrestling	talking to the wrestling referee
		Greco-Roman wrestling	
36		Doing yoga	
		Pilates	talking to the yoga instructor
99		Playing sports n.e.c.*	
		bungee jumping	ping-pong
		cricket	table tennis
		tai chi	horseshoes
		paintball	croquet
		baton twirling	archery
		curling	skeet-shooting
		cheerleading	target practice
		footbag	throwing darts
		setting up camping tent	boxing
		starting a campfire	shooting league
		collecting firewood for camp	pole vaulting
		playing in the snow	discus
		ballooning	playing Frisbee golf
		skydiving	throwing a Frisbee
		windsurfing	playing ultimate frisbee

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Major Categories	2nd-tier	3rd-tier	Examples
		kite flying	parkour
		hang-gliding	attending track practice
02	Attending Sporting/Recreational Events		
	01	Watching aerobics	
	02	Watching baseball	
	03	Watching basketball	
	04	Watching biking	
		watching a bicycle race	
	05	Watching billiards	
		watching pool players	watching snooker players
	06	Watching boating	
		watching sailing	watching yachting
		watching kayaking	watching rafting
		watching canoeing	watching crewing
	07	Watching bowling	
		watching ten pins	watching duck pins
	08	Watching climbing, spelunking, caving	
	09	Watching dancing	
	10	Watching equestrian sports	
		watching horseback riding	watching polo game
		watching a steeple chase	
	11	Watching fencing	
	12	Watching fishing	
		watching deep-sea fishing	watching crabbing
		watching fly fishing	watching clam-digging
	13	Watching football	
		watching touch football	watching tag football
	14	Watching golfing	

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Major Categories	2nd-tier	3rd-tier	Examples
		watching a golf tournament	
15	Watching gymnastics	watching tumbling watching balance beam completion	watching parallel bar competition
16	Watching hockey	watching ice hockey	watching field hockey
17	Watching martial arts	watching karate	watching kickboxing
18	Watching racquet sports	watching tennis watching squash watching handball	watching racquetball watching badminton watching lacrosse
19	Watching rodeo competitions		
20	Watching roller skating, inline skating, skateboarding	watching roller skating	watching skateboarding
21	Watching rugby		
22	Watching running	watching a marathon watching a running race	watching cross country running watching an organized run
23	Watching skiing, ice skating, snowboarding	watching snow tubing	
24	Watching soccer		
25	Watching softball	watching wiffle ball	
26	Watching vehicle touring/racing	watching a stock car race watching a drag race watching a motocross race	watching snowmobiling watching 4-wheeling
27	Watching volleyball	watching Wally ball	

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Major Categories	2nd-tier	3rd-tier	Examples
	28	Watching walking watching a walking sporting event	
	29	Watching water sports watching a swim/dive meet watching a water polo match	watching water aerobics
	30	Watching weightlifting/strength training watching weightlifting competition	
	31	Watching people working out, unspecified	
	32	Watching wrestling	
	99	Attending sporting events, n.e.c.* watching discus watching hang-gliding watching ballooning watching skydiving watching windsurfing watching bungee jumping watching baton twirling watching cheerleading	watching ping-pong watching croquet game watching archery watching skeet-shooting watching dart playing watching boxing watching javelin watching pole vaulting
03	Waiting Associated with Sports, Exercise, & Recreation		
	01	Waiting related to playing sports or exercising	
	02	Waiting related to attending sporting events	
	99	Waiting associated with sports, exercise, & recreation, n.e.c.*	
04	Security Procedures Rel. to Sports, Exercise, & Recreation		
	01	Security related to playing sports or exercising opening bags for security search (playing sports) being searched at security checkpoint (playing sports)	passing through metal detector (playing sports)
	02	Security related to attending sporting events opening bags for security search (attending sports) being searched at security checkpoint (attending sports)	passing through metal detector (attending sports)
	99	Security related to sports, exercise, & recreation, n.e.c.*	

