American Time Use Survey (ATUS) Coding Rules

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DATA CODES
These rules provide guidance on how to code the activities collected in the American Time Use Survey.

Most activities (except sleeping, grooming, smoking, and unspecified work breaks) can be coded under more than one place in the coding lexicon. When an activity has an M or an O in the work column, code as work or work-related activities under category 05, Work and Work-related Activities. When an activity has a P in the work column, code as income-generating activities under category 05 Work and Work-related Activities. When an activity has a V in the work column, code under category 15 Volunteer Activities. Refer to desk aids and training exercises for further guidance.

In this document, “R” refers to the survey “respondent.”
Miscellaneous Rules

1. Passive activities: waiting, watching, having a care activity done to respondent by someone else

Waiting—There are “waiting” categories under most tiers in the lexicon. Where there are no waiting categories, code under associated activity. For example, “waiting for floor to dry so I can wax it” should be coded under Household Activities/Housework/Interior cleaning.

Waiting done while on the way to someplace should be coded as travel related to [purpose]. Here are some examples:

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<tr>
<th>Verbatim</th>
<th>Where</th>
<th>Activity Code</th>
<th>Coded Activity</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
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<td>1 Driving to the train station</td>
<td>Car (driving)</td>
<td>180501</td>
<td>Travel related to work</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2 Waiting in the car</td>
<td>Train station</td>
<td>180501</td>
<td>Travel related to work</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 Riding train to work</td>
<td>Train</td>
<td>180501</td>
<td>Travel related to work</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4 Walking to office work</td>
<td>Walking</td>
<td>180501</td>
<td>Travel related to work</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5 Waiting in line at security</td>
<td>Workplace</td>
<td>050103</td>
<td>Security procedures related to work</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6 Being searched at security</td>
<td>Workplace</td>
<td>050103</td>
<td>Security procedures related to work</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7 Working (M)</td>
<td>Workplace</td>
<td>050101</td>
<td>Work, main job</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 Flying home from trip (work)</td>
<td>Airplane</td>
<td>180501</td>
<td>Travel related to work</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2 Waiting for baggage</td>
<td>Airport</td>
<td>180501</td>
<td>Travel related to work</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 Driving home</td>
<td>Car (driving)</td>
<td>180501</td>
<td>Travel related to work</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 Riding to high school</td>
<td>Car (passenger)</td>
<td>180601</td>
<td>Travel related to taking class</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2 Waiting in car (Mom takes sister into day care)</td>
<td>Day care center</td>
<td>180601</td>
<td>Travel related to taking class</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 Riding to high school</td>
<td>Car (passenger)</td>
<td>180601</td>
<td>Travel related to taking class</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4 Attending class (degree)</td>
<td>School</td>
<td>060101</td>
<td>Taking class for degree, certificate, or licensure</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

(Added: Feb2004)
Watching—If the reported primary activity is watching someone else do something, code under a waiting category. For example, “watching the plumber fix the sink” should be coded under Household Services/Home Maintenance, Repair, Decoration, and Construction (not done by self)/Waiting associated with home maintenance, repair, decoration, and construction (090202). Exceptions:

- Watching household or nonhousehold adults doing something should be coded under Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure/Relaxing and Leisure/Relaxing, thinking (120301).
- Watching a child’s event should be coded under Caring For and Helping Household Members/Caring For and Helping Household Children/Attending household children’s events (030110).
- Watching a sporting event should be coded under Sports, Exercise, and Recreation/Attending Sporting or recreational events/relevant event (1302xx).

Other passive activities—Unpaid activities involving grooming or personal care, even if the R (respondent) did not perform the activity him/herself, should be coded as grooming or personal care, respectively. Some examples of other passive activities are:

“Mom braided my hair” = Personal Care/Grooming/Grooming, n.e.c.
“Husband gave me a massage” = Personal Care/Personal Activities/Personal Activities, n.e.c.
“Friend rubbed suntan lotion on me” = Personal Care/Grooming/Grooming, n.e.c.

2. If R is a child (under 18) and reports talking, playing games or sports, doing arts and crafts or other activities with children (under 18), then code according to the following table:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Condition</th>
<th>Coding Action</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Activities with HH children under 13</td>
<td>Code to the appropriate childcare activity (0301xx, 0302xx, 0303xx, 0401xx, 0402xx, or 0403xx)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Activities with HH children, ages 13-17</td>
<td>Code to the appropriate non-childcare activity</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Activities with friends, co-workers, or neighbors (WHO=54, 55, 56)</td>
<td>Code to the appropriate non-childcare activity</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Activities with non-HH children (WHO=52, 57)</td>
<td>Code to the appropriate non-childcare activity. <strong>Exception:</strong> If the verbatim indicates a physical care activity or a helping activity, (such as “reading to” or “looking after”) then code to the appropriate care activity.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Exception:** If the activity involves picking up, dropping off, and waiting for someone, then see Rule 5. *(Revised: Nov2004)*
3. If R is an adult (18 or over) and reports doing activities with others younger than age 18, code as childcare (0301xx, 0302xx, 0303xx, 0401xx, 0402xx, or 0403xx). **Exception:** If verbatim makes clear R was doing the activity with peers (such as “friends,” “girlfriends,” “boyfriends,” “neighbors,” or “co-workers”), not “children,” code to the non-childcare activity. (Example: 19-year old R is playing tennis with 17 year-old girlfriend.) *(Added: Feb2004; Revised: Nov2004)*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Verbatim</th>
<th>Who</th>
<th>Activity Code</th>
<th>Coded Activity</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Played cards with my girlfriend</td>
<td>57</td>
<td>120307</td>
<td>Playing games</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Talked to some friends</td>
<td>57</td>
<td>120101</td>
<td>Socializing &amp; communicating with others</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Played softball with co-workers</td>
<td>57</td>
<td>130127</td>
<td>Playing softball</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

4. Use the following hierarchy to code caring for and helping household and nonhousehold members:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Activity with:</th>
<th>Code to:</th>
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<tr>
<td>Household</td>
<td>Nonhousehold</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Adults</td>
<td>Children</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HH adults</td>
<td>X X X X</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Non-hh adults</td>
<td>X X X</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HH children</td>
<td>X X</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Non-hh children</td>
<td>X</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

5. Picking up, dropping off, or waiting for someone are always coded as care activities. Use the following table to code these activities:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Picking up, dropping off, or waiting for:</th>
<th>R is under 18</th>
<th>Code to:</th>
<th>R is 18 or older</th>
<th>Code to:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Friends (WHO=54)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Appropriate non-HH childcare activity</td>
<td>Appropriate non-HH adult care activity</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Co-workers, colleagues, clients (WHO=55)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Appropriate non-HH childcare activity</td>
<td>Appropriate non-HH adult care activity</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Neighbors, acquaintances (WHO=56)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Appropriate non-HH childcare activity</td>
<td>Appropriate non-HH adult care activity</td>
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<tr>
<td>Non-HH member &lt;18 (WHO=52, 57)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Appropriate HH childcare activity</td>
<td>Appropriate HH adult care activity</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Non-HH member &gt;18 (WHO=53, 58)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Appropriate HH childcare activity</td>
<td>Appropriate HH adult care activity</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HH member &lt; 18</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Appropriate HH childcare activity</td>
<td>Appropriate HH adult care activity</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HH member &gt; 18</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Appropriate HH adult care activity</td>
<td>Appropriate HH adult care activity</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Persons who are both under 18 and 18 or older  
Code according to hierarchy table in miscellaneous rule #4  
(Added: Nov2004)

6. If the WHERE code for an activity does not make sense (e.g. verbatim clearly indicates travel but WHERE code is a place, or vice versa), ignore the WHERE code and code to the activity.

7. Childcare: Determining when an activity should be coded as childcare (0301xx, 0302xx, or 0303xx) can be difficult. Neither the presence of a child during the respondent’s activity nor a child’s participation in the respondent’s activity is sufficient alone to code the activity as childcare:

- Watching cartoons with my child = watching television (Respondent can watch television—even cartoons!—without the child)
- Shopping for school clothes with Susie = shopping (Respondent can shop for Susie’s school clothes without the child)
- Watching the Lion King play with my son = arts and entertainment (Respondent can go to the play without the child)
- Playing Monopoly with wife and daughter = relaxing/playing games (Respondent can still play Monopoly with wife if child isn’t playing)
- Talking to my neighbor and her children = socializing and communicating with others (Respondent can talk even if children are not there)

When the respondent is directly watching or interacting with a child only, or accompanying a child to an activity that has no purpose outside the child, then code as childcare:

- Playing Monopoly with my kids = childcare (Respondent can’t play if children are not playing)
- Keeping an eye on my child = childcare (without the child, this activity wouldn’t even be mentioned)
- Attending my son’s Boy Scout function = childcare (it is the child’s activity; without the child, respondent has no purpose in attending function)

8. Simultaneous activities. Code the first of two or more simultaneous activities, regardless of how many are recorded on the same activity line.  
Exception: Travel should always be coded as the primary activity, even if not recorded as the first in the verbatim.
9. **Holiday activities.** Most holiday-related activities, if probed and collected properly, can be coded under existing categories in the lexicon. Examples:

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Decorating outdoors for the holidays</td>
<td>020402</td>
<td>Exterior repair, improvements, and decoration</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Attending a New Year’s Eve party</td>
<td>120201</td>
<td>Attending or hosting parties/receptions/ceremonies</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Opening Kwanzaa gifts</td>
<td>120101</td>
<td>Socializing and communicating with others</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Eating Passover dinner</td>
<td>110101</td>
<td>Eating and Drinking</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Putting up the Christmas tree</td>
<td>020301</td>
<td>Interior arrangement, decoration, and repairs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hanging Christmas stockings</td>
<td>020301</td>
<td>Interior arrangement, decoration, and repairs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dyeing Easter eggs</td>
<td>120309</td>
<td>Arts and crafts as a hobby</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>lighting Menorah candles</td>
<td>140102</td>
<td>Participation in religious practices</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

