



Australia's Time Use Survey journey

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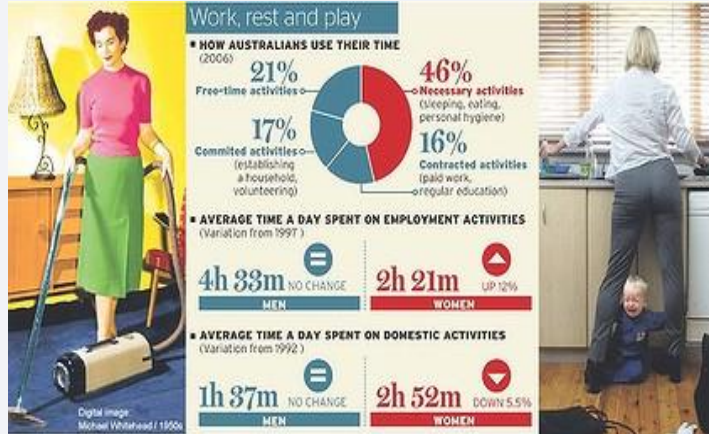
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History of TUS in Australia

- ▶ 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

TUS uses



2006 4173.0

TIME USE ON RECREATION AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES AUSTRALIA

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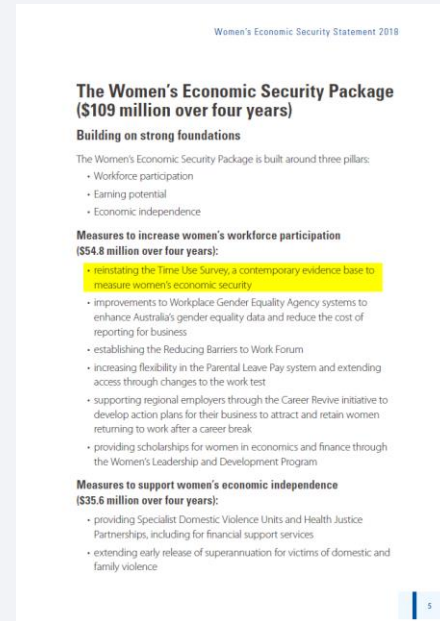
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Reinstating TUS

- ▶ 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'

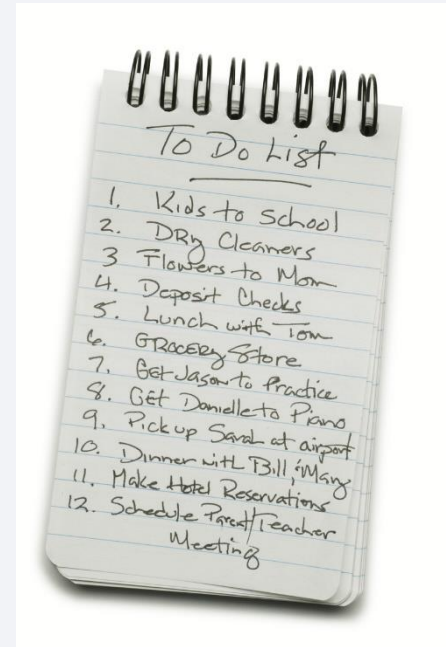


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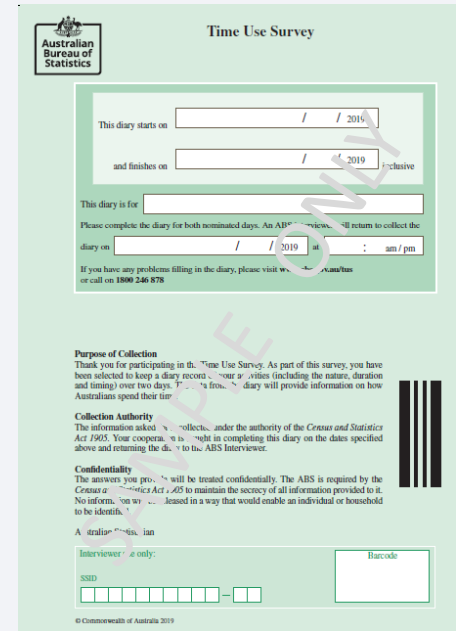
- ▶ Economic value of unpaid work
- ▶ Barriers and incentives to labour force participation
- ▶ Changing labour force practices
- ▶ Balance between work and other roles within families
- ▶ Health and wellbeing (time spent sleeping, doing physical activities vs screen based activities)
- ▶ Volunteering 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



