

Table A-6. Time spent in primary activities ¹ and the percent of married mothers and fathers who did the activities on an average day by employment status and age of youngest own household child, average for the combined years 2007-11

Own household children under 18

Activity	Average hours per day spent in primary activities ¹					Percent doing the activity on an average day				
	Married mothers			Married fathers ²		Married mothers			Married fathers ²	
	Employed full time	Employed part time	Not Employed	Employed full time	Not Employed	Employed full time	Employed part time	Not Employed	Employed full time	Not Employed
Total, all activities	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Personal care activities	8.96	9.20	9.46	8.63	9.51	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.0
Sleeping	8.14	8.46	8.83	8.04	8.96	99.9	100.0	99.9	99.9	99.4
Household activities	1.94	2.64	3.47	1.21	2.34	87.9	93.5	95.8	66.0	79.4
Housework .....	.81	1.15	1.55	.23	.61	50.2	64.1	73.2	18.3	34.4
Food preparation and cleanup .....	.80	1.00	1.46	.32	.63	75.2	81.4	88.4	42.9	56.5
Lawn and garden care .....	.07	.11	.13	.22	.36	4.6	6.7	8.6	10.8	14.0
Purchasing goods and services .....	.54	.63	.71	.35	.50	51.5	57.0	53.6	38.5	42.4
Grocery shopping .....	.12	.16	.18	.07	.12	16.6	21.4	21.2	9.5	14.1
Consumer goods purchases, except grocery shopping .....	.33	.37	.39	.23	.27	38.2	41.2	38.1	30.3	29.8
Caring for and helping household members	1.25	1.84	2.51	.88	1.32	74.3	79.2	85.1	57.3	61.4
Caring for and helping household children	1.24	1.80	2.49	.86	1.26	73.3	78.3	84.6	55.9	59.6
Physical care .....	.55	.72	1.00	.28	.40	54.7	61.9	70.9	34.1	37.4
Education-related activities .....	.10	.17	.25	.06	.13	12.5	17.5	19.6	6.9	11.1
Reading to/with children .....	.04	.06	.08	.03	.04	10.7	14.0	15.0	6.6	6.2
Playing/doing hobbies with children .....	.22	.36	.59	.29	.36	15.5	21.6	30.0	17.5	16.0
Working and work-related activities ³	5.34	2.84	.09	6.10	.53	70.3	57.1	4.2	74.6	18.0
Working ³	5.31	2.79	.03	6.06	.06	69.9	55.9	1.2	73.9	2.3
Leisure and sports	2.92	3.41	4.18	3.64	6.18	92.2	95.6	95.9	94.1	97.2
Socializing and communicating .....	.59	.76	.85	.55	.91	38.0	44.9	44.1	34.2	41.0
Watching television	1.55	1.66	2.23	2.06	3.72	72.5	74.7	79.1	77.8	85.1
Participating in sports, exercise, and recreation .....	.17	.23	.23	.31	.38	14.4	17.2	17.3	17.5	20.3
Travel	1.33	1.36	1.15	1.42	1.16	94.8	93.3	82.8	94.2	80.3
Travel related to caring for and helping household children .....	.22	.28	.29	.13	.21	41.3	46.1	42.2	24.0	28.0
Other activities, not elsewhere classified	1.72	2.08	2.43	1.77	2.46	98.1	98.4	98.6	98.3	97.8

See footnotes at end of table.

Table A-6. Time spent in primary activities ¹ and the percent of married mothers and fathers who did the activities on an average day by employment status and age of youngest own household child, average for the combined years 2007-11—Continued