(Added: Feb2004; updated activity names in May 2006)

10. **Helping activities for household adults.** Determining when an activity should be coded as a helping or caring activity vs. another activity can be difficult. Here are some rules to keep in mind:

If the verbatim mentions doing a **household activity** for a household adult, code as the household activity, not caring for or helping household adults. The exception to this rule is **household management activities** that were done *solely* for another adult (not the R or the household in general). Examples:

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<tr>
<th>Verbatim</th>
<th>Activity Code</th>
<th>Coded Activity</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Mowing the lawn for my brother (hh adult)</td>
<td>020501</td>
<td>Lawn, garden, and houseplant care</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cooking dinner for my wife (hh adult)</td>
<td>020201</td>
<td>Food and drink preparation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Changing the oil on my wife’s car (hh adult)</td>
<td>020701</td>
<td>Vehicle repair and maintenance (by self)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Taking care of paperwork</td>
<td>020902</td>
<td>HH &amp; personal org &amp; planning</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Filling out insurance application for son (hh adult)</td>
<td>030501</td>
<td>Helping hh adults</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Helping husband wash the car (hh adult)</td>
<td>020701</td>
<td>Vehicle repair and maintenance (by self)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Washing my husband’s car (hh adult)</td>
<td>020701</td>
<td>Vehicle repair and maintenance (by self)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Underlying rationale: Household activities generally benefit an entire household, not one member. Mowing the lawn (whether done as a “favor” for another household adult or not) is a contribution to the household in general. Filling out paperwork or doing other household management activities (such as packing a suitcase) specifically for someone else benefits only the person being “helped.”

Also, division of household labor varies from household to household, so one R might report that he washed the dishes as a favor for his wife because she (who normally does the dishes) was sick in bed, while another R might just report that he washed the dishes. Both are kitchen clean-up for the household and should be coded as such.

If the verbatim mentions caring for a child for another household adult, code as child care, not caring for and helping household adults.

Examples:

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<tr>
<th>Verbatim</th>
<th>Activity Code</th>
<th>Coded Activity</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Bathing daughter for my wife so she could rest</td>
<td>030101</td>
<td>Physical care for HH children</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Picking up the kids for my hh sister</td>
<td>030112</td>
<td>Physical care for HH children</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Underlying rationale: The concept of what constitutes a helping activity has not been defined for R’s, so their interpretation can vary significantly. Division of household labor varies from household to household, so one R might report that he bathed his daughter as a favor for his wife because she (who normally does the childcare) wanted to rest, while another R might just report that he bathed his daughter. Both are childcare and should be coded as such.

If the verbatim mentions purchasing goods or professional, personal, or household services; volunteering; or making telephone calls for another household adult, code to the lexicon activity, not caring for and helping household adults. Examples:
## Helping activities for nonhousehold adults

“Helping” activities done for nonhousehold adults are handled differently from those for household adults during coding. Whenever the verbatim mentions doing an activity specifically for a nonhousehold adult or helping a nonhousehold adult, code as caring and helping nonhousehold adults. Only do this if the R is doing the activity solely for the other person. Examples:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Verbatim</th>
<th>Activity Code</th>
<th>Coded Activity (major categories)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Grocery shopping for my nonhh mother</td>
<td>040501</td>
<td>Caring for and Helping nonHH members</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grocery shopping for myself and a friend</td>
<td>070104</td>
<td>Consumer Purchases</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Helping a friend move to a new house</td>
<td>040599</td>
<td>Caring for and Helping nonHH members</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Helping activities that involve nonhousehold childcare

All reports of childcare activities involving nonhousehold children should be coded as nonhousehold childcare (0401xx, 0402xx, or 0403xx), even if the R says the childcare was a helping activity for another adult. Example:

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<tr>
<th>Verbatim</th>
<th>Activity Code</th>
<th>Coded Activity (major categories)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Kept an eye on my neighbor's daughter for her while neighbor took a break</td>
<td>040109</td>
<td>Caring for and Helping nonHH members</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

(Added: Feb2004)

## Activities with an M or O in the work column

If a R is clearly traveling away from home for business and all daily activities have an M or O in the work column, code the activities as if the R reported working while not on travel. That is, code actual working time as work, and code commuting or other travel related to working as commuting or travel related to work. Do not code daily activities, such as getting a haircut or making non-work related phone calls (e.g., “to wife”) as work.
Out-of-town travel. Travel from out of town should have been probed for purpose (in the case below, it is related to work) during the interview and identified in coder notes as out-of-town travel related to work. The return travel from an out-of-town trip should be coded as work travel, and not necessarily coded to the next activity.

Diary example of a person who traveled on business so said that every single activity was done as part of his/her job:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Verbatim</th>
<th>Where</th>
<th>Work</th>
<th>Activity code</th>
<th>Coded Activity</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Sleeping</td>
<td>Hotel</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>010101</td>
<td>Sleeping</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grooming</td>
<td>Hotel</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>010201</td>
<td>Washing, Dressing, and Grooming Oneself</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Drinking coffee</td>
<td>Hotel</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>110101</td>
<td>Eating &amp; drinking</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Taking shuttle to conference</td>
<td>Bus</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>180501</td>
<td>Travel related to working</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Working</td>
<td>Convention center</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>050101</td>
<td>Working, main job</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Taking shuttle back to hotel</td>
<td>Bus</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>180209</td>
<td>Travel related to household management</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Packing</td>
<td>Hotel</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>020902</td>
<td>HH and personal organization and planning</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Checking out of hotel</td>
<td>Hotel</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>070104</td>
<td>Shopping except groceries, food, &amp; gas</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Taking cab to airport</td>
<td>Cab</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>180501</td>
<td>Travel related to working</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Waiting in ticket check-in line</td>
<td>Airport</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>180501</td>
<td>Travel related to working</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Flying home</td>
<td>Airplane</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>180501</td>
<td>Travel related to working</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Driving home</td>
<td>Car</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>180501</td>
<td>Travel related to working</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

(Added: Feb2004)
01 Personal Care

Category definition: This category captures time the respondent spends sleeping, grooming, providing self-care, and doing sexual activities. Respondents are not asked WHO they were with or WHERE they were for sleeping (0101xx), grooming (0102xx), and personal (sexual) activities (0104), as such information is sensitive for these activities. (Modified for clarity: Apr2006)

1. Exercising for medical conditions: If it is clear from the verbatim that physical therapy exercising is done specifically for medical reasons, code as health-related self care (010301). If the purpose is not clear, code as Sports, Exercise, and Recreation/Participating in Sports, Exercise, or Recreation/specific sportj (1301xx). For example, code weightlifting exercises as weightlifting. (Updated: Feb2004)

2. Insomnia: Code as Sleeplessness (010102). Exception: If the respondent mentions thinking or worrying, code as Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure/Relaxing and Leisure/Relaxing, thinking (120301).

3. Kissing hello or goodbye: Code as Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure/Socializing and Communicating/Socializing and communicating with others (120101), not as Personal Care/Personal Activities.

4. Meditating: Code as Personal Care/Health-related Self Care/Health-related self care (010301). Exception: If verbatim specifically mentions Meditating for religious purposes, code as Religious and Spiritual Activities/Religious and Spiritual Practices/Participation in religious practices (140102).

5. Passive activities such as “my daughter trimmed my hair,” “my wife gave me a massage,” or “a friend rubbed suntan lotion on me” should be coded as personal care activities. Exception: Passive activities involving “waiting” and “watching” should be coded according to who the R was watching or waiting for. See Miscellaneous Rules for more information.


7. Resting because of illness or injury: Code as Personal Care/Health-Related Self Care/Health-related self care (010301), not as sleeping or relaxing.

02 Household Activities

Category definition: This category captures the typical activities done by the respondent to maintain his or her household, including housecleaning, cooking, yard care, pet care, vehicle maintenance and repair, and home repair and renovation. Household management activities—such as paperwork, mail, and e-mail are also included in this category. Obtaining or purchasing household services (09 Household Services) are not included in this category.


2. Animal care: Code all pet and animal care, regardless of the WHERE code, under Household Activities/Animals and Pets/Care for animals and pets (not veterinary care) (020601). Exceptions: Code pet or animal care done as a favor for a nonhousehold adult as Animal and pet care assistance for nonhousehold adults (040503). Code pet or animal care that is clearly part of a larger entertainment activity (e.g. “petting goats at the petting zoo”) as Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure/Arts and Entertainment (other than sports)/relevant activity (1204XX).


4. Activities related to farm animals: Code as Household Activities/Animals and Pets/Care for animals and pets (not veterinary care) (020601).

5. Grooming a pet: Code as Household Activities/Animals and Pets/Care for animals and pets (not veterinary care) (020601) if done by respondent. Code as Household Services/Pet Services (not done by self, not vet)/Using pet services (090301) if not done by respondent or veterinarian.

6. Growing fruit, vegetables, or flowers: Code as Household Activities/Lawn, Garden, and Houseplants/Lawn, garden, and houseplant care (020501).