Time Use Survey

Australian Bureau of Statistics

This diary starts on / / 2019
and finishes on / / 2019 (inclusive)

This diary is for

Please complete the diary for both nominated days. An ABS interviewer will return to collect the diary on / / 2019 at : am / pm

If you have any problems filling in the diary, please visit [www.abs.gov.au/tus](#) or call on 1800 246 878

Purpose of Collection
Thank you for participating in the Time Use Survey. As part of this survey, you have been selected to keep a diary record of your activities (including the nature, duration and timing) over two days. From this diary, the ABS will provide information on how Australians spend their time.

Collection Authority
The information asked for is collected, under the authority of the Census and Statistics Act 1955. Your cooperation is sought in completing this diary on the dates specified above and returning the diary to the ABS interviewer.

Confidentiality
The answers you provide will be treated confidentially. The ABS is required by the Census and Statistics Act 1955 to maintain the secrecy of all information provided to it. No information is to be released in a way that would enable an individual or household to be identified.

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Interviewer use only: Barcode

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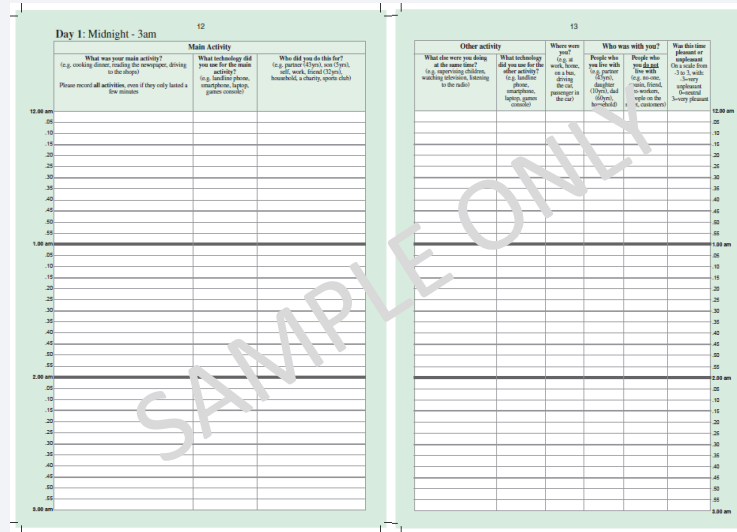
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2020/21 TUS Innovations

1992, 1997, 2006	2020/21
CAPI only	Mode of choice – CAWI or CAPI
Paper diary only	eDiary and paper diary
Infrequent enumeration	Continuous collect

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



Day 1: Midnight - 3am

12

Main Activity		
What was your main activity? (e.g. cooking dinner, reading the newspaper, driving to the shops) Please record all activities, even if they only lasted a few minutes.	What technology did you use for the main activity? (e.g. mobile phone, smartphone, laptop, tablet, camera)	Who did you do this for? (e.g. parent (D), self, work, friend (D), household a family, sports club)
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3:00 am		

13

Other activity	Where were you? (e.g. at work, home, in a bus, driving, the car, shopping at the mall)	Who was with you? People who you live with (e.g. partner (D), daughter (D), and others, household members) (D)	People who you do not live with (e.g. friend, neighbour, volunteer, other household member)	Was this time planned or unplanned? Only tick from 1 to 3, with 1=very planned, 2=neutral, 3=very unplanned
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Day |

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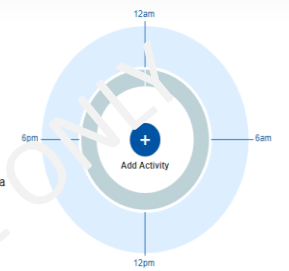
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- Once you have entered all your activities for the day, select the 'Submit Day' button to move on to the next set of questions.
- If you would like to refer back to the instructions, you can select 'Instructions' from the navigation Menu.

