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ATUS Stakeholder Survey 2024

## Introduction

Thank you very much for helping us improve the American Time Use Survey (ATUS). The ATUS provides nationally-representative estimates of how, where, and with whom Americans spend their time. It is the only federal survey that provides data on the full range of people’s activities, including unpaid work such as childcare, housework, and volunteering.

Even if you are not a frequent user of ATUS products or have not used them at all, we would appreciate your feedback as it will help us understand your needs and experiences.

Your participation in this survey is voluntary. We estimate that it will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact [ATUSInfo@bls.gov](mailto:ATUSInfo@bls.gov) and reference the ATUS User Feedback Questionnaire.

For more information about the ATUS, please visit: <http://www.bls.gov/tus>.

*This voluntary survey is being collected by the Bureau of Labor Statistics under OMB No. 1225-0088 (Expiration Date: 1/31/2027). We estimate that this survey takes 10 minutes to complete. You are not required to respond to this collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. We will use the information you provide to make improvements to BLS online publications. Your participation is voluntary, and you have the right to stop at any time. Results from this survey will be aggregated for internal use and individual results will not be made public. This survey is being administered by SurveyMonkey and resides on a server outside of the BLS Domain. The BLS cannot guarantee the protection of survey responses and advises against the inclusion of sensitive personal information in any response. By proceeding with this survey, you give your consent to participate in this survey.*

Click 'Next' to begin the survey.

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**Customer and Usage Information**

Q1. Have you ever used American Time Use Survey (ATUS) products from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Web site [see <http://www.bls.gov/tus>]? ATUS products include the ATUS news releases, tables, historical data series, Web charts, data files, and survey documentation.

* Yes **Go to Q9**
* No **Go to Q2**
* Not Sure **Go to Q2**

**Non-BLS Source ATUS Users**

Q2. American Time Use Survey (ATUS) data are also provided by some non-BLS sources. Have you ever used ATUS data from any of the following non-BLS sources?

1. IPUMS American Time Use Survey Data Extract Builder (ATUS-X) ○ Yes ○ No
2. American Heritage Time Use Study (AHTUS or AHTUS-X) ○ Yes ○ No
3. Multinational Time Use Study (MTUS or MTUS-X) ○ Yes ○ No
4. Other source - please describe below ○ Yes ○ No

Please describe the other source used

**If any a-d are yes, go to Q3, all else go to Q29.**

Q3. When did you last use ATUS data from a non-BLS source?

* In the last 6 months
* In the last year **Go to Q4**
* Between 1 and 2 years ago
* More than 2 years ago

Q4. For which of the following purposes have you used ATUS data? (Select all that apply)

* Media and press reporting
* Social media
* Instruction and education
* Consumer market analysis
* Economic research
* Sociological research **Go to Q5. All else go to Q8.**
* Other research
* Personal interest
* Other purpose (please specify)

Q5. What were the general topics of your research or analysis? (Select all that apply)

* Household or other nonmarket production
* Health
* Food
* Work-life balance
* Families
* Eldercare
* Labor
* Well-being
* Specific activities, such as paid work, childcare, or leisure
* Specific subpopulations, such as teenagers or full-time workers
* International comparisons
* Survey methods
* Other (please specify)

Q6. Since the ATUS sample comes from the Current Population Survey (CPS) sample, data collected in the CPS provide information about ATUS respondents and their households. Have you ever used CPS data in analyses of ATUS data? (Select all that apply)

* Yes, I’ve used variables about race, ethnicity, educational attainment, geography, or those with the suffix “\_CPS8” attached to their names
* Yes, I’ve linked ATUS data to the basic CPS
* Yes, I’ve linked ATUS data to a CPS supplement
* No, or not sure.

**Go to Q7**

Q7. Organizations other than BLS have sponsored additional questions on the ATUS, called modules [See: <https://www.bls.gov/tus/modules/modules.htm>]. Have you ever used any of the following ATUS module data?

1. Eating and Health Module data ○ Yes ○ No ○ Not sure
2. Leave and Job Flexibilities Module data ○ Yes ○ No ○ Not sure
3. Well-being Module data ○ Yes ○ No ○ Not sure

**Go to Q8**

Q8. How did you learn about the ATUS? (Select all that apply)

* Social Media
* Conference
* Coworker or colleague
* Internet search
* Media or press
* Research paper
* Teacher or professor
* Other (please specify)

**Go to Q34**

**BLS ATUS Users**

Q9. Which ATUS products have you used? (Select all that apply)

* + - News release
    - Published tables
    - Unpublished tables sent by ATUS staff upon request
    - Data files for generating your own estimates, downloaded from the BLS Web site
    - Data series of historic estimates, extracted from BLS databases
    - Web charts
    - Survey documentation
    - Other (please specify)