7. Food preparation: Code as Household Activities/Food and Drink Preparation, Presentation, and Clean-up/Food and drink preparation (020201). For example, if preparing a meal for children, code as Food Preparation. Do not code as childcare. Exception: If it's clear that R prepared food as a favor for a nonhousehold adult, code under Caring For and Helping Nonhousehold Members/Helping Nonhousehold Adults/Housework, cooking, & shopping assistance for nonhousehold adults (040501).
8. **Giving/serving children food/a meal**: Code as Food presentation (020202). If the verbatim reads feeding children, then code as Caring for and Helping Household (or Nonhousehold) Members/Caring for and Helping Household (or Nonhousehold) Children/Physical care (030101 or 040101).

9. **Household management activities**: If done by respondent for self or for the household, code as Household Activities/Household Management/relevant activity] (0209xx). If respondent mentions doing these chores for a household member, code as Caring for and Helping Household Members (03xxxx). If respondent mentions doing these chores for a nonhousehold member, code as Caring for and Helping Nonhousehold Members (04xxxx).

10. **Cleaning the house**: Code “cleaning the house (interior)” as 020101, “cleaning the house (exterior)” as 020401, and code “cleaning the house (unspecified)” as 029999. (Rule issued in April 2004 (as a PID) and added to manual in April 2006.)

11. **Cleaning the kitchen**: Code under Household Activities/Food and Drink Preparation, Presentation, and Clean-up/Kitchen and food clean-up (020203).

12. **Warming up the car**: Code as part of the next travel episode (traveling related to XXX), even if the R does other activities before the traveling episode. Example: “warming up the car” (180501), “packing lunch” (020201), “kissing husband goodbye” (120101), “driving to work” (180501), “working” (050101). **Exceptions**: If warming up the car for someone else to travel, code as Household Activities/Vehicles/Vehicles, N.E.C. (020799). If warming up the car is clearly not in preparation for any travel, but rather for a tune-up or to check engine oil, code as Household Activities/Vehicles/Vehicle repair and maintenance (by self) (020701).

13. **Looking for misplaced items**: code as Household Activities/Household Management/Household and personal organization and planning (020902), regardless of whether the looking is related to work or home, or is done to locate an item belonging to the respondent or someone else.

14. **Packing or unpacking bags or suitcases for others**: Code as Caring for and Helping Household (or Nonhousehold) Members/Caring for and helping [relevant household or nonhousehold member]/Organization and planning for [relevant member]. If packing or unpacking for self or household in general, code as Household Activities/Household Management/Household and personal organization and planning (020902).

15. **Packing/unpacking for a journey/moving**: If packing for self or the household in general, code as Household Activities/Household
Management/Household and personal organization and planning (020902).

16. **Filling out paperwork**: If respondents indicate “filling out paperwork,” whether for themselves, for children, or for the household, code as Household Activities/Household Management/Household & personal organization & planning (020902). If respondents specifically indicate they did or helped to do paperwork as a favor to someone else (other than a child), code as Caring for and Helping Household (or Nonhousehold) Members. **Exception**: Finance-related paperwork (e.g. tax forms) should be coded under Household Activities/Household Management/Financial management (020901) if done for self, child, or household in general.

17. **Checking, sending, reading, or writing e-mail**: code as Household Activities/Household Management/HH & personal e-mail & messages (020904).

18. **Checking phone messages**: Code as Household Activities/Household Management/HH & personal mail and messages (except e-mail) (020903).

19. **Using the computer**: Code the activity the respondent did as the primary activity. For example, if the respondent used the computer to search for work, code as Job Search and Interviewing (0504xx). If the respondent used the computer to pay bills or for financial management, code as Household Activities/Household Management/Financial management (020901). If used for playing games, code as Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure/Relaxing and Leisure/Playing games (120307). If used to write letters, code as Household Activities/Household Management/HH and personal mail and messages (except e-mail) (020903). If respondent reports computer use for leisure, or can’t/won’t specify the purpose, code as Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure/Relaxing and Leisure/Computer use for leisure (exc. games) (120308).

20. **Respondent’s education-related activities**: Code as Education (06xxxx).

21. **Children’s education-related activities**: Code activities related to children’s education as Caring for and Helping Household (or Nonhousehold) Members/Activities Related to Household (or Nonhousehold) Children’s Education/[relevant activity] (0302xx or 0402xx). **Exception**: Code “filling out child’s paperwork” as Household Activities/Household Management/Household and personal organization and planning (020902).

22. **Paying bills**: Code as Household Activities/Household Management/Financial management (020901).

23. **Picking up a paycheck**: Code as Household Activities/Household Management/Financial Management (020901). Code **picking up**

24. Maintaining/repairing vehicles: Code as Household Activities/Vehicles/Vehicle repair and maintenance (by self) (020701) if done by respondent. Code as Household Services/Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Services (not done by self)/Using vehicle maintenance or repair services (090501) if not done by respondent.

25. Making funeral arrangements:
With a funeral director or clergy (regardless of WHERE): Code as Professional and Personal Services, n.e.c. (089999)
On one's own: Code as Household Activities/Household Management/Household and personal organization and planning (020902) (Added: Nov2004)

26. Washing windows: Code as Household Activities/Housework/Interior cleaning (020101). Exception: If verbatim makes it clear that windows were washed from the outside, codes as exterior cleaning (020401). (Added: Nov2004)

27. Unloading the groceries: Sometimes respondents report "unloading the groceries" as a stand-alone activity. If a respondent reports "unloading the groceries" or "carrying in the groceries" ONLY, code as Household Activities/Household Management/Household and Personal Organization and Planning (020902).

   If a respondent reports "putting away the groceries" or "storing the groceries" ONLY, code as Household Activities/Housework/Storing interior hh items, inc food" (020104). However, if a respondent reports both activities ("unloading groceries" and "storing groceries") as separate activities, code "unloading the groceries" or "carrying in the groceries" as 020902 and "storing the groceries" or "putting away the groceries" as 020104. (Added: Jun2005)
03 Caring For and Helping Household Members

**Category definition:** This category captures activities the respondent did to care for or help any child or adult in the respondent’s household, regardless of relationship, age, or physical or mental health status. Care for household children and adults is coded separately in sub-categories under 03. Household members are considered children if under the age of 18.

1. **Talking with son/daughter/household child:** Code as Caring for and Helping Household Members/Caring for and Helping Household Children/Talking with or listening to household children (030106).

2. **Talking with a child and other adults:** Code as Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure/Socializing and Communicating/Socializing and communicating with others (120101).

3. **Talking with household child and nonhousehold child:** Code as Caring for and Helping Household Members/Caring for and Helping Household Children/Talking with or listening to household children (030106).

4. **Doing arts and crafts, playing games, and playing sports with household child:** Code as Caring for and Helping Household Members/Caring for and Helping Household Children/relevant activity (0301xx). **Exception:** If the verbatim does not mention children (“playing Monopoly”) but the WHO code indicates children were in the room, code as playing games under Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure. If the verbatim mentions doing these activities with both children and adults, code under the relevant activity (hobbies, playing games, participating in sports), not as childcare.

5. **Giving gifts:** Code as Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure/Socializing and Communicating/Socializing and communicating with others (120101). **Exception:** Giving gifts to children should be coded as Caring For and Helping Household or Nonhousehold Members/Caring For and Helping HH or Non-HH Children/Caring for and helping household or nonhousehold children, n.e.c. (030199 or 040199).

6. **Packing or unpacking bags or suitcases for other household members:** Code as Caring for and Helping Household Members/Caring for and Helping [relevant member]/Organization and planning for [relevant member] (03xxxx).

7. **Household management activities specifically mentioned as being done for household adults:** Code as Helping Household Adults (0305XX).

8. **Household children’s education-related activities:** Code activities related to children’s education as Caring for and Helping Household Members/Activities Related to Household Children’s Education/[relevant activity] (0302xx). **Exception:** Code “filling out child’s paperwork” as
Household Activities/Household Management/Household and personal organization and planning (020902).

9. **Filling out paperwork:** If respondents indicate “filling out paperwork,” for themselves, the household, or a child, code as Household Activities/Household Management/Household and personal organization and planning (020902). If respondents specifically indicate they did or helped to do paperwork for another household adult, code as Helping Household Adults (030501).

10. **Attending a household child’s performance or event:** Code as Caring for and Helping Household Members/Caring for and Helping Household Children/Attending household children’s events (030110).

11. **Watching a household child’s sporting event:** Code as Caring for and Helping Household Members/Caring for and Helping Household Children/Attending household children’s events (030110).

12. **Giving/serving household children food/a meal:** Code as Food presentation (020202). If the verbatim reads feeding children, then code as Caring for and Helping Household Members/Caring for and Helping Household Children/Physical care for household children (030101).

13. **Walking a household child to [someplace]:** Code as Traveling/Traveling related to Caring for and Helping Household Members/Travel related to children (1803xx). If just strolling or taking a walk with a child, code as Caring for and Helping Household Members/Caring for and Helping Household Children/Playing sports with household children (030105).

14. **Helping (or teaching) a household child to do something:** Code under the appropriate child care category. Any helping or teaching activity that cannot be classified under an existing category should be coded as caring for and helping household children, n.e.c. (030199). *(Added: Feb2004)* For example:

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15. Visiting a household child in the hospital: Code as Activities related to household child’s health, n.e.c. (030399).  
   (Added: Nov2004)

16. Visiting an adult (household or nonhousehold) in the hospital/nursing home: Code as Socializing and communicating with others (120101).  
   (Added: Nov2004)

17. Praying with household child: Code as Talking with/Listening to HH children (030106).  (Added: Mar2005)
04 Caring For and Helping Nonhousehold Members

**Category definition:** This category captures activities the respondent did to care for or help any child or adult who is not part of the respondent’s household, regardless of relationship, age, or physical or mental health status. Care for nonhousehold children and adults is coded separately in sub-categories under 04. Nonhousehold members are considered children if under the age of 18. This category does **not** include helping activities done for individuals by the respondent through organizations (16 Volunteer Activities).

