Australia’s Time Use Survey journey
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First ABS TUS conducted in 1992
Surveys also conducted in 1997 and 2006
2013 survey was cancelled due to funding constraints
Ongoing user demand for TUS data
Reinstating TUS

- Strong user demand for TUS data
- ABS was keen to reinstate TUS but needed government support
- Worked closely with relevant government agencies to promote the value and seek government support and funding
- Late 2018 TUS was reinstated as part of the Office for Women’s ‘Women’s Economic Security Statement’
NEW TUS would provide insights into ....

- Economic value of unpaid work
- Barriers and incentives to labour force participation
- Changing labour force practices
- Balance between work and other roles within families
- Health and wellbeing (time spent sleeping, doing physical activities vs screen based activities)
- Volunteering and other community participation
- Transport and infrastructure planning
- Changes from 2006 – particularly impact of technology
Household survey world is changing

- Increased cost and respondent burden
- Making face to face contact is increasingly difficult
- Declining response rates
- Quicker survey turn around
- Changing community expectations on how they interact with government
Stand alone survey
Everyone in household aged 15+
Household questionnaire
Self enumeration diary
2 consecutive allocated diary days (48 hrs)
5 minute increments
Main activity, secondary activity, use of Internet, location, for whom, who with
Personal questions
### 2020/21 TUS Innovations

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Challenges

- Comparability between CAWI and CAPI
- Comparability between paper diary and eDiary
- Usability testing to understand how people want to interact on-line
- Data security
Welcome,

Select the ‘Add Activity’ button to add your main activities one by one.

Notes:
- Please record all activities, even if they only take a few minutes.
- Once you have entered all your activities for the day, select the ‘Submit Day’ button to move on to the next set of questions.
- If you would like to refer back to the instructions, you can select ‘Instruct’ from the Navigation Menu.

Add Activity  Submit Day

Activities

Main activities  Other activities

You have 0 main activities
Questions?
Add a main activity

Please find below a list of common activities. If your activity is not listed below, create your own by selecting "Create activity".

- Food preparation, eating and drinking
- Personal care or Health care
- Travel and Transport
- Work, volunteering or education
- Household activities
- Leisure and recreation
- Looking after children (14 years and under)

If you didn’t find your activity in the list, please create one below

Activity name (please specify) [Input]

Add activity

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Main activity

Sleeping

When were you doing this activity?

Start time (hh:mm am/pm): [Input]
End time (hh:mm am/pm): [Input]

Did you use a smartphone, tablet or computer to do this main activity?

- Yes
- No

Where were you?

- At home
- At someone else’s house
- At work
- Travelling
- At education institution
- Other (please specify) [Input]
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Activities

Main activities  Other activities

You have 1 main activity

Sleeping  12:00am - 7:00am (7.0 Hours)
Challenges cont ...

- Well designed approach material and information on our web site
- Extensive interviewer training
- Testing