**If “Data files for generating your own estimates,” are checked, go to Q10, all else go to Q12.**

Q10. Since the ATUS sample comes from the Current Population Survey (CPS) sample, data collected in the CPS provide information about ATUS respondents and their households. Have you ever used CPS data in analyses of ATUS data? (Select all that apply)

* Yes, I’ve used variables about race, ethnicity, educational attainment, geography, or others on the ATUS-CPS file
* Yes, I’ve linked ATUS data to the basic CPS
* Yes, I’ve linked ATUS data to a CPS supplement
* No, or not sure

**Go to Q11**

Q11. Organizations other than BLS have sponsored additional questions on the ATUS, called modules [www.bls.gov/tus/modules.htm](http://www.bls.gov/tus/modules.htm). Have you ever used any of the following ATUS module data?

1. Eating and Health Module data ○ Yes ○ No ○ Not sure
2. Leave and Job Flexibilities Module data ○ Yes ○ No ○ Not sure
3. Well-being Module data ○ Yes ○ No ○ Not sure

**Go to Q12**

Q12. When did you last use an ATUS product?

* In the last 6 months
* In the last year **Go to Q13**
* Between 1 and 2 years ago
* More than 2 years ago

Q13. For which of the following purposes have you used an ATUS product? (Select all that apply)

* Media and press reporting
* Social media
* Instruction and education
* Consumer market analysis
* Economic research
* Sociological research **Go to Q14. All else go to Q15.**
* Other research
* Personal interest
* Other purpose (please specify)

Q14. What were the general topics of your research or analysis? (Select all that apply)

* Household or other nonmarket production
* Health
* Food
* Work-life balance
* Families
* Eldercare
* Labor
* Well-being
* Specific activities, such as paid work, childcare, or leisure
* Specific subpopulations, such as teenagers or full-time workers
* International comparisons
* Survey methods
* Other (please specify)

**Go to Q15**

**Satisfaction with ATUS Products**

Q15. Based on your experience using ATUS products, please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Strongly Agree | Agree | Neutral | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | No Basis to Decide |
| Web charts are easy to understand |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Information is easy to find on the ATUS Web site |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Information I need is available on the ATUS Web site |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ATUS concepts, sources, and methods are explained in a way I understand |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Go to follow-up questions for items marked “disagree” and “strongly disagree”; if none, go to Q17**

Q16. In the previous question, you disagreed with the statement(s) listed below.

Please feel free to suggest ways we could improve an item (also feel free to skip an item if you have nothing specific to suggest).

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Web charts are easy to understand |  |
| Information is easy to find on the ATUS Web site |  |
| Information I need is available on the ATUS Web site |  |
| ATUS concepts, sources, and methods are explained in a way I understand |  |

Q17. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about ATUS single-year and multi-year data files.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Strongly Agree | Agree | Neutral | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | No Basis to Decide |
| Data are accurate |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Data are available for the subpopulations I require |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Data are available for the activities I require |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Data are current enough for my needs |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Data are easy to find |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Data are easy to download |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Data files are in the format I need |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Go to follow-up questions for items marked “disagree” and “strongly disagree”; if none, go to Q19**

Q18. In the previous question, you disagreed with the statement(s) listed below.

Please feel free to suggest ways we could improve an item (also feel free to skip an item if you have nothing specific to suggest).

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Data are accurate |  |
| Data are available for the subpopulations I require |  |
| Data are available for the activities I require |  |
| Data are current enough for my needs |  |
| Data are easy to find |  |
| Data are easy to download |  |
| Data files are in the format I need |  |

Q19. Based on your experience using ATUS products, please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about the **ATUS published tables on the BLS.gov website**.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Strongly Agree | Agree | Neutral | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | No Basis to Decide |
| Published tables are in the format I need |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Published tables provide the information I need |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Published tables are accurate |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Published tables show the subpopulations I require |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Published tables show the activities I need |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Go to follow-up questions for items marked “disagree” and “strongly disagree”; if none, go to Q21**

Q20. In the previous question, you disagreed with the statement(s) listed below.

Please feel free to suggest ways we could improve an item (also feel free to skip an item if you have nothing specific to suggest).

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Tables are in the format I need |  |
| Tables provide the information I need |  |
| Tables are accurate |  |
| Tables show the subpopulations I require |  |
| Tables show the activities I need |  |

Q21. Based on your experience using ATUS products, please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about **data series of historic ATUS estimates, available from the BLS database.**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Strongly Agree | Agree | Neutral | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | No Basis to Decide |
| Data series are easy to find |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Data series are available for the subpopulations I require |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Data series are available for the activities I require |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Data series are in the format I need |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| The data retrieval tools (such as data finder, one-screen, and others) are useful |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Go to follow-up questions for items marked “disagree” and “strongly disagree”; if none, go to Q23**

Q22. In the previous question, you disagreed with the statement(s) listed below.