1. **Talking with a nonhousehold child:** Code as Caring for and Helping Nonhousehold Members/Caring for and Helping Nonhousehold Children/Talking with or listening to nonhousehold children (040106).

2. **Talking with a child and other adults:** Code as Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure/Socializing and Communicating/Socializing and communicating with others (120101).

3. **Talking with a household child and nonhousehold child:** Code as Caring for and Helping Household Members/Caring for and Helping Household Children/Talking with or listening to household children (030106).

4. **Doing arts and crafts, playing games, and playing sports with nonhousehold child:** Code as Caring for and Helping Nonhousehold Members/Caring for and Helping Nonhousehold Children/relevant activity (0401xx). **Exception:** If the verbatim does not mention children (“playing Monopoly”) but the WHO code indicates children were in the room, code as playing games under Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure. If the verbatim mentions doing these activities with both children and adults, code under the relevant activity (hobbies, playing games, participating in sports), not as childcare.

5. **Giving gifts:** Code as Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure/Socializing and Communicating and communicating with others (120101). **Exception:** Giving gifts to children should be coded as Caring For and Helping Household or Nonhousehold Members/Caring For and Helping HH or Non-HH Children/Caring for and helping household or nonhousehold children, n.e.c. (030199 or 040199).

6. **Packing or unpacking bags or suitcases for nonhousehold members:** Code as Caring for and Helping Nonhousehold Members/Caring for and Helping [relevant member]/Organization and planning for [relevant member] (04xxxx).

7. **Household management activities specifically mentioned as being done for nonhousehold adults:** Code as Helping Nonhousehold Adults (0405XX).
8. Nonhousehold children’s education-related activities: Code activities related to nonhousehold children’s education as Caring for and Helping Nonhousehold Members/Activities Related to Nonhousehold Children’s Education/[relevant activity] (0402xx). **Exception:** Code “filling out nonhousehold child’s paperwork” as Household Activities/Household Management/Household and personal organization and planning (020902).

9. Filling out paperwork: If respondents indicate “filling out paperwork,” for themselves, the household, or a child, code as Household Activities/Household Management/Household and personal organization and planning (020902). If respondents specifically indicate they did or helped to do paperwork for a nonhousehold adult, code as Helping Nonhousehold Adults.

10. Attending a nonhousehold child’s performance or event: Code as Caring for and Helping Nonhousehold Members/Caring for and Helping Nonhousehold Children/Attending nonhousehold children’s events (040110).

11. Watching a nonhousehold child’s sporting event: Code as Caring for and Helping Nonhousehold Members/Caring for and Helping Nonhousehold Children/Attending nonhousehold children’s events (040110).

12. Giving/serving nonhousehold children food/a meal: Code as Food presentation (020202). If the verbatim reads feeding nonhousehold children, then code as Caring for and Helping Nonhousehold Members/Caring for and Helping Nonhousehold Children/Physical care (040101).

13. Walking a nonhousehold child to [someplace]: Code as Traveling/Related to Caring for and Helping Nonhousehold Members/Caring for and helping nonhousehold children (1804xx). If just strolling or taking a walk with a nonhousehold child, code as Caring for and Helping Nonhousehold Members/Caring for and Helping Nonhousehold Children/Playing sports with nonhousehold children (040105).
14. Helping (or teaching) a nonhousehold child to do something: Code under the appropriate child care category. Any helping or teaching activity that cannot be classified under an existing category should be coded as caring for and helping nonhousehold children, n.e.c. (040199). (Added: Feb2004)

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16. Visiting an adult (household or nonhousehold) in the hospital/nursing home: Code as Socializing and communicating with others (120101). (Added: Nov2004)

17. Praying with nonhousehold child: Code as Talking with/Listening to nonhousehold children (040106). (Added: Mar2005)
05 Work and Work-Related Activities

**Category definition:** This category captures time spent working, doing activities as part of one’s job, engaging in income-generating activities (not as part of one’s job), and looking for jobs and interviewing. The category is sub-divided to reflect these distinctions. “Working” includes hours spent doing the specific tasks required of one’s main or other job, regardless of location. Work done by self-employed as well as wage and salary workers is coded here. “Work-related activities” include activities that are not obviously work but are done as part of one’s job, such as having a business lunch or playing golf with clients. Activities are identified as done as part of the job by the respondent during the interview.

“Other income-generating activities” are activities often done “on the side” or under informal arrangement that are not part of the respondent’s regular job. Such activities might include selling homemade crafts, babysitting, and maintaining a rental property. Respondents identify these as activities they “are paid for or will be paid for.”

“Job search and interviewing” are activities undertaken to change jobs or find a job. These activities are identified by the verbatim description in the coding instrument.

**General rule:** For activities that are not pre-coded as work, use the information in the work column for assistance with coding. For most activities, when the respondent indicates that an activity was either done as part of one’s job or for one’s business (M or O), the activity should be coded as Work. *Exceptions* are socializing, relaxing, and leisure activities, eating and drinking activities, and sports, exercise, and recreational activities done as part of one’s job, which should be coded as work-related activities, and sleeping, grooming, and smoking, which should be coded as what they are (never work). When the respondent indicates that an activity was done for pay (P), the activity should be coded under Work and Work-related Activities/Other Income-generating Activities/[relevant activity] (0503xx).

1. **Hobbies:** If respondent is paid or expects to be paid for hobbies (as indicated by a P in the work column), code as Work and Work-related Activities/Other Income-generating Activities (0503xx). If unpaid, code as Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure/Relaxing and Leisure/Relevant hobby (1203xx).

2. **Travel as part of job:** For taxi drivers, bus drivers, chauffeurs, traveling sales workers, and other workers for whom travel is an essential part of their job, code travel time as Work, unless travel reason is clearly not work.

3. **Where individuals’ occupations could be coded as others’ non-work activities**—such as golf pros playing golf for work and clergy being at
church for work—code their activities as Work if there is an M or O in the work column.

4. **Looking for a job**: Code as Work and Work-Related Activities/Job Search and Interviewing/[relevant activity] (0504xx), regardless of mode (telephone, Internet, newspaper) of search.

5. **Reading for work**: Code as Work and Work-Related Activities/Working/Work, main job or Work, other job (050101 or 050102).

6. **Using the computer**: Code the activity the respondent did as the primary activity. For example, if the respondent reports using the computer to search for work, code as Job Search and Interviewing (0504xx).

7. **Eating and Drinking**:

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(Updated: Nov2004)

8. **Security procedures**: If respondent reports undergoing security procedures (such as “passing through the metal detector,” “being searched at security checkpoint,” “opening bags for security search”) related to work, as part of their job, or related to job search and interviewing code under Security procedures related to work/as part of job/related to job search or interviewing, as appropriate.
06 Education

Category definition: Activities under this category refer to the respondent’s non-work education only. Work-related educational activities should be coded under the Work category. Activities under the Education category include taking classes as well as doing other educational activities, including research and homework, administrative tasks, and extracurricular activities except sports. Activities are coded separately by whether the course was for a degree or for personal interest. (Updated: Feb2004)

General rule: The school day for high school students is treated like the work day for respondents who report going to work: individual activities during the day should not be collected/coded. However, before- and after-school extracurricular activities will be collected and should be coded under this category.

1. Respondent’s education-related activities: Code as education (06xxxx).

2. Children’s education-related activities: Code activities related to children’s education as Caring for and Helping Household (or Nonhousehold) Members/Activities Related to Household (or Nonhousehold) Children’s Education/[relevant activity] (0302xx or 0402xx). Exception: Code “filling out child’s paperwork” as Household Activities/Household Management/Household and personal organization and planning (020902).

3. Reading for school: Code as Education/Research and Homework/[Type of class] (0603xx).

4. Walking from class to class: Code as traveling related to education, n.e.c. (180699) if the walking is between two buildings or addresses. If walking takes place within a building, use data code 500107 (unable to code activity at 1st tier), as interviewers should not record this type of travel. (Updated: Feb2004)


6. Attending academic or honor society meetings: Code as Education/Extracurricular School Activities (Except Sports)/Extracurricular club activities (060201).

7. Taking sports or martial arts lessons: Code under Sports, Exercise, and Recreation/Participating in Sports, Exercise, or Recreation/[specific sport] (1301xx).
8. **Before- and after-school extracurricular activities:** Code as Education/Extracurricular School Activities (Except Sports)/[relevant activity] (0602xx).

9. **Attending Sunday school or Bible study:** Code as Education/Taking class/Taking class for personal interest (060102). *(Added: Feb2004)*

10. **Talking to teachers/professors:** Code as Education/Taking Class/Type of Class] (0601XX). *(Added: Nov2004)*

11. **Security procedures:** If respondent reports undergoing security procedures (such as “passing through the metal detector,” “being searched at security checkpoint,” “opening bags for security search”) related to taking classes, code as Education/Taking Classes/Security procedures related to taking classes (060104).
07 Consumer Purchases

Category definition: This category captures nearly all purchases and rentals of consumer goods, regardless of mode or place of purchase or rental (in person, via telephone, over the Internet, at home, or in a store). Subcategories are provided for gasoline, grocery, and other food purchases. Home or apartment purchases or rentals (08 Professional and Personal Care Services) are not included here, nor are purchases of services (08 Professional and Personal Care Services, 09 Household Services).