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99	Sports, Exercise, & Recreation, n.e.c.*		
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Major Categories	2nd-tier	3rd-tier	Examples

14 Religious and Spiritual Activities

01 Religious/Spiritual Practices

01 Attending religious services

attending church services/synagogue/temple/mosque	leading blessings
attending funerals/attending wakes, memorial services	attending/participating in weddings
attending/hearing confession	attending church revival
attending a bar mitzvah/bat mitzvah/briss	attending a blessing
attending a baptism/christening	attending confirmation service
watching religious services via Zoom/YouTube/Facebook-live/ Instagram. etc	

02 Participation in religious practices

reading the Bible/Koran/Torah/Talmud/scriptures	lighting advent wreath
studying the Bible/Koran/sciptures	praying alone
ushering for religious services	saying prayers for a seder
singing in the church choir	leading church choir, musical groups
visiting graves/putting flowers on graves	playing the church organ
rehearsing/decorating for religious ceremonies	participating in church musical performance
attending a wedding rehearsal	opening advent calendar day
cleaning up after religious ceremonies	conducting religious rites in the home
attending church choir practice	meditating for religious purposes
attending a religious retreat	preparing the sacrament/communion
praying with others	lighting menorah candles (Hanukkah)
preparing food for a seder	attending Passover seder
praying with hh child	praying with nonhh child
Listening to Bible audio	attending church circle meeting

03 Waiting associated w/religious & spiritual activities

Waiting associated w/ religious & spiritual activities

04 Security procedures rel. to religious & spiritual activities

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Major Categories	2nd-tier	3rd-tier	Examples
		opening bags for security search (religious activities) being searched at security checkpoint (religious activities)	passing through metal detector (religious activities)
	05	Religious education activities	
		attending confirmation class/attending Sunday school	teaching Sunday school
		attending Bible study	preparing materials for Bible study
		teaching/leading Bible study	teaching bat/bar mitvah class
		distributing religious literature	attending pre-Cana class
		reading (other: confirmation class)	leading religious youth group
		memorizing verses for confirmation class	reading/studying scriptures for Sunday school
99		Religious and Spiritual Activities, n.e.c.*	
	99	Religious and spiritual activities, n.e.c.*	
		getting temperature check at church	

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Major Categories	2nd-tier	3rd-tier	Examples

15 Volunteer Activities

01 Administrative & Support Activities

01 Computer use

writing/sending e-mail (volunteer)
 checking e-mail (volunteer)
 designing website for volunteer org.
 loading computer software (volunteer)

computer use, unspecified (volunteer)
 surfing the internet (volunteer)
 setting up computer (volunteer)

02 Organizing and preparing

preparing for a meeting (volunteer)
 organizing volunteer materials
 stuffing envelopes (volunteer)
 completing paperwork (volunteer)
 reviewing applications (volunteer)

filing (volunteer)
 preparing/organizing schedules (volunteer)
 addressing envelopes (volunteer)
 re-shelving library books (volunteer)

03 Reading

reviewing notes, briefs, papers (volunteer)
 reading books, journals, newspapers (volunteer)

reading the Bible (volunteer)
 reading scriptures (volunteer)

04 Telephone calls (except hotline counseling)

making phone calls (volunteer)

answering phones (volunteer)

05 Writing

editing newsletters (volunteer)

writing letters/memos (volunteer)

06 Fundraising

collecting monetary donations (volunteer)
 raising money for charitable causes (volunteer)
 raising money for political candidates (volunteer)
 selling items at a yard sale (volunteer)
 soliciting pledges (volunteer)
 selling tickets (volunteer)
 planning a benefit (volunteer)
 donating money (volunteer)

ringing a bell for the Salvation Army (volunteer)
 selling nonfood items at a concession stand (volunteer)
 helping with a yard sale (volunteer)
 selling items at a bazaar (volunteer)
 selling raffle tickets (volunteer)
 setting up a silent auction (volunteer)
 selling Girl Scout cookies (volunteer)
 running a race to raise money (volunteer)

