

Selected variables from the American Time Use Survey (ATUS)

2010, 2012, 2013

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CASEID **ATUS Case ID**

A 14-digit numeric variable uniquely identifying each household.

YEAR **Survey year**

A four-digit numeric variable reporting the survey year. Contains data from 2010, 2012, and 2013.

REGION **Region**

Reports the geographical region in which the respondent household is located.

Northeast region: CT, MA, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, and VT

Midwest region: IA, IL, IN, KS, MI, MN, MO, ND, NE, OH, SD, and WI

South region: AL, AR, DC, DE, FL, GA, KY, LA, MD, MS, NC, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA, and WV

West region: AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NM, NC, OR, UT, WA, and WY

HH_CHILD **Children under 18 in household**

Reports whether there is a child under the age of 18 living in the household.

AGE **Age**

Reports the person's age in years as of his/her last birthday.

Age is a 3 digit numeric variable reporting the person's age in years. This variable ranges from 0 to 85 except for 81 - 84. Persons aged 80-84 are assigned a code of 80 and persons age 85+ are assigned a code of 85.

SEX **Sex**

Reports whether the individual is male or female.

RACE **Race**

Reports the racial category of all household members. Beginning in 2003, respondents could report more than one race.

MARST **Marital status**

Gives each person's marital status.

EDUC **Highest level of school completed**

Reports the respondent's highest completed level of education.

EMPSTAT Labor force status

Indicates whether persons were part of the labor force--working or seeking work--and, if so, whether they were currently unemployed. Persons who were neither employed nor unemployed fall into the residual category, not in labor force.

UHRSWORKT Hours usually worked per week

Reports the total number of hours the respondent usually works per week at all jobs.

EARNWEEK Weekly earnings

Reports the respondent's usual weekly earnings in dollars.

Diary variables: All report the length of the activity in minutes in one 24-hour period.

ACT_CAREHH ACT: Caring for and helping household members

Includes caring for and helping household children or adults, activities related to children's education and health.

ACT_FOOD ACT: Eat and drinking

Includes time spent eating and drinking as well as waiting associated with eating and drinking

ACT_HHACT ACT: Household activities

Includes housework, food/drink preparation and cleanup, yard work, caring for pets, paying bills

ACT_PCARE ACT: Personal care

Includes sleeping, grooming, self-care, personal care

ACT_PURCH ACT: Consumer purchases

Includes shopping in store, telephone, or internet, groceries, gas, comparison shopping

ACT_SOCIAL ACT: Socializing, relaxing, and leisure

Includes attending or hosting events, relaxing, watching television/movies, attending art and entertainment events (other than sports)

ACT_SPORTS ACT: Sports, exercise, and recreation

Includes exercising, playing sports, and attending sporting events

ACT_VOL ACT: Volunteer activities

Includes administrative, care, and clean-up volunteer activities, as well as participating in cultural or performance activities

ACT_WORK ACT: Working and Work-related Activities

Includes working main and other jobs, work-related activities, job search, other income-generating activities