1. Paying for things: If respondent paid for a specific item or consumer good when receiving it, code as Consumer Purchases/Shopping (Store, Telephone, Internet)/[relevant activity] (0701xx). If they report paying bills, code as Household Activities/Household Management/Financial management (020901).


3. Shopping over the telephone or the Internet: Code as Consumer Purchases/Shopping (Store, Telephone, Internet)/[relevant activity] (0701xx).


5. Talking with waiters and waitresses or restaurant cashiers: Code as Consumer Purchases/Shopping (Store, Telephone, Internet)/Purchasing food (not groceries) (070103). (Added: Feb2004)


7. Security procedures: If respondent reports undergoing security procedures (such as “passing through the metal detector,” “being searched at security checkpoint,” “opening bags for security search”) related to making consumer purchases, code as Security Procedures Related to Consumer Purchases (0703xx).
08 Professional and Personal Care Services

Category definition: Activities coded here refer to the respondent’s time spent obtaining, receiving, and/or purchasing professional and personal care services provided by someone else. Professional services include child care, financial, legal, medical and other adult care, real estate, and veterinary. Personal care service activities include massages, haircuts, manicures, tanning at salons.

1. Talking to/meeting with providers of professional or personal care services: Code as Professional and Personal Care Services under the relevant service (08xxxx). Exception: If talking on the telephone is specified, then code as Telephone Calls (to or from) (1601xx).

2. Having a massage: Code as Professional and Personal Care Services/Personal Care Services/Using personal care services (080501). Exceptions: If respondent specifically mentions that the massage is for medical purposes (such as for physical therapy), code as Medical and care services (0804xx). If respondent mentions that a family member or friend gave the massage (clearly not an activity respondent paid for), code as Personal Care/Personal Activities/Personal activities, n.e.c. (010499)

3. Having a pet groomed: Code as Household Services/Pet Services (not done by self, not vet)/Using pet services (090301), even if grooming is done at a veterinary clinic or a pet hospital.

4. Driving around to look at houses to buy: Code as travel related to using real estate services (180806). (Added: Feb2004)

5. Security procedures: If respondent reports undergoing security procedures (such as “passing through the metal detector,” “being searched at security checkpoint,” “opening bags for security search”) related to obtaining or paying for professional or personal care services, code as Security Procedures Related to Professional and Personal Care Services (0808xx).
09 Household Services

**Category definition:** Activities coded here refer to the respondent’s time spent obtaining and purchasing household services provided by someone else. Household services include yard and house cleaning, cooking, pet care, tailoring and laundering services, and vehicle and home repairs, maintenance, and construction. Watching someone else perform paid household activities (cooking, cleaning, repairing, etc.) should be coded here, provided “watching” was the respondent’s primary activity.

1. **Having a pet groomed:** Code as Household Services/Pet Services (not done by self, not vet)/Using pet services (090301), even if grooming is done at a veterinary clinic or a pet hospital.

2. **Talking to/with household service providers:** Code as Household Services under the relevant service (09xxxx). *Exception:* If talking on the telephone is specified, then code as Telephone Calls (to or from) (1601xx).

3. **Hiring household service providers:** Code as Household Services under the relevant service (09XXXX). *(Added: Nov2004)*

4. **Paying household service providers:** Code as Household Services under the relevant service (09XXXX). *(Added: Nov2004)*
10 Government Services and Civic Obligations

Category definition: This category captures time spent using government services (police, fire, social services), purchasing government-required licenses or paying fines or fees, fulfilling government-required duties (jury duty, parole meetings, court appearances), and participating in activities that assist or impact government processes (voting, town hall meetings).

1. Court-related activities: Code all as Government Services and Civic Obligations/Civic Obligations and Participation/Civic obligations and participation (100201), including making an appearance in court with an attorney.


3. Security procedures: If respondent reports undergoing security procedures (such as “passing through the metal detector,” “being searched at security checkpoint,” “opening bags for security search”) related to government services and civic obligations, code as Security Procedures Related to Government Services and Civic Obligations (1004xx).
11 Eating and Drinking

**Category definition:** This category captures all eating and drinking not done as work or a volunteer activity, whether the respondent was alone, with others, at home, at a place of purchase, in transit, or somewhere else. Purchasing and talking related to purchasing meals, snacks, and beverages are not coded here (07 Consumer Purchases).

**General rule:** Most eating and drinking is pre-coded during the interview. However, if the pre-code is not used, all eating and drinking activities should be coded here. **Exception:** See rule 5 below. **Exception:** If purchasing food or drink, or talking related to purchasing or picking up food or drink, code as Consumer Purchases/Shopping (Store, Telephone, Internet)/Purchasing food (not groceries) (070103).

1. **Talking with waiters and waitresses or restaurant cashiers:** Code as Consumer Purchases/Shopping/Purchasing food (not groceries) (070103). (Updated: Feb2004)

2. **Talking with people who are present at a restaurant meal:** Code as Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure/Socializing and Communicating/Socializing and communicating with others (120101).

3. **Waiting for food to be delivered at home:** Code as Eating and Drinking/Waiting associated with eating and drinking/Waiting associated with eating and drinking (110201). (Updated: Feb2004)

4. **Waiting for a table in a restaurant:** Code as Eating and Drinking/Waiting associated with eating and drinking/Waiting associated with eating and drinking (110201). (Updated: Feb2004)

5. **Eating and drinking**

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<td>55 and others</td>
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(Updated: Nov2004)
12 Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure

**Category definition:** This category captures social activities such as communicating with others and attending parties and meetings; and leisure activities such as relaxing, playing (passive) games (unless playing with children only), watching television, playing or listening to music, reading, writing, and all hobbies. Arts, cultural, and entertainment activities also are coded here, and include attending events or shows related to nature (zoo, arboretum), the arts (galleries, poetry readings), amusement (amusement parks, circus, sightseeing), and performance (plays, ballet). All activities that fall under this category are those done for personal interest or leisure.

1. **Face-to-face talking with family, friends, neighbors, or acquaintances:** Code as Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure/Socializing and Communicating/Socializing and communicating with others (120101).

2. **Talking exclusively to nonhousehold child/children:** Code as Caring for and Helping Nonhousehold Members/Caring for and Helping Nonhousehold Children/Talking with or listening to nonhousehold children (040106).

3. **Talking with household child and nonhousehold child:** Code as Caring for and Helping Household Members/Caring for and Helping Household Children/Talking with or listening to household children (030106).

4. **Kissing hello or goodbye:** Code as Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure/Socializing and Communicating/Socializing and communicating with others (120101), not as Personal Care/Personal Activities.

5. **Talking with son/daughter/household child:** Code as Caring for and Helping Household Members/Caring for and Helping Household Children/Talking with or listening to household children (030106) (if child is under age 18). Do not code as Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure/Socializing and Communicating/Socializing and communicating with others (unless talking to child and other adults).

6. **Talking with waiters and waitresses or restaurant cashiers:** Code as Consumer Purchases/Shopping/Purchasing food (not groceries) (070103). *(Updated: Feb2004)*

7. **Talking with people who are present at a restaurant meal:** Code as Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure/Socializing and Communicating/Socializing and communicating with others (120101).

8. **Talking to/meeting with providers of professional or personal care services:** Code as Professional and Personal Care Services under the
relevant service (08xxxx). *Exception*: If talking on the telephone is specified, then code as Telephone Calls (1601xx).

9. **Accompanying someone while they run errands**: Code under Socializing, Relaxing, and Communicating/Socializing and communicating with others (120101), unless R is also doing the errand, in which case code to the R’s errand activity.

10. **Giving gifts**: Code as Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure/Socializing and communicating with others (120101). *Exception*: Giving gifts to children should be coded as Caring For and Helping Household or Nonhousehold Members/Caring For and Helping HH or NonHH Children/Caring for and helping household or nonhousehold children, n.e.c. (030199 or 040199).


12. **Attending meetings (respondent’s own)**: Code as Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure/Attending or Hosting Social Events/Attending meetings for personal interest (not volunteering) (120202). *Exceptions*: Attending meetings that are part of the respondent’s extracurricular school activities should be coded under education.

13. **Insomnia**: Code as Sleeplessness (010102). *Exception*: If the respondent mentions thinking or worrying, code as Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure/Relaxing and Leisure/Relaxing, thinking (120301).

14. **Resting because of illness or injury**: Code as Personal Care/Health-Related Self Care/Health-related self Care (010301), not as sleeping or relaxing.

15. **Singing**: Code as Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure/Relaxing and Leisure/Listening to or playing music (not radio) (120306). This includes “singing karaoke,” “singing Christmas carols,” and similar activities. *(Added: Feb2004)*

16. **Reading**: Code reading for personal interest as Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure/Relaxing and Leisure/Reading for Personal Interest (120312). Code reading for school as Education/Research and Homework/[Type of class] (0603xx). Code reading for work as Work and Work-Related Activities/Working/Work, main or Work, other job (050101 or 050102).
17. **Reading the Bible**: Code as Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure/Relaxing and Leisure/Reading for personal interest (120312). **Exception**: If “for class for degree” OR “for class for personal interest” is in the verbatim, code as Education/Taking Class/Taking class for degree, certification, or licensure (060101) or Education/Taking Class/Taking class for personal interest (060102).

18. **Attending weddings**: Code as Religious and Spiritual Activities/Religious or Spiritual Practices/Attending religious services (140101).

19. **Attending receptions (including wedding receptions)**: Code as Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure/Attending or Hosting Social Events/Attending or hosting parties, receptions, or ceremonies (120201).

20. **Attending a household child’s performance or event**: Code as Caring for and Helping Household Members/Caring for and Helping Household Children/Attending household children’s events (030110).

