

Essential notes for using the 1992-94 data

This survey collected fewer activities per diarist than the other surveys. Also, some activities have to be disaggregated from other information in the diary. This survey collected only a single code for eating and drinking and did not separately collect eating at work and eating elsewhere. The location codes included details of the building (i.e. bank, library, shop, etc.) but did not specify if this location is a workplace. Much of the eating in other locations is eating at work, but users should decide how to address this issue if eating at work is of interest.

This survey only collected main activity. Also, the activity codes specified travel purpose. Walking and cycling for pleasure, coded separately in other surveys, are coded as travel for exercise (or another purpose), and the mode of transport variable indicates which of these episodes are walking and which cycling. We have coded the secondary activity as walking if the mode of transport is on foot, and the secondary activity as cycling where the mode of transport is cycling. We have also included imputed codes in secondary activity where there is a change of location that likely marks unreported short duration travel, and short duration eating in diaries where no eating was reported by the diarists did report food preparation or setting and clearing the table. Thus while most secondary activity is coded as not asked, the secondary activity variable does include the four codes for imputed eating, walking, cycling, and imputed travel.

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Most of the same notes that apply to the 1992-94 survey also apply to this survey. Users additionally should note that the sample differs slightly as household where all occupants are aged 16 to 17, and households from some states are not included.