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General Social Survey, Cycle 7, 1992 [Canada]: Time Use, Episode File (GSS 1992: Cycle 7, Time Use, Episode File)

Enquête sociale générale, Cycle 7, 1992 [Canada] : Emploi du temps, Fichier des périodes

Overview	
Type	General Social Survey
Identification	gss-12M0007-E-1992-c-7-ep
Version	1.0
Series	The two primary objectives of the General Social Survey (GSS) are: to gather data on social trends in order to monitor changes in the living conditions and well being of Canadians over time; and to provide information on specific social policy issues of current or emerging interest.
Abstract Cycle 7 collected data from persons 15 years of age and older. The core content of time use repeats that of cycle 2 and provides data on the daily activities of Canadians. Question modules were also included on unpaid work activities, cultural activities and participation in sports.	
Kind of Data	Survey data
Unit of Analysis	Individual

Scope & Coverage	
Keywords	Ballet, Books, Comedy, Farming, Housework, Leisure Time, Libraries, Museums, Music Festivals, Newspapers, Outside Maintenance, Performing Arts, Periodicals, Photography, Physical Activity, Reading, Recreation, Shopping, Sports, Theatre, Time Crunch, Time Use, Training
Time Period(s)	1992
Countries	Canada
Geographic Coverage Canada, Provinces	
Universe Included: People 15 years of age and older living in Canada's Provinces. Excluded: Residents of Canada's Territories, and full-time residents of institutions.	

Producers & Sponsors	
Primary Investigator(s)	Statistics Canada. Housing, Family and Social Statistics., StatCan
Other Producer(s)	Statistics Canada

Sampling	
Sampling Procedure Stratified-Sample	
Response Rate A response was obtained from 9,815 of the selected households, yielding an 77% response rate.	
Weighting	

weight=TIMEWGT
 Refer to part 7.1.

A self-weighting sample design is one for which the weights of each unit in the sample are the same. The GSS sample for Cycle 7 was selected using the Elimination of Non-Working Banks (ENWB) sampling technique, which has such a design, with each household within a stratum having an equal probability of selection.

Contact was made or attempted with 12,765 households during the survey. Of these, 1,577 (12.4%) were non-responding households. The non-responding households included 927 household refusals, 459 households that could not be reached during the entire survey period ("ring-no-answer" households) and 191 cases where a response could not be obtained due to language difficulties or other problems. An interview was attempted with a person randomly selected from the eligible household members of the 11,188 responding households. From these households, 9,815 usable responses were obtained. The difference consists of 509 person-level refusals and 864 cases where the interview could not be completed for some other reason.

Data Collection

Data Collection Dates	start 1992-01 end 1992-12
Time Period(s)	single 1992
Data Collection Mode	100% Telephone Interview

Data Collection Notes

Data collection for this reference period: January 1992 – December 1992
 Responding to this survey is voluntary. Data are collected directly from survey respondents.

Data Processing & Appraisal

Estimates of Sampling Error

Refer to part 8.2.

The estimates derived from this survey are based on a sample of households. Somewhat different figures might have been obtained if a complete census had been taken using the same questionnaire, interviewers, supervisors, processing methods, etc. as those actually used. The difference between the estimates obtained from the sample and the results from a complete count taken under similar conditions is called the sampling error of the estimate.

Errors which are not related to sampling may occur at almost every phase of a survey operation. Interviewers may misunderstand instructions, respondents may make errors in answering questions, the answers may be incorrectly entered on the questionnaire and errors may be introduced in the processing and tabulation of the data. These are all examples of non-sampling errors.