21. **Attending a nonhousehold child’s performance or event**: Code as Caring for and Helping Nonhousehold Members/Caring for and Helping Nonhousehold Children/Attending nonhousehold children’s events (040110).

22. **Watching video/DVD movies at home or another’s home**: Code as Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure/Relaxing and Leisure/Television and movies (not religious) (120303).

23. **Watching movies at a theatre**: Code as Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure/Arts and Entertainment (other than sports)/Movies and film (120403).


25. **Borrowing movies from the library or looking for movies at the library**: Code as Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure/Relaxing and Leisure/Television and movies (120303).  
    **Added: Feb2004**

26. **Listening to the stereo**: Code as Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure/Relaxing and Leisure/Listening to/playing music (not radio) (120306).

27. **Listening to music**: Code as Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure/Relaxing and Leisure/Listening to/playing music (not radio) (120306). **Exception**: If “radio” is mentioned, code as Listening to the radio (120305).  
    **Added: Feb2004**


31. Unpaid performance arts activities: If done by respondent, code as Volunteer Activities/Participating in Performance and Cultural Activities/Performing (150401).


33. Using the computer: Code the activity the respondent did as the primary activity. For example, if the respondent used the computer to search for work, code as Job Search and Interviewing (0504xx). If the respondent used the computer to pay bills or for financial management, code as Household Activities/Household Management/Financial management (020901). If used for playing games, code as Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure/Relaxing and Leisure/Playing games (120307). If respondent reports computer use for leisure, or can’t/won’t specify the purpose, code as Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure/Relaxing and Leisure/Computer use for leisure (exc. games) (120308).

34. Hobbies: If respondent is paid or expects to be paid for hobbies, code as Work and Work-related Activities/Other Income-generating Activities (0503xx). If unpaid, code the relevant hobby as Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure/Relaxing and Leisure/[Relevant hobby category] (1203xx).

35. Security procedures: If respondent reports undergoing security procedures (such as “passing through the metal detector,” “being searched at security checkpoint,” “opening bags for security search”) related to arts and entertainment activities, code as Security procedures related to arts and entertainment (120405).

36. Visiting an adult (HH or nonHH) in the hospital/nursing home: Code as Socializing and communicating with others (120101). (Added: Nov2004)

37. Writing music: If a respondent reports “writing music,” and it is not clear whether they were writing lyrics or composing music, code it as Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure/Relaxing and Leisure/Writing for
personal interest (120313). If the respondent reports “composing music,” code it as Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure/Relaxing and Leisure/Listening to/playing music (not radio) (120306). (Added: Mar2005)
13 Sports, Exercise, and Recreation

Category definition: This category captures the respondent’s participation in sports, exercise, and recreational activities. (Recreational activities include those that are generally non-competitive in nature, such as pleasure boating, throwing a Frisbee, kite flying, or ballooning, and active, participatory outdoor games or activities, such as horseshoes, croquet, and paintball.) The category also captures the respondent’s attendance at or observation of these activities or events when done by others. Watching sports, exercise, or recreational activities on television or video (12 Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure) is not included in this category.

1. Watching a child’s sporting event: Code as Caring for and Helping Household (Nonhousehold Members/Caring for and Helping Household (Nonhousehold) Children/Attending household (nonhousehold) children’s events (030110 or 040110).


3. Exercising for medical conditions: If it is clear from the verbatim that physical therapy exercising is done specifically for medical reasons, code as Health-related self care (010301). If the purpose is not clear, code as Sports, Exercise, and Recreation/Participating in Sports, Exercise, or Recreation/[specific sport] (1301xx). For example, code weightlifting exercises as weightlifting. (Updated: Feb2004)

4. Taking sports or martial arts lessons: Code under Sports, Exercise, and Recreation/Participating in Sports, Exercise, or Recreation/[specific sport] (1301xx).

5. Camping activities: Code activities clearly associated with camping (digging a latrine, starting a campfire, setting up a tent) as Sports, Exercise, and Recreation/Participating in Sports, Exercise, and Recreation/Playing sports, n.e.c. (130199). Exception: Camping as an activity should be coded Data Codes/Unable to Code/Insufficient detail in verbatim (990101). (Reports of camping should be broken out by activity during the interview.)

6. Security procedures: If respondent reports undergoing security procedures (such as “passing through the metal detector,” “being searched at security checkpoint,” “opening bags for security search”) related to attending or participating in sporting or recreational activities, code as Security Procedures Related to Sports, Exercise, and Recreation (1304xx).
14 Religious and Spiritual Activities

**Category definition:** This category captures formal religious activities normally associated with membership in or identification with specific religions or denominations. Such activities include attending regular and special religious services and participating in other religion-related activities, such as church choirs, youth groups, orchestras, or unpaid teaching (unless identified as volunteer activities). This category also includes personal religious practices, such as praying, and personal spiritual practices not necessarily affiliated with formal religion. Reading the Bible or other holy text or scripture (12 Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure) is **not** included here.  *(Modified for clarity: April 2006)*

1. **Attending wakes, funerals, and memorial services:** Code as Religious and Spiritual Activities/Religious or Spiritual Practices/Attending religious services (140101).

2. **Attending weddings:** Code as Religious and Spiritual Activities/Religious or Spiritual Practices/Attending religious services (140101).

3. **Attending receptions (including wedding receptions):** Code as Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure/Attending or Hosting Social Events/Attending or hosting parties and receptions (120201).

4. **Meditating:** Code as Personal Care/Health-related Self Care/Health-related self care (010301). **Exception:** If verbatim specifically mentions Meditating for religious purposes, code as Religious and Spiritual Activities/Religious and Spiritual Practices/Participation in religious practices (140102).

5. **Reading the Bible:** Code as Socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure/Relaxing and Leisure/Reading for personal interest (120312). **Exception:** If “for class for degree” OR “for class for personal interest” is in the verbatim, code as Education/Taking Class/Taking class for degree, certification, or licensure (060101) or Education/Taking Class/Taking class for personal interest (060102).

6. **Attending Sunday school or Bible study:** Code as Education/Taking Class/Taking class for personal interest (060102). *(Added: Feb2004)*

7. **Conducting religious rites in the home:** Code as Participation in religious practices (140102). *(Added: Feb2004)*

8. **Going door-to-door to speak about one’s religion:** Code as Participation in religious practices (140102). *(Added: Mar2005)*

9. **Security procedures:** If respondent reports undergoing security procedures (such as “passing through the metal detector,” “being searched at security
checkpoint," “opening bags for security search”) related to attending or participating in religious or spiritual practices, code as Security procedures related to religious and spiritual activities (140104).
15 Volunteer Activities

Category definition: This category captures volunteer (unpaid) activities done by the respondent for individuals or institutions through formal organizations.

General rule: Code all activities that have a V in the work column under Volunteer Activities. Exceptions: Sleeping, grooming, and smoking are never coded as volunteer activities, even if a V appears in the work column. These activities are always coded as what they are: sleeping, grooming, and smoking.

1. Unpaid performance arts activities: If done by respondent, code as Volunteer Activities/Participating in Performance and Cultural Activities/Performing (150401).

2. Eating and drinking related to volunteering: Code as Volunteer Activities/Volunteer Activities N.E.C./Volunteer activities, n.e.c. (159999).


4. Attending church service as a volunteer activity: When the verbatim “attending church service” is designated as a volunteer activity, code as Volunteer Activities/Volunteer Activities, N.E.C./Volunteer activities, n.e.c. (159999). (Added: Mar2005)

5. Working at a concession stand as a volunteer activity: If the verbatim does not mention what the respondent sold at the concession stand or if it mentions selling both food and nonfood items, code it as Volunteer Activities/Social Service and Care Activities/Food preparation, presentation, clean-up (150201). If the verbatim mentions that the respondent sold nonfood items at the concession stand then code it as Volunteer Activities/Administrative and Support Activities/Fundraising (150106). (Added: Apr2005)

Examples of volunteer activities that involve working at a concession stand

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<td>Sold popcorn and programs at a concession stand</td>
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<td>Worked at a concession stand</td>
<td>V</td>
<td>Volunteer Activities/Social Service and Care Activities (except medical)/Food preparation, presentation, clean-up</td>
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<td>Sold T-shirts at a concession stand</td>
<td>V</td>
<td>Volunteer Activities/Administrative and Support Activities/Fundraising</td>
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</table>
6. **Travel as a volunteer activity:** Some volunteer activities involve driving as the activity (for example, delivering meals to the disabled or elderly). If the respondent reports driving as a volunteer activity, code it as a Volunteer Activity, unless the travel reason is clearly not a Volunteer Activity. *(Added: Mar2005)*

**Examples of volunteer activities that involve driving as the activity**

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<td>Food preparation, presentation, clean-up</td>
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<tr>
<td>Transporting disabled</td>
<td>V</td>
<td>Social service and care activities, n.e.c.</td>
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<td>Driving Girl Scout float in parade</td>
<td>V</td>
<td>Participating in performance and cultural activities, n.e.c.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Providing on-the-road driving instruction</td>
<td>V</td>
<td>Teaching, leading, counseling, mentoring</td>
<td>150204</td>
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7. **Security procedures:** If respondent reports undergoing security procedures (such as “passing through the metal detector,” “being searched at security checkpoint,” “opening bags for security search”) related to volunteering, code as Security procedures related to volunteer activities.
16 Telephone Calls

Category definition: All telephone communication is captured here, with the exception of purchases of consumer goods (07 Consumer Purchases) and job search- or work-related phone calls (05 Work and Work-related Activities). Checking voicemail for messages (02 Household Activities) is not included here.