Own household children, youngest under 6

Activity	Average hours per day spent in primary activities ¹					Percent doing the activity on an average day				
	Married mothers			Married fathers ²		Married mothers			Married fathers ²	
	Employed full time	Employed part time	Not Employed	Employed full time	Not Employed	Employed full time	Employed part time	Not Employed	Employed full time	Not Employed
Total, all activities	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Personal care activities	8.98	9.20	9.48	8.64	9.31	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.0	99.9
Sleeping	8.20	8.49	8.92	8.09	8.88	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.0	99.9
Household activities	1.80	2.28	3.31	1.13	2.05	87.4	92.3	96.4	64.3	76.6
Housework .....	.76	1.00	1.46	.24	.68	47.4	60.1	72.8	18.6	37.7
Food preparation and cleanup .....	.77	.96	1.47	.33	.59	75.8	81.0	88.7	43.0	55.7
Lawn and garden care .....	.05	.07	.11	.16	.22	3.2	5.1	7.0	8.7	9.7
Purchasing goods and services .....	.51	.59	.66	.37	.55	50.8	56.5	50.7	39.6	47.0
Grocery shopping .....	.13	.14	.16	.08	.12	16.8	19.2	18.5	10.2	15.5
Consumer goods purchases, except grocery shopping .....	.30	.34	.38	.23	.28	36.5	42.8	36.5	30.8	33.2
Caring for and helping household members	2.01	2.72	3.26	1.27	2.19	91.0	91.8	93.9	70.4	79.4
Caring for and helping household children	1.99	2.68	3.25	1.25	2.11	90.8	91.6	93.8	69.5	78.9
Physical care	1.05	1.26	1.46	.46	.76	83.0	86.0	87.8	51.6	58.3
Education-related activities .....	.08	.11	.20	.05	.11	10.2	12.8	17.1	5.5	9.5
Reading to/with children .....	.08	.10	.11	.05	.08	18.2	23.2	20.8	11.3	12.1
Playing/doing hobbies with children .....	.46	.71	.93	.49	.75	31.7	41.0	45.3	29.3	30.8
Working and work-related activities ³	5.11	2.69	.06	6.05	.61	68.4	55.5	3.1	74.3	21.0
Working ³	5.09	2.65	.02	6.01	(⁴)	68.2	54.4	.7	73.4	2.0
Leisure and sports	2.65	3.27	3.87	3.48	5.76	89.8	94.4	95.5	93.7	96.9
Socializing and communicating .....	.61	.80	.85	.60	1.11	36.8	44.7	43.0	34.7	41.3
Watching television	1.37	1.57	2.11	1.94	3.22	71.0	74.2	78.1	76.5	85.4
Participating in sports, exercise, and recreation .....	.17	.21	.20	.28	.35	13.9	14.9	15.4	16.8	20.7
Travel	1.31	1.23	1.07	1.36	1.13	94.6	90.4	81.6	94.3	81.6
Travel related to caring for and helping household children .....	.27	.27	.29	.12	.21	48.6	48.0	41.7	23.9	31.1
Other activities, not elsewhere classified	1.63	2.02	2.28	1.72	2.41	98.2	98.0	98.4	98.3	97.3

See footnotes at end of table.

Table A-6. Time spent in primary activities¹ and the percent of married mothers and fathers who did the activities on an average day by employment status and age of youngest own household child, average for the combined years 2007-11—Continued

Own household children 6-17, none younger

Activity	Average hours per day spent in primary activities ¹					Percent doing the activity on an average day				
	Married mothers			Married fathers ²		Married mothers			Married fathers ²	
	Employed full time	Employed part time	Not Employed	Employed full time	Not Employed	Employed full time	Employed part time	Not Employed	Employed full time	Not Employed
Total, all activities	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Personal care activities	8.96	9.20	9.43	8.63	9.65	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sleeping	8.09	8.44	8.71	7.99	9.01	99.8	100.0	99.9	99.8	99.1
Household activities	2.04	2.92	3.69	1.29	2.54	88.2	94.5	95.0	67.6	81.3
Housework84	1.28	1.68	.22	.56	52.3	67.3	73.7	18.0	32.1
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Lawn and garden care08	.13	.16	.26	.45	5.7	7.9	10.7	12.7	16.8
Purchasing goods and services55	.66	.77	.33	.46	52.0	57.4	57.6	37.5	39.4
Grocery shopping .....	.12	.17	.21	.06	.12	16.5	23.1	25.1	8.8	13.1
Consumer goods purchases, except grocery shopping .....	.35	.39	.41	.22	.26	39.4	40.0	40.2	29.8	27.5
Caring for and helping household members .....	.70	1.13	1.48	.52	.73	62.3	69.0	73.0	45.3	49.3
Caring for and helping household children .....	.69	1.10	1.45	.49	.68	60.5	67.7	71.8	43.4	46.6
Physical care20	.29	.36	.10	.17	34.2	42.6	47.4	18.0	23.3
Education-related activities12	.21	.32	.08	.14	14.2	21.4	22.9	8.2	12.2
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Playing/doing hobbies with children04	.08	.12	.09	.10	3.7	6.1	8.7	6.7	6.0
Working and work-related activities ³	5.50	2.97	.13	6.15	.47	71.7	58.4	5.7	74.9	16.0
Working ³	5.47	2.91	.06	6.11	.08	71.2	57.0	2.0	74.5	2.5
Leisure and sports	3.11	3.53	4.60	3.78	6.47	93.9	96.6	96.3	94.3	97.4
Socializing and communicating58	.73	.85	.51	.78	38.8	45.0	45.7	33.8	40.8
Watching television	1.68	1.73	2.39	2.18	4.05	73.5	75.0	80.4	79.0	84.9
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Travel	1.35	1.47	1.26	1.48	1.19	94.9	95.7	84.6	94.2	79.4
Travel related to caring for and helping household children19	.29	.30	.13	.22	36.0	44.6	43.0	24.0	25.9
Other activities, not elsewhere classified	1.78	2.12	2.64	1.82	2.49	98.1	98.7	98.9	98.3	98.2

¹ A primary activity refers to an individual's main activity. Other activities done simultaneously are not included.

² Estimates for part-time workers are not shown because it is uncommon for fathers of household children to work part time.

³ Estimates include a small amount of work time done by persons who do not meet the ATUS definition of employed.

⁴ Estimate is suppressed because it does not meet the American Time Use Survey standard for quality and reliability.

~0 Estimate is approximately zero.

NOTE: Data refer to persons 15 years and over. For technical information about the American Time Use Survey, see the ATUS User's Guide: www.bls.gov/tus/atususersguide.pdf.

SOURCE: American Time Use Survey, Bureau of Labor Statistics