99 Administrative & support activities, n.e.c.*

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		counted church offering (volunteer)	collecting signatures for a petition (volunteer)
02	Social Service & Care Activities (Except Medical)		
	01	Food preparation, presentation, clean-up	
		working in a soup kitchen (volunteer)	distributing groceries at food bank (volunteer)
		preparing food for a fundraiser (volunteer)	serving food at a homeless shelter (volunteer)
		delivering/serving meals to shut-ins (volunteer)	selling food or unknown items at a concession stand (volunteer)
		baking cookies for the PTA bake sale (volunteer)	donating food to a food bank (volunteer)
		serving food to racers (volunteer)	
	02	Collecting & delivering clothing & other goods	
		collecting clothing for disaster relief (volunteer)	donating clothing (volunteer)
		distributing blankets at a homeless shelter (volunteer)	sorting books (volunteer)
		donating books (volunteer)	sorting clothing (volunteer)
		assembling gift baskets (volunteer)	loading items into vehicle (volunteer)
		donating toys (volunteer)	unloading items from vehicle (volunteer)
		collecting toys (volunteer)	collecting school supplies (volunteer)
		collecting used electronics (volunteer)	
	03	Providing care	
		visiting shut-ins or the elderly (volunteer)	spending time with hospice patients (volunteer)
		reading to the blind (volunteer)	walking dogs at animal shelter (volunteer)
		acting as an interpreter (volunteer)	playing with children (volunteer)
		visiting with others (volunteer)	chaperoning (volunteer)
		supervising children (volunteer)	
	04	Teaching, leading, counseling, mentoring	
		being a Big Brother/Big Sister (volunteer)	counseling at a halfway house (volunteer)
		tutoring (volunteer)	leading Boy Scout meeting (volunteer)
		working a hotline for victim support svcs. (volunteer)	teaching/leading Bible study (volunteer)
		coaching teams (volunteer)	teaching bat/bar mitzvah class (volunteer)
		assisting in a classroom (volunteer)	teaching/leading religious class (volunteer)
		leading religious youth group (volunteer)	teaching confirmation class (volunteer)
		teaching Sunday school (volunteer)	teaching religious class (volunteer)

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		teaching parenting classes (volunteer)	leading a blessing (volunteer)
		doing vocational training (volunteer)	teaching a cooking class (volunteer)
		leading a tour (volunteer)	leading a choir (volunteer)
		teaching a class (volunteer)	leading musical groups (volunteer)
		leading story time at library (volunteer)	providing a demo (volunteer)
	99	Social service & care activities, n.e.c.*	
		sewing items to donate (volunteer)	knitting (volunteer)
		making quilts for soldiers (volunteer)	making crafts (volunteer)
03		Indoor & Outdoor Maintenance, Building, & Clean-up Activities	
	01	Building houses, wildlife sites, & other structures	
		building houses for Habitat for Humanity (volunteer)	building playgrounds (volunteer)
		building a wildlife refuge area (volunteer)	
	02	Indoor & outdoor maintenance, repair, & clean-up	
		cleaning parks/streets (volunteer)	doing environmental clean-up (volunteer)
		picking up trash (volunteer)	repairing cars (volunteer)
		renovating a house (volunteer)	maintaining hiking trails (volunteer)
		repairing tools or equipment (volunteer)	planting trees (volunteer)
		gardening (volunteer)	watering trees (volunteer)
		weeding (volunteer)	clearing brush (volunteer)
		planting flowers (volunteer)	landscaping (volunteer)
		mowing the lawn (volunteer)	painting (volunteer)
		cleaning up yards, buildings (volunteer)	
	99	Indoor & outdoor maintenance, building & clean-up activities, n.e.c.*	
04		Participating in Performance & Cultural Activities	
	01	Performing	
		acting in a performance (volunteer)	emceeding a charity function (volunteer)
		dancing in a performance (volunteer)	auctioneering a benefit auction (volunteer)
		performing music (volunteer)	practicing for a performance (volunteer)
	02	Serving at volunteer events & cultural activities	