General rule: All talking on the telephone is coded here. Exceptions: If there is an M or an O in the work column, code as Work and Work-related Activities/Working/Work, main job or Work, other job (050101 or 050102). If there is a V in the work column, or (volunteering) in the verbatim, code as Volunteer Activities/Administrative and Support Activities/Telephone calls (except hotline counseling) (150104). If respondent reports interviewing or talking on the phone with prospective employers, code as Work and Work-related Activities/Job Search and Interviewing/[relevant activity] (0504XX).

1. If the respondent reports talking to someone and does not specify “telephone,” but the WHO code = 0, assign a data code Insufficient detail in verbatim (990101). (Updated: Feb2004)

2. Text messaging: Code text messaging the same way you would code telephone calls. (Added Nov2005)
18 Traveling

**Category definition:** All traveling is coded here, regardless of mode or purpose. Walking is considered traveling when used to get from one destination (address or building) to another, but not when the primary purpose is exercise.

**General rule:** To code all travel except homebound trips, look ahead to the next activity/destination before coding a travel episode. To code the homebound travel episode, look backwards to the previous activity.

**General rule:** Travel is always the primary activity if reported as a simultaneous activity, even if travel is not recorded first.

1. **Single destination trips:**

   - **Direct trips to/from a destination:** Code as Traveling/Related to [relevant destination/activity]. For example, code traveling to and from work as Traveling/Related to Work/Travel related to working (180501).
   - **Multi-leg trips:** Code all legs associated with one destination according to the trip destination. For example, driving to the train station, waiting for the train, taking the train to work, and walking from the train station to work should all be coded as Traveling/Related to Work/Travel related to working (180501). This rule is applied to all multi-leg trips, not just commuting. For example, riding to the neighbor's house, picking up car, and driving to the grocery store should all be coded as Traveling/Travel Related to Consumer Purchases/Travel related to grocery shopping (180701).

2. **Multiple destination trips:** Code each travel episode of a multiple-destination trip according to each destination. For example, code driving from home to work as travel related to working, from work to the bank as travel related to financial services and banking, from the bank to the grocery store as travel related to grocery shopping, and from the grocery store to home as travel related to grocery shopping.

3. **Trips home:** Code according to the last stop. For example, if someone had been at work for 8 hours, then drove from work to the bank and stopped for 5 minutes and then drove home, code driving from the bank to home as Traveling/Related to Professional and Personal Care Services/Financial services and banking (180802). **Exception:** Code traveling home in the middle of a work or school day to the activity done at home, not to work or school. For example, if the R works, then goes home for lunch, then returns to work, code the trip home as travel related to eating and drinking (181101), and code the return to work as travel related to working (180501). **Updated:** Feb2004
4. **Waiting for the bus/train:** Code any waiting related to travel as part of the travel episode. For example, code waiting for the bus (to commute to work) as Traveling/Related to Work/Travel related to working (180501).

5. **Walking someplace:** Code as Traveling/Related to [relevant activity]/[Relevant activity] (18xxxx). Walking qualifies as traveling. **Exceptions:** Walking for exercise should be coded as sports and exercise. Walking the dog should be coded as pet care under household activities. Walking a child to [the child's event] should be coded as traveling related to childcare. Walking around as part of another activity (touring a museum, walking through a zoo, attending a guided nature walk, etc.) should be coded as part of the main activity.

6. **Travel as part of job:** For taxi drivers, bus drivers, chauffeurs, traveling sales workers, and other workers for whom travel is an essential part of their job, code travel time as Work and Work-Related Activities/Working/Work, main job or Work, other job (050101 or 050102) unless travel reason is clearly not work. **Exception:** The first and last travel episodes for people who drive for a living should be coded under Traveling/Travel Related to Work/Travel related to working (180501).

7. **Travel as a volunteer activity:** Some volunteer activities involve driving as the activity (for example, delivering meals to the disabled or elderly, transporting individuals who need a ride, driving a float in a parade, providing on-the-road driving instruction, etc.). If the respondent reports driving as a volunteer activity, code it as a Volunteer Activity, unless the travel reason is clearly not a Volunteer Activity. *(Added: Apr2005)*

**Example:** An excerpt from a respondent’s diary day

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<td>Traveling/Travel Related to Volunteer Activities/Travel related to volunteering</td>
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<tr>
<td>Picked up meals for delivery</td>
<td>Distribution center</td>
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<td>Food preparation, presentation, clean-up</td>
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<td>Delivered meals to the elderly with Meals-On-Wheels program</td>
<td>Car, truck, or motorcycle</td>
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<td>Food preparation, presentation, clean-up</td>
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<td>Drove home</td>
<td>Car, truck, or motorcycle</td>
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<td>Traveling/Travel Related to Volunteer Activities/Travel related to volunteering</td>
<td>181501</td>
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<td>Watched TV</td>
<td>Home</td>
<td></td>
<td>Socializing, Relaxing and Leisure/Relaxing and Leisure/Television and movies</td>
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9. Warming up the car: Code as part of the next travel episode (traveling related to XXX), even if the R does other activities before the traveling episode. Example: “warming up the car” (180501), “packing lunch” (020201), “kissing husband goodbye” (120101), “driving to work” (050101). Exceptions: If warming up the car for someone else to travel, code as Household Activities/Vehicles/Vehicles, N.E.C. (020799). If warming up the car is clearly not in preparation for any travel, but rather for a tune-up or to check engine oil, code as Household Activities/Vehicles/Vehicle repair and maintenance (by self) (020701).

10. Travel with no destination: If R reports driving, but changes mind and returns home before reaching a destination, code as Traveling, N.E.C. (189999).

11. Airport, train station, or bus depot travel activities: Code activities associated with travel (such as “checking in at the reservation counter” or “picking up baggage”) as Traveling, N.E.C. (189999).

12. Travel as a form of entertainment: When a respondent reports driving for pleasure or sightseeing, code it as Travel as a form of entertainment (181205). This is an exception to the general travel rule; the next activity/destination does not identify travel purpose and it is wrong to use the “Missing travel or destination” code. (Added: Apr2005)

Example: An excerpt from a respondent’s diary day

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<td>Ate lunch</td>
<td>Home</td>
<td>Eating and drinking/Eating and drinking</td>
<td>110101</td>
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<tr>
<td>Went on a scenic drive</td>
<td>Car, truck, or motorcycle</td>
<td>Traveling/Travel related to socializing, Relaxing, and Leisure/Travel as a form of entertainment</td>
<td>181205</td>
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<tr>
<td>Grocery shopping</td>
<td>Grocery store</td>
<td>Consumer purchases/Shopping/Grocery shopping</td>
<td>070101</td>
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<tr>
<td>Watched TV</td>
<td>Home</td>
<td>Data codes/Missing travel or destination</td>
<td>990103</td>
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13. Security procedures: If respondent reports undergoing security procedures (such as “passing through the metal detector,” “being searched at security checkpoint,” “opening bags for security search”) related to traveling, code as Security Procedures Related to Traveling (1818xx).
50 Data Codes

Category definition: Data codes are used when other codes, including 50 (n.e.c.) codes are not applicable, when an interviewer has made an error, or when an activity is not codeable. They include codes that may be assigned when the respondent can’t remember or refuses to describe an activity, or when the interviewer has recorded insufficient or incorrect information.

General rule: Use data codes when other lexicon codes, including 50 (n.e.c.) codes, are not applicable or when an activity is not codeable. For example, if the respondent reports “I can’t remember what I did for this time,” do not try to code to the previous or following activity. Code as Data Codes/Unable to code/Gap/can’t remember (500106).

Data code definitions:

500101 Insufficient detail in verbatim
Verbatim lacks sufficient information about an activity. This could be because the interviewer did not probe an activity on the probe list or an obviously vague activity description like “dithering around.” This code should also be used when the verbatim describes another person’s activities (not the R’s) (e.g. “sister came over”). (Updated: Feb2004)

500102 Recorded activity using incorrect words
This data code will no longer be used as of January 2004. (Updated: Feb2004)

500103 Missing travel or destination
An activity or travel episode is obviously missing. This usually occurs when an interviewer records travel to and from a location with no intervening activity (e.g. “driving to the store,” then “driving home”). It may also occur when an interviewer records consecutive activities with different WHERE codes (e.g. “bought groceries” at grocery store, then “fixed dinner” at home) with no intervening travel episode. When assigning this data code for travel to/from somewhere with a missing activity, assign the “missing activity” data code to BOTH travel episodes. Exception: Sometimes WHERE codes may change while the actual location of two consecutive activities remains the same, so an intervening travel episode is not necessary. For example, if “working in the school office” has a workplace WHERE code, but the next activity “taking class (degree)” has a school WHERE code, check coder notes to see if both activities took place at the same address or building before assigning a data code.