Accessibility

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Files Description

Dataset contains 1 file(s)

gss_12M0007_E_1992_c-7_ep_F1	
# Cases	190327
# Variable(s)	17

Variables Group(s)

Dataset contains 8 group(s)

Group Diary Day							
#	Name	Label	Type	Format	Valid	Invalid	Question
1	SEQNUM	Numbering of each record	continuous	numeric-5.0	190327	0	Numbering of each record
2	DDAY	Diary day	continuous	numeric-1.0	190327	0	Diary day

Group Episode							
Subgroup(s)		Time , Location					
#	Name	Label	Type	Format	Valid	Invalid	Question
1	NOEPISO	Total number of episodes during the reference day	continuous	numeric-2.0	190327	0	Total number of episodes during the reference day
2	ACTCODE	Activity code of the episode	continuous	numeric-3.0	190327	0	Activity code of the episode

Group Social Contacts							
#	Name	Label	Type	Format	Valid	Invalid	Question
1	ALONE	Social contacts - alone?	continuous	numeric-1.0	188718	1609	Social contacts - alone?
2	SPOUSE	Social contacts - with spouse?	continuous	numeric-1.0	188718	1609	Social Contacts - with spouse?
3	CHILD	Social contacts - with children of the household?	continuous	numeric-1.0	188718	1609	Social contacts - with children of the household?
4	OTHFAM	Social contacts - with other family members?	continuous	numeric-1.0	188718	1609	Social Contacts - with other family members?
5	FRIENDS	Social contacts - with friends?	continuous	numeric-1.0	188718	1609	Social Contacts - with friends?
6	OTHERS	Social contacts - with others?	continuous	numeric-1.0	188718	1609	Social Contacts - with others?

Group Enjoy Activity							
#	Name	Label	Type	Format	Valid	Invalid	Question
1	ENJOYAC	Is this activity the most enjoyable?	continuous	numeric-1.0	187274	3053	Is this activity the most enjoyable?

Group Refusal							
#	Name	Label	Type	Format	Valid	Invalid	Question
1	REFFLAG	Refusal flag	continuous	numeric-1.0	0	190327	Refusal Flag

Group Time Weight							
#	Name	Label	Type	Format	Valid	Invalid	Question
1	TIMEWGT	Time weight for time use files.	continuous	numeric-10.4	187952	2375	Time weight for time use files.

Group Time							
#	Name	Label	Type	Format	Valid	Invalid	Question
1	STARTIME	Start time of the episode	continuous	numeric-4.0	190327	0	start time of the episode
2	ENDTIME	End time of the episode	continuous	numeric-4.0	190327	0	End time of the episode
3	DURATION	Duration of the episode	continuous	numeric-4.0	190327	0	Duration of the episode

Group Location							
#	Name	Label	Type	Format	Valid	Invalid	Question
1	PLACE	Location of episode	continuous	numeric-2.0	188553	1774	Location of the episode

Variables Description

Dataset contains 17 variable(s)

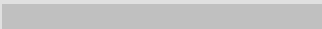
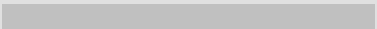
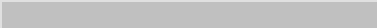
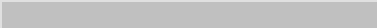
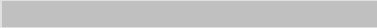
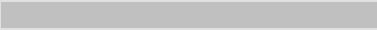
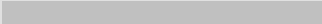
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SEQNUM: Numbering of each record

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 207-8071] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=190327 / 435163309.248] [Invalid=0 / 0] [Mean=14098.477 / 13874.164] [StdDev=8030.898 / 7985.774]
Literal question	Numbering of each record
Notes	SOURCE: General Social Survey, 1992

DDAY: Diary day

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-7] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=190327 / 435163309.248] [Invalid=0 / 0]
Literal question	Diary day
Notes	SOURCE: General Social Survey, 1992

Value	Label	Cases	Weighted	Percentage (Weighted)
1	SUNDAY	24765	54574283.7	 12.5%
2	MONDAY	29376	63390139.9	 14.6%
3	TUESDAY	27606	65094612.7	 15.0%
4	WEDNESDAY	27938	64424264.8	 14.8%
5	THURSDAY	28590	64936407.1	 14.9%
6	FRIDAY	27298	65293336.5	 15.0%
7	SATURDAY	24754	57450264.5	 13.2%

Warning: these figures indicate the number of cases found in the data file. They cannot be interpreted as summary statistics of the population of interest.

