

Important Note on the Data: Each of these national surveys were produced by different organizations and UN country offices. As a result, they do not always survey consistent target demographic groups. In some cases, multiple surveys aimed at different age groups exist for the same country and year. Removing the Age column makes it impossible to distinguish the surveys, leading to an issue of messy aggregations (averages of averages) or seemingly identical rows (no label differentiator).

We believe this is a perfect example of the difficulties that come from doing cross-organizational analyses, and is an endemic problem faced by the UN's data professionals. #MakeoverMonday users will have to come up with creative ways to work with the Age column, whether it be by creating their own custom groups, using it to mine for more insights, or perhaps ignoring it entirely. Rather than provide our own second-best solution to a subjective question, we'd rather let the community be creative in their grappling with this problem.

Field	Definition
Age	The age group of the reference population who completed the survey
Area	If the survey was split out by area (e.g. rural/urban), this is recorded here. Note - the statistics from the Qatar survey are grouped into 'citizens' and 'non-citizens'.
Country	Country in which the time use survey was conducted
Survey Availability	The period during which the survey was conducted
Time Use	The category of work - split into 'unpaid domestic, care, and volunteer work', and 'paid and subsistence work'
Year	Year(s) in which the time use survey was carried out
Average Time (hours)	The average time spent on paid or unpaid work (the 'time use' field) in a 24-hour period
Gender	Whether the respondents were men or women

For details about each survey (including year, title, organization, purpose, type, instrument, classification, coverage, sample unit and size, and reference population), please see the 'survey' tab of the [data source](#).

Footnotes from the [data source](#):

Source: All data and metadata are compiled by the United Nations Statistics Division based on country-level data from national statistical offices, supplemented by data from EUROSTAT, OECD, UNECE and UNECLAC. Last updated in August 2018.

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