500104 Recorded simultaneous activities incorrectly
A slash mark is not used to separate simultaneous activities, or a slash mark is used incorrectly to indicate additional detail instead of a secondary activity.
500105 Respondent refused to provide information/"none of your business"

500106 Gap/can’t remember

500107 Unable to code activity at 1st tier
An activity clearly does not fall into any major tier category. “Cleaned airport hangar” is an example of such an activity. This code should also be used when travel within a house, yard, or building (such as “walked downstairs to basement”) has been recorded. (Updated: Feb2004)
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   Games (including Internet) | 12 | 33
Conferences as part of job | 05 | 24
Court appearances | 10 | 31
E-mail | | 
   Checking | 02 | 14
   Reading | 02 | 14
   Sending | 02 | 14
Exercising | | 
   For medical condition | 01, 13 | 13, 38
   For fun/fitness | 13 | 38
Food preparation (also see desk aids) | 02 | 14
Grooming | | 
   Self | 01 | 13
   Child/children | | 
      Household | 03 | 18
      Nonhousehold | 04 | 21
   Adult | | 
      Household | 03 | 18
      Nonhousehold | 04 | 21
   Pet | | 
      Done by respondent (unpaid) | 02 | 14
      Done by other (paid) | 09 | 30
Haircuts | | 
   Unpaid from spouse/friend/other | 01 | 13
   Paid from professional | 08 | 29
Hobbies | | 
   Paid | 05 | 24
   Unpaid | 12 | 33
Insomnia | 01 | 13
Kissing hello/goodbye | 01, 12 | 13, 33
Looking for a job | 05 | 24
Looking for misplaced items | 02 | 14
Meeting professional service providers........................ 08...............................29
Packing/unpacking suitcases/bags
  For self or household............................................ 02.............................14
  For children.......................................................... 03, 04........................18, 21
  For other adults ...................................................... 03, 04......................18, 21
Packing/unpacking/loading/unloading
  For a household move/journey ............................... 02.............................14
  Groceries/other household items............................. 02.............................14
Paperwork (also see desk aids)
  For self or household............................................ 02.............................14
  For children.......................................................... 03, 04........................18, 21
  For other adults ...................................................... 03, 04......................18, 21
Paying Bills ................................................................ 02.............................14
Paying for things (also see desk aids) ............................. 07.............................28
Passive activities........................................ miscellaneous............................5
Pet care
  Buying food................................................................ 07.............................28
  Professional grooming.............................................. 08.............................29
Phone calls (also see desk aids)
  Making/receiving..................................................... 16.............................43
  Checking phone messages ........................................ 02.............................14
Playing games
  Board........................................................................ 12.............................33
  Computer.................................................................... 12.............................33
  Internet ........................................................................ 12.............................33
Reading (also see desk aids)
  For school.............................................................. 06, 12............................26, 33
  For work ................................................................. 05, 12............................24, 33
  For personal interest.................................................. 12.............................33
Repairing/maintaining vehicle
  Done by respondent (unpaid) .................................. 02.............................14
  Done by others (paid) ................................................. 09.............................30
Resting
  For illness/injury...................................................... 01.............................13
Security procedures .................................................. see all tiers
Shopping........................................................................ 07.............................28
Simultaneous activities (also see desk aids) miscellaneous............................5
Talking face-to-face
  To child/children
    Household................................................................ 03, 12........................18, 33
    Nonhousehold .......................................................... 04, 12........................21, 33
  To friends and/or family ............................................ 12.............................33
  To own teachers......................................................... 06.............................26
  To professional/personal care svc. providers ................ 08.............................29
  To waiters/waitresses .................................................. 11.............................32
Teaching
  As paid work............................................................ 05.............................24
A HH or nonHH child ................................. 03, 04 ................................. 18, 21  
Thinking (also see desk aids) ........................................................... 12 ................................. 33  
Traveling (also see desk aids) .......................................................... 18 ................................. 44  
Visiting  
HH child in hospital .......................................................... 03 ................................. 18  
NonHH child in hospital ....................................................... 04 ................................. 21  
Adult in hospital .......................................................... 03, 04 ................................. 18, 21  
Friends/Family/Others ......................................................... 12 ................................. 33  
Waiting .............................................................. miscellaneous ................................. 5  
Walking (also see desk aids)  
Exercise ............................................................... 13 ................................. 38  
Traveling ............................................................... 18 ................................. 44  
A child somewhere ................................................. 03, 04 ................................. 18, 21  
A dog ................................................................. 02 ................................. 14  
Watching movies  
At a theatre ............................................................... 12 ................................. 33  
At home ................................................................. 12 ................................. 33  
Watching sports  
On TV ............................................................... 12, 13 ................................. 33, 38  
At event ................................................................. 13 ................................. 38  
At child’s event ....................................................... 03, 04 ................................. 18, 21  
Watching, general ......................................................... miscellaneous ................................. 5  
Worrying (also see desk aids) .......................................................... miscellaneous ................................. 12 ................................. 33
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Was R doing activities for or with household children only?

Yes → Care for hh children: 03XXXX

No → Was R doing activities for or with non-household children only?

Yes → Care for non-hh children: 04XXXX

No → Was R doing activities for or with both household and non-household children?

Yes → Care for hh children: 03XXXX

No →
Is there an “M” or “O” in the work column or (work) in verbatim?  

Yes → Work: 0501XX

No → Is there a “P” in the work column or (income-generating) in verbatim?  

Yes → Income-generating: 0503XX

No → Is there a “V” in the work column or (volunteer) in verbatim?  

Yes → Volunteering: 150101

No → Does the verbatim indicate (education)?  

Yes → Education: 06XXXX

No → Does verbatim indicate another purpose? (playing games, managing budget)

Yes → Code to the lexicon activity

No → Does verbatim indicate personal interest, leisure, or general use?  

Yes → Relaxing and leisure: 120308
Did R pick up/drop off a child?

Yes → Is activity duration 30 minutes or less?

No

Did R pick up/drop off an adult?

Yes → Is activity duration 30 minutes or less?

No

Did R pick up/drop off household items?

Yes → Is activity duration 30 minutes or less?

No

Child care: 030112 or 040112

Insufficient detail in verbatim: 500101

Helping adults: 030503 or 040507

Insufficient detail in verbatim: 500101

Household management: 020902

Insufficient detail in verbatim: 500101
Is activity duration 30 minutes or less?

- Yes: Grooming: 010201
- No:
  - Insufficient detail in verbatim: 500101
Is there an “M” or an “O” in the work column or (work) in verbatim?

Yes → Work: 0501XX

No →

Is there a “P” in the work column or (income-generating) in verbatim?

Yes → Income-generating: 0503XX

No →

Is there a “V” in the work column or (volunteer) in verbatim?

Yes → Volunteer Activities: 150102

No →

Does verbatim mention that R did paperwork for a child?

Yes → Household mgmt: 020902

No →

Does verbatim mention that R did paperwork for another adult?

Yes → Helping adults: 030501 or 040506

No →

Does verbatim mention that R did finance-related paperwork?

Yes → Household activity: 020901

No → Household mgmt: 020902
Is R paying bills in general?  
Yes → Household mgmt: 020901  
No → Is R paying for groceries?  
Yes → Consumer purchases: 070101  
No → Is R paying for food or drink (not groceries)?  
Yes → Consumer purchases: 070103  
No → Is R renting a consumer good (car, rug shampooer, etc.)?  
Yes → Consumer purchases: 070104  
No → Is R purchasing a service?  
Yes → Code under appropriate service  
No →
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Is there a “P” in the work column or (income-generating) in verbatim?

Is there a “V” in the work column or (volunteer) in verbatim?

Did R prepare food for a non-household adult?

Food prep: 020201

Work: 0501XX

Income-generating: 0503XX

Volunteering: 150201

Helping non-hh adults: 040501
Is there an “M” or “O” in the work column or (work) in verbatim?

- Yes → Work: 0501XX
- No

Is there a “P” in the work column or (income-generating) in verbatim?

- Yes → Income-generating: 0503XX
- No

Is there a “V” in the work column or (volunteer) in verbatim?

- Yes → Volunteering: 150103
- No

Does the verbatim indicate (education)?

- Yes → Education: 0603XX
- No

Does the verbatim indicate (personal interest)?

- Yes → Relaxing and leisure: 120312
- No

Insufficient detail in verbatim: 500101
Was R thinking?

Was R relaxing?

Thinking: 120301

Does the WHO code = 0?

Yes

Relaxing: 120301

No

Does the verbatim mention relaxing with someone?

Yes

Socializing & communicating: 120101

No

Relaxing: 120301
Are two activities recorded and separated by a slash (/)?

Yes → Is one of the activities travel?

Yes → Travel: 18XXXX

No → Recorded simultaneous activities incorrectly: 500104

No → Code the first activity
Is there an “M” or “O” in the work column or (work) in verbatim?

Yes → Work: 0501XX

No ↓

Is there a “P” in the work column or (income-generating) in verbatim?

Yes → Income-generating: 0503XX

No ↓

Is there a “V” in the work column or (volunteer) in verbatim?

Yes → Volunteering: 150104

No ↓

Is telephone call part of job searching or interviewing?

Yes → Job search & interviewing: 0504XX

No ↓

Is R ordering or purchasing consumer goods?

Yes → Consumer purchases: 0701XX

No ↓

Is R checking voice mail?

Yes → Household activity: 020903

No ↓

Telephone calls: 1601XX
To or from R’s activity/destination?  
Yes → Traveling: 18XXXX
No → 
To or from a child’s activity/destination?  
Yes → Traveling related to childcare: 180301 or 180401
No → Is R walking as part of a lexicon activity? (“walking around the zoo”)  
Yes → Code as part of lexicon activity
No → Is R walking a pet/animal/dog?  
Yes → Care for animals and pets: 020601
No → Exercise: 130131
Is there an “M” or “O” in the work column?  

Yes  
Is the activity sleeping?  

No  
Is the activity grooming?  

Yes  
Sleeping: 010101  

No  
Is the activity a “break?”  

Yes  
Relaxing & leisure: 120301  

No  
Is the activity smoking?  

Yes  
Smoking: 120302  

No  
Is the activity other socializing, relaxing, leisure?  

Yes  
W-R socializing: 050201  

No  
Is the activity eating and drinking?  

Yes  
W-R eating & drinking: 050202  

No  
Is the activity sports, exercise or recreation?  

Yes  
W-R sports & exercise: 050203  

No  
Work: 050101 or 050102