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		manning an information booth (volunteer) ushering for a benefit performance (volunteer) manning a booth (volunteer) working a booth at a fair (volunteer) distributing event T-shirts (volunteer) cleaning up after an event (volunteer) setting up for a walk-a-thon (volunteer) designing a set for a performance (volunteer) constructing a float for a parade (volunteer) setting up music equipment (volunteer) driving a float in a parade (volunteer)	being a docent/museum guide (volunteer) ushering at a theatre performance (volunteer) running a carnival/festival booth (volunteer) distributing race packets (volunteer) supporting racers (volunteer) setting up for an event (volunteer) serving at a marathon (volunteer) designing a float for a parade (volunteer) testing sound system (volunteer) setting up lighting (volunteer) directing a child's school play (volunteer)
	99	Participating in performance & cultural activities, n.e.c.*	
05		Attending Meetings, Conferences, & Training	
	01	Attending meetings, conferences, & training	
		attending training (volunteer) attending meetings (volunteer) attending conferences (volunteer) attending seminars (volunteer)	serving on a board (volunteer) serving on a finance committee (volunteer) chairing a committee (volunteer)
	99	Attending meetings, conferences, & training, n.e.c.*	
06		Public Health & Safety Activities	
	01	Public health activities	
		donating blood (volunteer)	providing medical care (volunteer)
	02	Public safety activities	
		being on duty as firefighter (volunteer)	patrolling for neighborhood crime watch (volunteer)
	99	Public health & safety activities, n.e.c.*	
07		Waiting Associated with Volunteer Activities	
	01	Waiting associated with volunteer activities	
	99	Waiting associated with volunteer activities, n.e.c.*	
08		Security procedures related to volunteer activities	
	01	Security procedures related to volunteer activities	

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		opening bags for security search (volunteer)	passing through metal detector (volunteer)
		being searched at security checkpoint (volunteer)	
	99	Security procedures related to volunteer activities, n.e.c.*	
99	Volunteer Activities, n.e.c.*		
	99	Volunteer activities, n.e.c.*	
		shopping (volunteer)	picketing (volunteer)
		ushering at church (volunteer)	handing out political flyers (volunteer)
		monitoring water quality (volunteer)	handing out flyers (volunteer)
		inventorying bird or other wildlife populations (volunteer)	greeting people at church (volunteer)
		taping religious services (volunteer)	running a race (volunteer)

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16 Telephone Calls

01 Telephone Calls (to or from)

01 Telephone calls to/from family members

talking on phone to relatives
 placing a call to my mother on Amazon Echo or similar technology

Skyping with my sister
 FaceTime/Video chat with family

02 Telephone calls to/from friends, neighbors, or acquaintances

talking on phone to friends/neighbors/acquaintances
 talking on phone to boyfriend
 texting with a friend

talking on phone to girlfriend
 talking on phone to fiancée
 FaceTime/Video chat with friends

03 Telephone calls to/from education services providers

talking on phone to a teacher
 talking on phone to a principal
 talking on phone to a professor

talking on phone to an instructor
 talking on phone to a school nurse
 talking on phone to a school cafeteria worker

04 Telephone calls to/from salespeople

talking on phone to a sales clerk
 talking on phone to a store manager
 talking on phone to a customer service representative
 talking on phone to a store counter person

talking on phone to a cashier
 talking on phone to a salesperson
 talking on phone to a telemarketer
 talking to credit card company

