

Regional seminar on time-use surveys

Introduction to time-use surveys

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WHAT IS TIME?

Measured or measurable period during which an action, process, or condition exists or continues

Objective

Men
Production
Visible
Valued



Private

Women
Reproduction
Invisible
Not-valued

Public

Subjective



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WHAT ARE TIME-USE STATISTICS?

Time-use statistics are **quantitative summaries** of how individuals “spend” or **allocate their time** over a specified period

- the 24 hours of a day
- the 7 days of a week.

Time-use statistics shed light on:

- **What individuals** in the reference population **do** or the activities they engage in.
- **How much time** is spent doing each of these activities.



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WHAT ARE TIME-USE STATISTICS?

Examples of time-use statistics are:

- Average number of hours in a day working in unpaid domestic work.
- Total number of hours in a week spent working in a paid job.
- Average number of hours in a day spent travelling.

These statistics pertain to a reference and are usually disaggregated by sex, age group, rural/urban, and other subgroups of interest to those analysing the statistics.



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WHAT ARE TIME-USE STATISTICS?

Activities

- Exhaustive or Selective
- Single or Simultaneous
- May be characterized by:
 - Context (location, presence of other people, beneficiary, motivation)
 - Duration.
 - Frequency
- Basic statistics: “average day” or “average week”.
 - whole range of possible activities
 - differences between weekends and weekdays
 - effects of special holidays, a
 - seasons in a year
 - areas or regions in a country.



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WHY PRODUCE TIME-USE STATISTICS?

- Determine **what, how, why and how long** activities are carried out.
- Provide an integrated picture of how **various activities**—paid and unpaid work, volunteer work, domestic work, leisure and personal activities—are **interrelated** in the lives of the general population and its various subsectors.
- Reveal the details of an individual’s “daily life with a combination of specificity and comprehensiveness” not achieved in any other type of survey data
- Relate time-allocation patterns to the demographic and socio-economic status of the individual.

