

“Time Use Survey 2024”



Weekly Learnings 20 / 2025

The Government of India , Ministry of Statistics conducted this Time use Survey in Jan - Dec 2024. This was last done in 2019. I am unaware how this data is used and by whom. Some interesting data points:

1. This is a large scale study - 4.5 lac respondents from 56,000 urban households and 83,000 rural households.
2. Men spend 61 % of the time in paid activities, while its only 21 % for women. Percentage time spent on unpaid domestic and care work in Urban and Rural India is the same, about double digit.
3. Women spend 289 minutes per day on unpaid activities while for men its 68 minutes.
4. Women spend 137 minutes per day caring for a household member while its 75 minutes for a man.
5. 89 % of children spend time in learning related activities, accounting for nearly 413 minutes per day. That's good.
6. However, learning related activities drop significantly as age increases, only 12 % spend time on learning activities in age band 15 to 59.
7. The needle hasn't moved much for women in 5 years.
8. The idea of women pay for household chores will gather momentum in the next 5 years. It will be some form of Universal Basic Income. Now, one can see why so many free schemes are offered to women by every party.

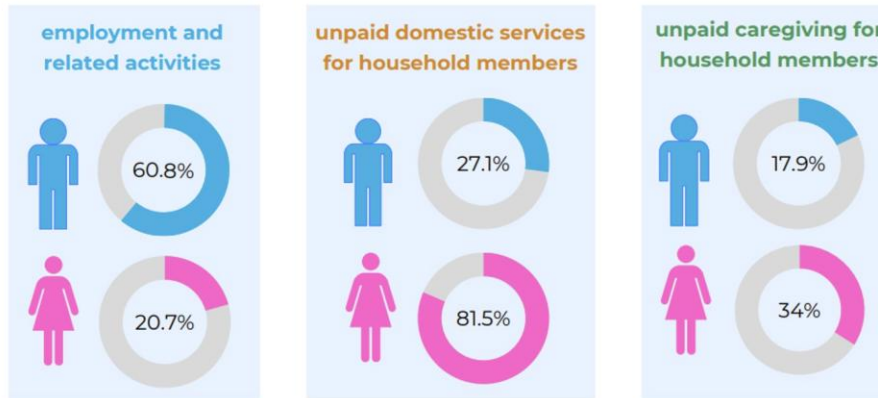
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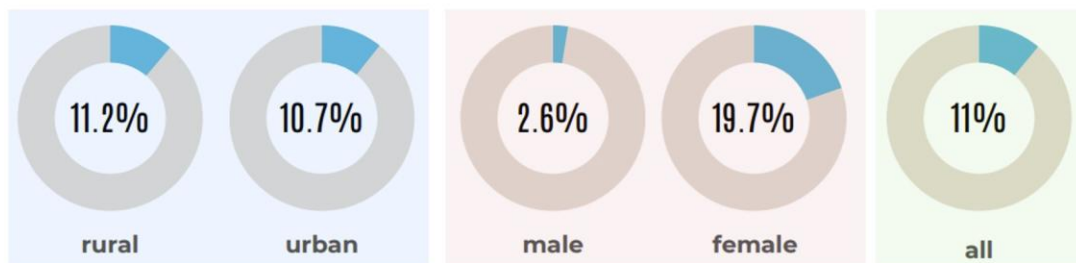
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Time Use Survey, 2024

Participation Rate in different activities by persons of age 6 years and above



PROPORTION OF TIME SPENT IN A DAY ON UNPAID DOMESTIC AND CARE WORK



Distribution of 24 hours over different activities

The following diagrams provides a pictorial impression of how 24 hours' time (1440 minutes) is spent over different activities by different sub-groups of persons of age 6 years and above. These distributions can be obtained from Table 7, Table 8 and Table 9.