05 Telephone calls to/from professional or personal care svcs providers

talking on phone to a banker/insurance agent/loan officer
 talking on phone to a lawyer/mediator/paralegal
 talking on phone to a doctor/nurse/veterinarian
 talking on phone to a real estate agent

talking on phone to a barber/hairstylist/manicurist
 talking on phone to a pharmacist
 talking on phone to an accountant
 talking on phone to a massage therapist

06 Telephone calls to/from household services providers

talking on phone to a pet sitter/pet walker
 talking on phone to a cleaning service/caterer
 talking on phone to a plumber/electrician/contractor
 talking on phone to a landscaper/gardener
 talking on phone to a mechanic/auto body repair person

talking on phone to gas company representative
 talking on phone to an architect
 talking on phone to a decorator
 talking on phone to electric company representative

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	07	Telephone calls to/from paid child or adult care providers	
		talking on phone to day care provider	talking on phone to a tutor
		talking on phone to a babysitter	
	08	Telephone calls to/from government officials	
		talking on phone to police or firefighters	talking on phone to a court employee
		talking on phone to a public librarian	talking on phone to a politician
		talking on phone to a U.S. postal employee	talking on phone to a congressperson
		talking on phone to a county council member	
	99	Telephone calls (to or from), n.e.c.*	
		talking on phone, no more info provided	talking on phone to ex-husband
02	Waiting Associated with Telephone Calls		
	01	Waiting associated with telephone calls	
		waiting to use a pay phone	waiting for a phone call
	99	Waiting associated with telephone calls, n.e.c.*	
99	Telephone Calls, n.e.c.*		
	99	Telephone calls, n.e.c.*	

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18 Traveling

01	Travel Related to Personal Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="padding-left: 20px;">01 Travel related to personal care <li style="padding-left: 20px;">99 Travel related to personal care, n.e.c.*
02	Travel Related to Household Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="padding-left: 20px;">01 Travel related to housework <li style="padding-left: 20px;">02 Travel related to food & drink prep., clean-up, & presentation <li style="padding-left: 20px;">03 Travel related to interior maintenance, repair, & decoration <li style="padding-left: 20px;">04 Travel related to exterior maintenance, repair, & decoration <li style="padding-left: 20px;">05 Travel related to lawn, garden, and houseplant care <li style="padding-left: 20px;">06 Travel related to care for animals and pets (not vet care) <li style="padding-left: 20px;">07 Travel related to vehicle care & maintenance (by self) <li style="padding-left: 20px;">08 Travel related to appliance, tool, and toy set-up, repair, & maintenance (by self) <li style="padding-left: 20px;">09 Travel related to household management <li style="padding-left: 20px;">99 Travel related to household activities, n.e.c.*
03	Travel Related to Caring For & Helping HH Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="padding-left: 20px;">01 Travel related to caring for & helping hh children <li style="padding-left: 20px;">02 Travel related to hh children's education <li style="padding-left: 20px;">03 Travel related to hh children's health <li style="padding-left: 20px;">04 Travel related to caring for hh adults <li style="padding-left: 20px;">05 Travel related to helping hh adults <li style="padding-left: 20px;">99 Travel rel. to caring for & helping hh members, n.e.c.*
04	Travel Related to Caring For & Helping Nonhh Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="padding-left: 20px;">01 Travel related to caring for and helping nonhh children <li style="padding-left: 20px;">02 Travel related to nonhh children's education <li style="padding-left: 20px;">03 Travel related to nonhh children's health <li style="padding-left: 20px;">04 Travel related to caring for nonhh adults <li style="padding-left: 20px;">05 Travel related to helping nonhh adults <li style="padding-left: 20px;">99 Travel rel. to caring for & helping nonhh members, n.e.c.*
05	Travel Related to Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="padding-left: 20px;">01 Travel related to working <li style="padding-left: 20px;">02 Travel related to work-related activities