Please feel free to suggest ways we could improve an item (also feel free to skip an item if you have nothing specific to suggest).

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Data series are easy to find |  |
| Data series are available for the subpopulations I require |  |
| Data series are available for the activities I require |  |
| Data series are in the format I need |  |
| The data retrieval tools, (such as data finder, one-screen, and others) are useful |  |

Q23. Are there other ATUS products you would like to see in the future?

* Yes - please describe the new products below
* No

Describe the new product(s) below

**ATUS Documentation**

Q24. ATUS provides the following survey documentation on the BLS Web site. Please rate the usefulness of these survey documents to you.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Very Useful | Useful | Only a little Useful | Not Useful | Have Not Used |
| ATUS User’s guide |  |  |  |  |  |
| ATUS Data dictionaries |  |  |  |  |  |
| ATUS Coding lexicons |  |  |  |  |  |
| ATUS Coding rules manual |  |  |  |  |  |
| ATUS Questionnaires |  |  |  |  |  |

**Go to follow-up questions for items marked “Only a little useful” and “Not useful”; if not, go to Q26**

Q25. In the previous question, you said the item(s) listed below was **only a little useful or not useful**.

Please feel free to suggest ways we could improve an item (also feel free to skip an item if you have nothing specific to suggest).

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| ATUS User’s guide |  |
| ATUS Data dictionaries |  |
| ATUS Coding lexicons |  |
| ATUS Coding rules manual |  |
| ATUS Questionnaires |  |

**Additional information about customers**

Q26. How did you learn about the ATUS? (Select all that apply)

* Social media
* Conference
* Coworker or colleague
* Internet search
* Media or press **Go to Q27**
* Research paper
* Teacher or professor
* Other (please specify)

Q27. How often do you visit the ATUS Web site ([www.bls.gov/tus](http://www.bls.gov/tus))?

* Once a year or less
* 2-3 times a year **Go to Q28**
* 4 or more times a year

Q28. Have you ever used ATUS data from any of the following non-BLS sources?

1. American Time Use Survey Data Extract Builder (ATUS-X) ○ Yes ○ No
2. American Heritage Time Use Study (AHTUS or AHTUS-X) ○ Yes ○ No
3. Multinational Time Use Study (MTUS or MTUS-X) ○ Yes ○ No
4. Other source - please describe below ○ Yes ○ No

Please describe the other source used

**Go to Q34**

**Non-ATUS Users**

Q29. Were you aware of the American Time Use Survey before deciding to participate in our survey today?

* + Yes **Go to Q30**
  + No **Go to Q31**

Q30. How did you learn about the ATUS? (Select all that apply)

* + - Social media
    - Conference
    - Coworker or colleague
    - Internet search
    - Media or press
    - Research paper
    - Teacher or professor
    - Other (please specify)

**Go to Q31**

Q31. How much interest do you have in data about how people spend their time?

* + - * A great deal of interest
      * Some interest
      * A little interest
      * No interest
      * Not sure, just exploring the topic

**If Q31 = 4 (No interest) go to Q34; all else go to Q32.**

Q32. Have you ever used time-use data from other sources?

* Yes – Please describe those sources
* No

Describe the other source(s) below

**Go to Q33**

Q33. Please indicate the primary reason why you have not used time-use data from the ATUS.

* Not familiar to me
* Difficult to use
* Not applicable to my current research
* Not applicable to my field of interest
* Not applicable to my business/profession
* Not timely enough
* Similar to data obtained from another source
* Other (please specify)

**Go to Q34**

**Concluding Comments**

Q34. Which category best describes the organization at which you work or study?

* Academia – Faculty
* Academia – Student
* U.S. Government – Federal
* State or local government
* News media
* Research organization
* Private business
* Nonprofit organization
* Independent consultant
* Data supplier/re-packager
* International organization
* Other (please specify)

**Go to Q35**

Q35. We appreciate any other comments you may have about time-use data, in general, or the American Time Use Survey specifically. Thank you.

Open-ended.

**Exit Survey**

**Exit Screen**

Thank you for completing the survey!

If you have any questions about the ATUS, please contact us at [ATUSInfo@bls.gov](mailto:ATUSInfo@bls.gov) or (202) 691-6339. For more information about the ATUS, please visit: <http://www.bls.gov/tus>.