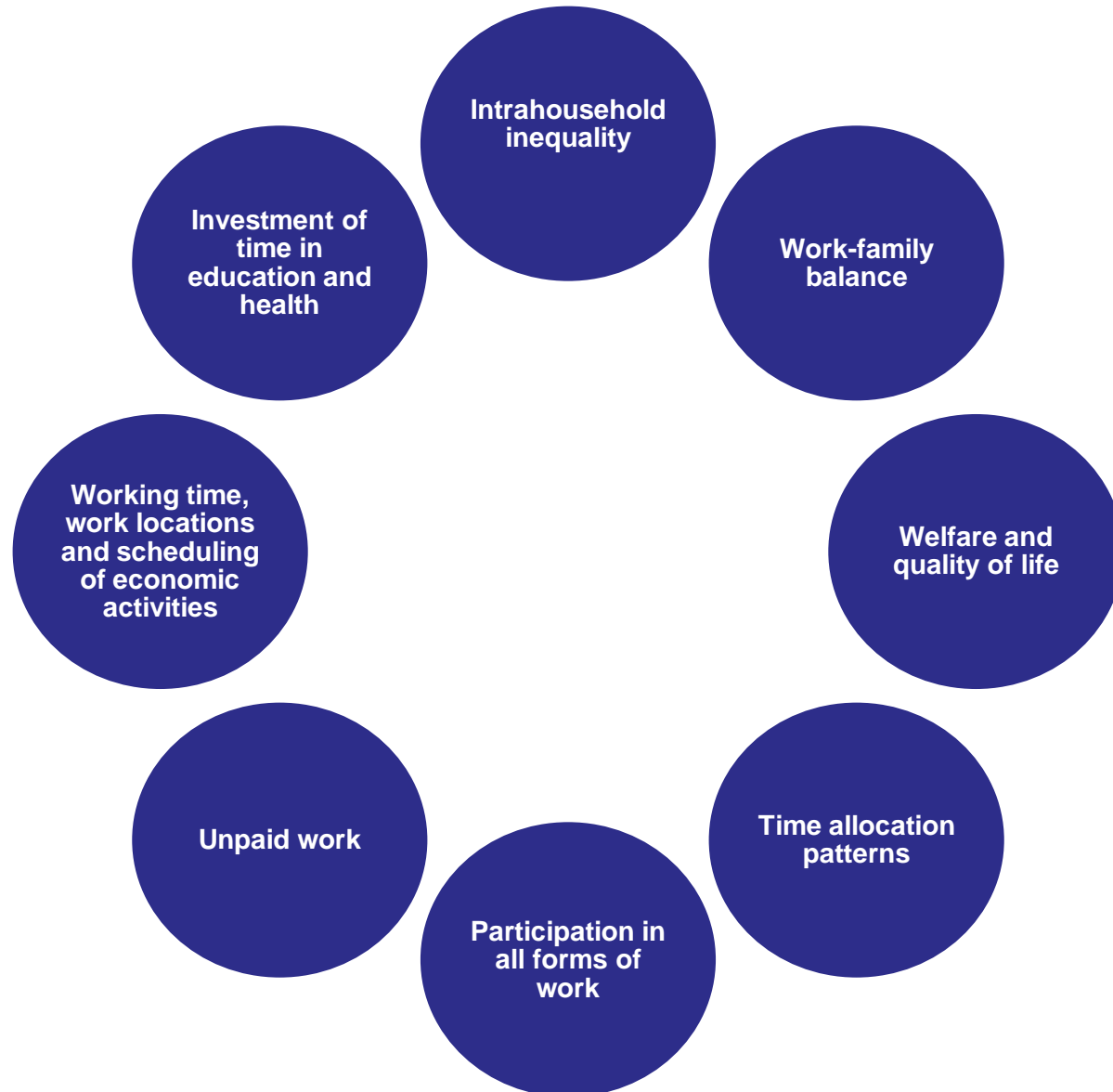


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WHY PRODUCE TIME-USE STATISTICS?

USES





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Countries	Before 2006	Survey / Module/ Questions	On 2006 and after	Survey / Module/ Questions
Argentina	2005	Diary (Buenos Aires)	2010-2011	Module in the Permanent Household Survey
			2013	Module in the Annual Survey of Urban Households (EAHU)
Bolivia	2001	Module on the Continuous Household Survey	2010, 2011	Time Use Survey in Households
Brazil	Desde 1992	Questions on the National Household Survey (PNAD)		Questions on the PNAD
			2009-2010	Pilot Survey with Diary in five states in Brazil
Colombia			2007, 2008, 2009, 2010	Questions in the Great Integrated Household Survey
			2012	National Survey on Time Use
Costa Rica	2004	Module in the Multipurpose Household Survey (EHPM)	2011	Survey on Time Use in the Greater Metropolitan Area
Cuba	1997	Questions		
	2001	Survey conducted in five municipalities		
Chile			2008-2009	Experimental Survey on Time Use in Greater Santiago
Dominican Republic			2006-2007	Question on the Demographic and Health Survey
Ecuador	2004	Household Survey Module	2007, 2010	National Time Use Surveys
	2005	Time Use Survey	2012	
El Salvador	2005	Short list of questions in the Multipurpose Household Survey (EHPM)	2010-2011	Module in the Multipurpose Household Survey
Guatemala	2000	Module in the National Survey of Living Conditions (ENCOVI)	2006, 2011	Module in the ENCOVI
Honduras			2009, 2011	Module in the Permanent Household Survey
Mexico	1996	Module in the National Survey on Labour, Contributions and Time-Use (ENTAUT)	2009	National Survey on Time Use (ENUT)
	1998, 2002	National Survey on Time Use (ENUT)	2010	Module in the National Household Survey on Income and Expenditure
Nicaragua	1998	Module in the National Household Survey on Living Standards Measurement (ENHMNV)		
Panama			2006	Module on the Multipurpose Survey
			2011	National Survey on Time Use
Paraguay	2001	Questions in the Household Survey		
Peru			2006	Questions integrated into the Continuous Household Survey
			2010	National Survey on Time Use
Uruguay	2003	Encuesta en Zona Metropolitana (Universidad de la República)	2007, 2011	Module in the Continuous Household Survey
			2013	
Venezuela			2008-2011	Time Use Survey
			2006	

Creation of the Working Group on Gender Statistics (WGGS) on the Statistical Conference of the Americas (SCA-ECLAC)



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RESOURCES

- *The Guide to Producing Statistics on Time Use: Measuring Paid and Unpaid Work*, UNSD, 2005
http://unstats.un.org/unsd/publication/SeriesF/SeriesF_93E.pdf
- *Surveys on time use and unpaid work in Latin America and the Caribbean: Experience to date and challenges for the future*, UNECLAC, December 2013
http://repositorio.cepal.org/bitstream/handle/11362/35903/LC_L3678_en.pdf?sequence=1



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Exercise

Which are the main issues/priorities that can be addressed with time use statistics in your country?

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