NOEPISO: Total number of episodes during the reference day

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 2-57] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=190327 / 435163309.248] [Invalid=0 / 0] [Mean=22.777 / 22.457] [StdDev=7.338 / 6.916]
Literal question	Total number of episodes during the reference day
Notes	SOURCE: General Social Survey, 1992

ACTCODE: Activity code of the episode

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-990] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=190327 / 435163309.248] [Invalid=0 / 0] [Mean=422.133 / 426.129] [StdDev=283.296 / 281.926]
Literal question	Activity code of the episode
Notes	SOURCE: General Social Survey, 1992

STARTIME: Start time of the episode

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-2359] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=190327 / 435163309.248] [Invalid=0 / 0] [Mean=1340.507 / 1340.235] [StdDev=574.817 / 576.475]
Literal question	start time of the episode
Notes	SOURCE: General Social Survey, 1992

ENDTIME: End time of the episode

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-2359] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=190327 / 435163309.248] [Invalid=0 / 0] [Mean=1340.507 / 1340.235] [StdDev=574.817 / 576.475]
Literal question	End time of the episode
Notes	SOURCE: General Social Survey, 1992

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DURATION: Duration of the episode

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-1230] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=190327 / 435163309.248] [Invalid=0 / 0] [Mean=74.26 / 70.465] [StdDev=104.638 / 88.069]
Literal question	Duration of the episode
Notes	SOURCE: General Social Survey, 1992

PLACE: Location of episode

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-10] [Missing=*/99/98/88]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=188553 / 434799078.612] [Invalid=1774 / 364230.636]
Literal question	Location of the episode
Notes	SOURCE: General Social Survey, 1992

Value	Label	Cases	Weighted	Percentage (Weighted)
1	RESPONDENTS HOME	116947	267554730.6	61.5%
2	WORK PLACE	13517	33053793.8	7.6%
3	SOMEONE ELSE'S HOME	6031	12665030.0	2.9%
4	OTHER PLACE	18976	44627930.4	10.3%
5	CAR (DRIVER)	20222	47021696.9	10.8%
6	CAR (PASSENGER)	5836	13244875.5	3.0%
7	WALK	5175	11678904.2	2.7%
8	BUS AND SUBWAY	1304	3565846.1	0.8%
9	BICYCLE	284	767990.4	0.2%
10	OTHER	261	618280.8	0.1%
88	MISSING EPISODE	1764	349063.2	
98	IN TRANSIT NOT STATED	0	0.0	
99	NOT STATED	10	15167.4	

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ALONE: Social contacts - alone?

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-8] [Missing=*/9]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=188718 / 431478964.342] [Invalid=1609 / 3684344.906]
Literal question	Social contacts - alone?
Notes	SOURCE: General Social Survey, 1992

Value	Label	Cases	Weighted	Percentage (Weighted)
1	YES	67650	149557210.7	34.7%
2	NO	83381	196994932.1	45.7%
7	NOT STATED FOR ACTIVITY CODE	1764	349063.2	0.1%
8	PERSONAL ACTIVITY	35923	84577758.3	19.6%
9	NOT STATED	1609	3684344.9	

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SPOUSE: Social contacts - with spouse?

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-8] [Missing=*/9]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=188718 / 431478964.342] [Invalid=1609 / 3684344.906]
Literal question	Social Contacts - with spouse?
Notes	SOURCE: General Social Survey, 1992

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SPOUSE: Social contacts - with spouse?

Value	Label	Cases	Weighted	Percentage (Weighted)
1	YES	29709	78037604.1	18.1%
2	NO	121322	268514538.7	62.2%
7	NOT STATED FOR ACTIVITY CODE	1764	349063.2	0.1%
8	PERSONAL ACTIVITY	35923	84577758.3	19.6%
9	NOT STATED	1609	3684344.9	

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CHILD: Social contacts - with children of the household?