Add Activity **Submit Day**

Activities

Main activities Other activities

You have 0 main activities





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Day 1

[Day 2](#)

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Day 1 |

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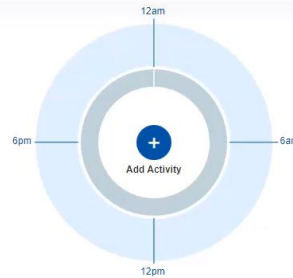
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[Add Activity](#)

[Submit Day](#)



Activities

Main activities

Other activities

You have 0 main activities



Questions?

eDiary screen shots

Add a main activity

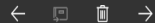
Please find below a list of common activities. If your activity is not listed below, create your own by selecting 'Create activity'.

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

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

Activity name (please specify)

Add activity



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
- Sleeping**
- Showering or bathroom activities
- Getting dressed
- Health or medical appointments
- Taking medication

Other (please specify)

Add activity

- Travel and Transport
- Work, volunteering or education
- Household activities



Main activity

Sleeping

When were you doing this activity?

Start time (hh:mm am/pm):

End time (hh:mm am/pm):

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)

Previous




eDiary screen shots

Main activity

Sleeping

12:00am - 7:00am (7.0 Hours)

Were you with anyone you know during any part of this activity?

Please include people at the same location as you, even if you weren't interacting with them. 

Yes No

Who was with you?

Please select all that apply

- Partner
- Child aged 0-4 years
- Child aged 5-14 years
- Other people I live with
- Other people I know

Previous

Next



What time during the main activity were you with them?

Please update the start and end time to reflect when you were with them.

Notes:

- If you were with someone for a period of time that was longer or shorter than the main activity, you can update the start and end times to be longer or shorter.
- If you were with someone for multiple periods of time within your main activity, you can select 'Add another time' and add up to 10 additional time frames.

Partner

Start time (hh.mm am/pm): End time (hh.mm am/pm):

12:00 am

7:00 am

[Add another time](#)

Previous

Next

Main activity

Sleeping

12:00am - 7:00am (7.0 Hours)


Were you doing anything else at the same time as this main activity?




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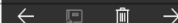
- You can report up to 20 other activities for a given main activity
- Only one other activity can be recorded for a given time
- Other activities must occur at some time within the main activity

Yes No

Remove

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	▼
 Looking after children (14 years and under)	▼
 Leisure and recreation	▼



eDiary screen shots

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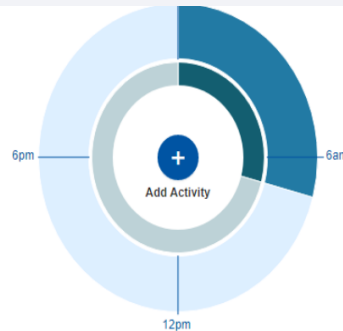
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Add Activity

Submit Day



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

Provision results from the survey

Proportion of males who had looked or passed for 15+ age

Age	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80+
Proportion	100	98	95	92	88	82	75	68	60	52	45	38	32	28

Proportion of females who had looked or passed for 15+ age

Age	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80+
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Your part in the Time Use Survey Your official guide

Where does your day go?

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New Learn about the survey

We're contacting you because your household has been selected in the Time Use Survey, being conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

Next Look out for your letter, and start the survey online

In the next few days you will receive a letter with instructions on how to start the survey.

Then Complete the Time Use Diary

The second part of the survey is the most important: the Time Use Diary.

The results Look out for the results

The information you provide will be combined with the information from other respondents, to produce the statistics about our Australian households.