

Microdata from the Survey on Time Budgets. International harmonised files on time use (MTUS)

Within the framework of the Multinational Time Use Study, Eustat provides microdata files on time use within the Basque Country, harmonised by **Oxford University's Centre for Time Use Study**.

These microdata files form a part of the surveys on time use database published by the **Multinational Time Use Study (MTUS)**. This database incorporates surveys dating back to the 1960s and affords access to a dataset with common series, for a considerable number of countries, on the total time employed by the population per day, distributed amongst 41 to 69 activities (MTUS-summary files). Furthermore, the latest versions also include information on the duration of each of the episodes of activity throughout the day (MTUS-episode files).

In October 2012, the Oxford University's harmonised database incorporated data taken from the Survey on Time Budgets within the Basque Country, drawn up by Eustat. The list of geographical areas for which harmonised data is available (MTUS) and the reference periods are as follows:

Country	Periods
Australia	1974, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2006
Austria	1992
Belgium	1966
Bulgaria	1988
Canada	1971-1972, 1981, 1986, 1992, 1998
Denmark	1964, 1987
Finland	1979, 1987-1988, 1999-2000
France	1966, 1974-1975, 1988-1999
Germany	1965-1966, 1991-1992, 2001-2002
Hungary	1965, 1976-1977
Israel	1991-1992
Italy	1979-1980, 1989, 2002-2003
The Netherlands	1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005
Norway	1971-1972, 1980-1981, 1990-1991, 2000-2001
Slovenia	2000-2001
South Africa	2000

Country	Periods
Spain	1992-1993, 2009-2010
Basque Country	1992-1993, 1997-1998, 2002-2003, 2008
Sweden	1990-1991, 2000-2001
United Kingdom	1961, 1974-1975, 1983-1984, 1987, 1995, 2000-2001, 2005
United States	1965-1966, 1975-1976, 1985, 1992-1994, 1994-1995, 1998-2001, 2003-2011

The files are available in 3 versions: text files separated by commas (CSV), files in SPSS format and files in STATA format.

Below, we provide a series of links to Oxford University where you will find information relating to:

- The incorporation of Basque Country files: <http://www.timeuse.org/home>
- MTUS documentation-User Guide explaining the development and potential uses of the MTUS: <http://www.timeuse.org/mtus/guide>
- The details of each edition:
 - EPT2008:** <http://www-2009.timeuse.org/information/studies/data/spain-2008-2009.php>
 - EPT2002-3:** <http://www-2009.timeuse.org/information/studies/data/spain-2002-2003b.php>
 - EPT1997-8:** <http://www-2009.timeuse.org/information/studies/data/spain-1997-1998.php>
 - EPT1992-3:** <http://www-2009.timeuse.org/information/studies/data/spain-1992-1993.php>
- Documentation relating to MTUS Coding Procedures:
 - <http://www.timeuse.org/mtus/conversion>
- Specific documentation for each edition of Eustat's Survey on Time Budgets: 1992-3 (5187), 1997-8 (5188), 2002-2 (5189) and 2008 (5190), denominated Spain (Basque Region) Survey Documentation (README_Spain_aaaa):
 - <http://www.timeuse.org/mtus/surveys/ESP>
- Documentation relating to the variable labels and categories of the various files in different formats (SPSS, STATA, SAS):
 - <http://www.timeuse.org/mtus/contributions>