

Method for combining ATUS activity  
categories to create your own multi-year  
activity files from 2003 to 2013

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This document provides a method for combining ATUS activities that changed from 2003 to 2013. For more information about how the activity coding lexicon changed from 2003 to 2013, see “Differences between the 2003 to 2012 lexicons,” located at [www.bls.gov/tus/lexiconchanges.pdf](http://www.bls.gov/tus/lexiconchanges.pdf). The ATUS coding lexicons are available at [www.bls.gov/tus/lexicons.htm](http://www.bls.gov/tus/lexicons.htm).

For information about the ATUS activity coding lexicon, see Chapter 5 of the ATUS User’s Guide: [www.bls.gov/tus/atususersguide.pdf](http://www.bls.gov/tus/atususersguide.pdf).

Method for combining ATUS activity categories to create your own multi-year activity files, 2003-13

Method for combining ATUS 2003-13 activity categories	
Activity name	Combination of activity codes
Care for animals and pets (not veterinary care)	020601 + 020602
Talking with/listening to hh children	030106 + 030107
Talking with/listening to nonhh children	040106 + 040107
Working, n.e.c.	050104 + 050199
Work-related activities, n.e.c.	050205 + 050299
Other income-generating activities, n.e.c.	050305 + 050399
Job search activities	050401 + 050402
Education-related extracurricular activities, n.e.c.	060204 + 060299
Waiting associated with using government services	100301 + 100302 + 100304
Waiting associated with civic obligations and participation	100303 + 100305
Waiting associated with eating and drinking	110201 + 110202 + 110203
Waiting associated with eating and drinking, n.e.c.	110204 + 110299
Volunteer activities, n.e.c.	150701 + 150799 + 150801 + 150899 + 159999
Telephone calls, n.e.c.	160199 + 160201 + 160299 + 169999
Travel related to personal care	170101 + 180101
Travel related to personal care, n.e.c.	170199 + 180199
Travel related to household activities	170201 + 180201 + 170202 + 180202 + 170203 + 180203 + 170204 + 180204 + 170205 + 180205 + 170206 + 180206 + 170207 + 180207 + 170208 + 180208 + 170209 + 180209 + 170299 + 180299
Travel related to caring for and helping household children	170301 + 180301 + 180302 + 180303
Travel related to caring for and helping household adults	170302 + 180304 + 180305
Travel related to caring for and helping household members, n.e.c.	170399 + 180399
Travel related to caring for and helping nonhousehold children	170401 + 180401 + 180402 + 180403
Travel related to caring for and helping nonhousehold adults	170402 + 180404 + 180405
Travel related to caring for and helping nonhousehold members, n.e.c.	170499 + 180499
Travel related to working	170501 + 180501
Travel related to work-related activities	170502 + 180502
Travel related to work, n.e.c.	170503 + 180503 + 170504 + 180504 + 170599 + 180599
Travel related to taking class	170601 + 180601
Education-related travel, except travel related to class	170602 + 180602 + 180603 + 180604
Travel related to education, n.e.c.	170699 + 180699
Travel related to grocery shopping	170701 + 180701
Travel related to shopping, except grocery shopping	170702 + 170703 + 170799 + 180702 + 180703 + 180704 + 180799
Travel related to using childcare services	170801 + 180801
Travel related to using financial services and banking	170802 + 180802
Travel related to using legal services	170803 + 180803
Travel related to using medical services	170804 + 180804
Travel related to using personal care services	170805 + 180805
Travel related to using real estate services	170806 + 180806
Travel related to using veterinary services	170807 + 180807
Travel rel. to using prof. & personal care services, n.e.c.	170899 + 180899
Travel related to using household services	170901 + 180901
Travel related to using home main./repair/décor./construction svcs	170902 + 180902
Travel related to using pet services (not vet)	170903 + 180903
Travel related to using lawn and garden services	170904 + 180904
Travel related to using vehicle maintenance & repair services	170905 + 180905
Travel related to using household services, n.e.c.	170999 + 180999
Travel related to using government services	171001 + 171002 + 171003 + 181001
Travel related to civic obligations & participation	171004 + 181002
Travel rel. to govt svcs & civic obligations, n.e.c.	171099 + 181099
Travel related to eating and drinking	171101 + 181101
Travel related to eating and drinking, n.e.c.	171199 + 181199
Travel related to socializing and communicating	171201 + 181201
Travel related to attending or hosting social events	171202 + 181202

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Activity name	Combination of activity codes
Travel related to relaxing and leisure	171203 + 181203 + 181205
Travel related to arts and entertainment	171204 + 181204
Travel rel. to socializing, relaxing, & leisure, n.e.c.	171299 + 181299
Travel related to participating in sports/exercise/recreation	171301 + 181301
Travel related to attending sporting/recreational events	171302 + 181302
Travel related to sports, exercise, & recreation, n.e.c.	171399 + 181399
Travel related to religious/spiritual practices	171401 + 181401
Travel rel. to religious/spiritual activities, n.e.c.	171499 + 181499
Travel related to volunteering	171501 + 181501
Travel related to volunteer activities, n.e.c.	171599 + 181599
Travel related to phone calls	171601 + 181601
Travel rel. to phone calls, n.e.c.	171699 + 181699
Security procedures related to traveling	171701 + 181801
Security procedures related to traveling, n.e.c.	171799 + 181899
Traveling, n.e.c.	179999 + 189999
Data codes, n.e.c.	500102 + 509999