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		03	Travel related to income-generating activities
		04	Travel related to job search & interviewing
		99	Travel related to work, n.e.c.*
06	Travel Related to Education		
		01	Travel related to taking class
		02	Travel related to extracurricular activities (ex. Sports)
		03	Travel related to research/homework
		04	Travel related to registration/administrative activities
		99	Travel related to education, n.e.c.*
07	Travel Related to Consumer Purchases		
		01	Travel related to grocery shopping
		02	Travel related to purchasing gas
		03	Travel related to purchasing food (not groceries)
		04	Travel related to shopping, ex groceries, food, and gas
		99	Travel related to consumer purchases, n.e.c.*
08	Travel Related to Using Professional and Personal Care Services		
		01	Travel related to using childcare services
		02	Travel related to using financial services and banking
		03	Travel related to using legal services
		04	Travel related to using medical services
		05	Travel related to using personal care services
		06	Travel related to using real estate services
		07	Travel related to using veterinary services
		99	Travel rel. to using prof. & personal care services, n.e.c.*
09	Travel Related to Using Household Services		
		01	Travel related to using household services
		02	Travel related to using home main./repair/décor./construction svcs
		03	Travel related to using pet services (not vet)
		04	Travel related to using lawn and garden services
		05	Travel related to using vehicle maintenance & repair services

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	99	Travel related to using household services, n.e.c.*	
10	Travel Related to Using Govt Services & Civic Obligations		
	01	Travel related to using government services	
	02	Travel related to civic obligations & participation	
	99	Travel rel. to govt svcs & civic obligations, n.e.c.*	
11	Travel Related to Eating and Drinking		
	01	Travel related to eating and drinking	
	99	Travel related to eating and drinking, n.e.c.*	
12	Travel Related to Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure		
	01	Travel related to socializing and communicating	
	02	Travel related to attending or hosting social events	
	03	Travel related to relaxing and leisure	
	04	Travel related to arts and entertainment	
	05	Travel as a form of entertainment	
		driving, no purpose (pleasure driving)	driving around looking at Christmas lights
		sightseeing on a tour bus	
	99	Travel rel. to socializing, relaxing, & leisure, n.e.c.*	
13	Travel Related to Sports, Exercise, & Recreation		
	01	Travel related to participating in sports/exercise/recreation	
	02	Travel related to attending sporting/recreational events	
	99	Travel related to sports, exercise, & recreation, n.e.c.*	
14	Travel Related to Religious/Spiritual Activities		
	01	Travel related to religious/spiritual practices	
	99	Travel rel. to religious/spiritual activities, n.e.c.*	

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15	Travel Related to Volunteer Activities		
	01	Travel related to volunteering	
	99	Travel related to volunteer activities, n.e.c.*	
16	Travel Related to Telephone Calls		
	01	Travel related to phone calls	
	99	Travel rel. to phone calls, n.e.c.*	
18	Security Procedures Related to Traveling		
	01	Security procedures related to traveling	
		being searched at security checkpoint (traveling)	opening bags for security search (traveling)
		passing through metal detector (traveling)	waiting in line at airport security checkpoint
	99	Security procedures related to traveling, n.e.c.*	
99	Traveling, n.e.c.*		
	99	Traveling, n.e.c.*	
		travel emergency	exchanging insurance info after accident
		car accident	hailing help after accident/emergency
		changing a flat tire	walking to get help after travel accident
		driving, no purpose (DP changed mind)	riding in a tow truck after accident
		travel accident	checking in for flight
		picking up baggage (traveling)	checking bags (traveling)
		taking airport shuttle to/from gate (in airport)	boarding flight
		Waiting to check bags for flight	getting off plane
		walking to baggage claim	walking to gate in airport
		checking in for flight online via Amazon Echo or similar technology	

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50 Data Codes

01	Unable to Code	
	01	Insufficient detail in verbatim
	03	Missing travel or destination
	05	Respondent refused to provide information/"none of your business"
	06	Gap/can't remember
	07	Unable to code activity at 1st tier
99	Data codes, n.e.c.*	
	99	Data codes, n.e.c.*

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