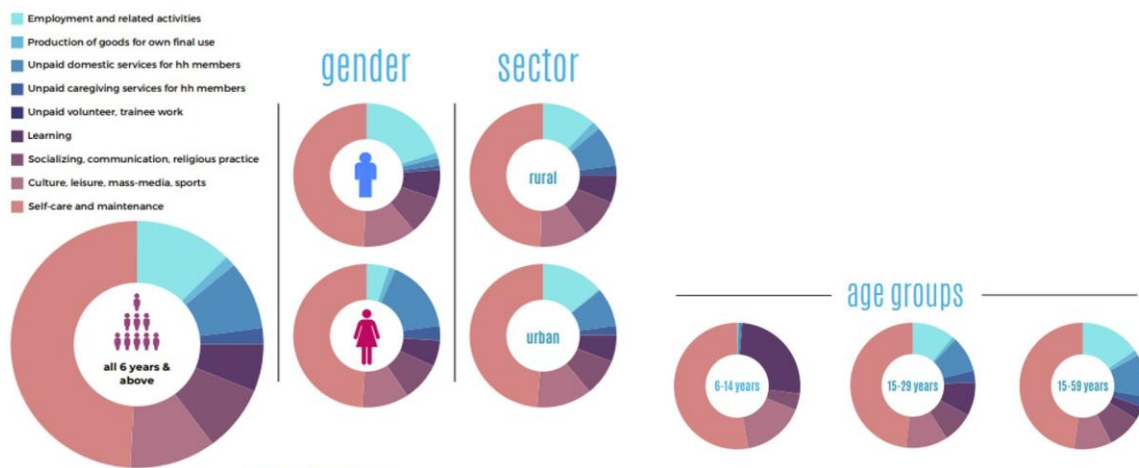


FIGURE 1: PARTICIPATION RATE (IN PER CENT) IN UNPAID AND PAID ACTIVITIES

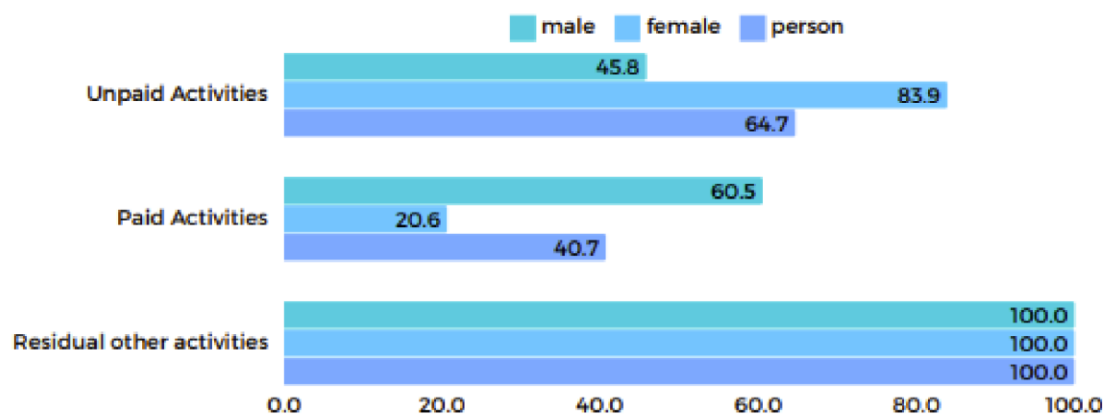
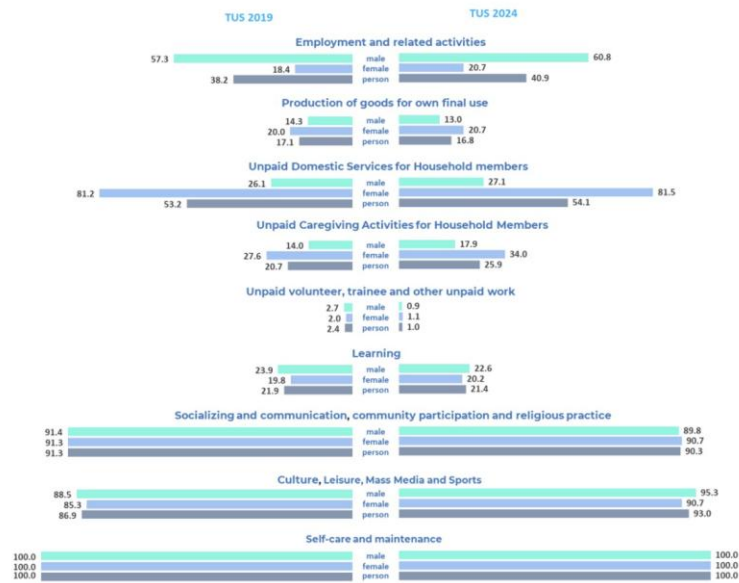
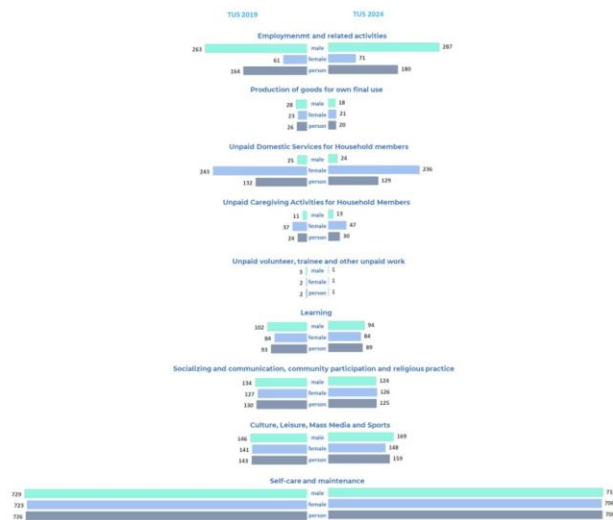


Figure 2: Participation rate (in per cent) in activities under Major Divisions of ICATUS 2016 during TUS, 2019 and TUS, 2024



Time Use during 2019 and 2024

Figure 3: Average time spent (in minutes) in a day per person in activities under Major Divisions of ICATUS 2016 during TUS, 2019 and TUS, 2024



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Comparison of participation rate and time spent per person in unpaid and paid activities during TUS, 2019 and TUS, 2024 are shown in Figure 4 and Figure 5 below.

Figure 4: Participation rate (in per cent) in unpaid and paid activities during TUS, 2019 and TUS, 2024

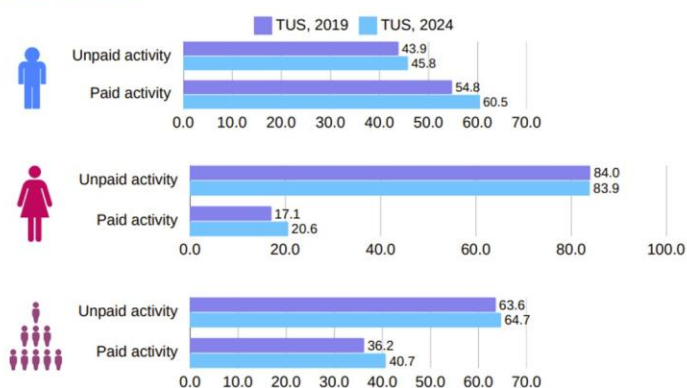


Figure 5: Average time spent (in minutes) in a day per person in unpaid and paid activities during TUS, 2019 and TUS, 2024