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-8] [Missing=*/9]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=188718 / 431478964.342] [Invalid=1609 / 3684344.906]
Literal question	Social contacts - with children of the household?
Notes	SOURCE: General Social Survey, 1992

Value	Label	Cases	Weighted	Percentage (Weighted)
1	YES	27019	58939766.5	13.7%
2	NO	124012	287612376.3	66.7%
7	NOT STATED FOR ACTIVITY CODE	1764	349063.2	0.1%
8	PERSONAL ACTIVITY	35923	84577758.3	19.6%
9	NOT STATED	1609	3684344.9	

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OTHFAM: Social contacts - with other family members?

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-8] [Missing=*/9]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=188718 / 431478964.342] [Invalid=1609 / 3684344.906]
Literal question	Social Contacts - with other family members?
Notes	SOURCE: General Social Survey, 1992

Value	Label	Cases	Weighted	Percentage (Weighted)
1	YES	13014	29956967.9	6.9%
2	NO	138017	316595174.9	73.4%
7	NOT STATED FOR ACTIVITY CODE	1764	349063.2	0.1%
8	PERSONAL ACTIVITY	35923	84577758.3	19.6%
9	NOT STATED	1609	3684344.9	

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FRIENDS: Social contacts - with friends?

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-8] [Missing=*/9]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=188718 / 431478964.342] [Invalid=1609 / 3684344.906]
Literal question	Social Contacts - with friends?
Notes	SOURCE: General Social Survey, 1992

Value	Label	Cases	Weighted	Percentage (Weighted)
1	YES	16793	36824215.6	8.5%
2	NO	134238	309727927.1	71.8%
7	NOT STATED FOR ACTIVITY CODE	1764	349063.2	0.1%
8	PERSONAL ACTIVITY	35923	84577758.3	19.6%

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FRIENDS: Social contacts - with friends?

Value	Label	Cases	Weighted	Percentage (Weighted)
9	NOT STATED	1609	3684344.9	

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OTHERS: Social contacts - with others?

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-8] [Missing=*/9]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=188718 / 431478964.342] [Invalid=1609 / 3684344.906]
Literal question	Social Contacts - with others?
Notes	SOURCE: General Social Survey, 1992

Value	Label	Cases	Weighted	Percentage (Weighted)
1	YES	17671	41961513.2	9.7%
2	NO	133360	304590629.6	70.6%
7	NOT STATED FOR ACTIVITY CODE	1764	349063.2	0.1%
8	PERSONAL ACTIVITY	35923	84577758.3	19.6%
9	NOT STATED	1609	3684344.9	

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ENJOYAC: Is this activity the most enjoyable?

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 1-3] [Missing=*/9]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=187274 / 431434171.815] [Invalid=3053 / 3729137.433]
Literal question	Is this activity the most enjoyable?
Notes	SOURCE: General Social Survey, 1992, page 15, question C1

Value	Label	Cases	Weighted	Percentage (Weighted)
1	YES	8570	20200261.2	4.7%
2	NO	172027	396389275.5	91.9%
3	NONE	6677	14844635.1	3.4%
9	NOT STATED	3053	3729137.4	

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REFFLAG: Refusal flag

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 0-1] [Missing=*/0/1]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=0 / 0] [Invalid=190327 / 435163309.248]
Literal question	Refusal Flag
Notes	SOURCE: General Social Survey, 1992

Value	Label	Cases	Weighted	Percentage (Weighted)
0	NOT APPLICABLE	187952	435163309.2	
1	RESPONSE REFUSED	2375	0.0	

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TIMEWGT: Time weight for time use files.

Information	[Type= continuous] [Format=numeric] [Range= 136.345-19415.6681] [Missing=*]
Statistics [NW/ W]	[Valid=187952 /-] [Invalid=2375 /-] [Mean=2315.29 /-] [StdDev=1751.57 /-]
Literal question	Time weight for time use files.
Notes	SOURCE: General Social Survey, 1992