

Time Use

Average use of time for unpaid work by persons from the age of 12 per day*

Activity	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male
	hours : minutes			%		
Germany						
Household work	3:01	4:08	1:46	76.1	82.7	63.1
Including:						
Preparing meals, laying the table, cleaning the dishes ..	0:57	1:26	0:25	24.0	28.7	14.9
Laundry care	0:22	0:39	0:03	9.2	13.0	1.8
Cleaning the dwelling	0:32	0:47	0:15	13.4	15.7	8.9
Taking care of plants and animals	0:24	0:24	0:25	10.1	8.0	14.9
Shopping	0:18	0:22	0:13	7.6	7.3	7.7
Settling issues with authorities, organization	0:12	0:12	0:12	5.0	4.0	7.1
Travel times	0:14	0:16	0:12	5.9	5.3	7.1
Do-it-yourself	0:21	0:08	0:35	8.8	2.7	20.8
Including:						
Repair and upkeep of vehicles	0:03	0:01	0:06	1.3	0.3	3.6
Production and repair of durables	0:04	(0:02)	0:07	1.7	(0.7)	4.2
Construction, renovation	0:06	(0:02)	(0:10)	2.5	(0.7)	6.0
Taking care of and attending people	0:27	0:37	0:16	11.3	12.3	9.5
Including:						
Childcare	0:19	0:27	0:11	8.0	9.0	6.5
Attending persons in need of long-time care	0:03	0:04	(0:02)	1.3	1.3	(1.2)
Transport service/travel times	0:04	0:05	0:03	1.7	1.7	1.8
Volunteer and community work	0:09	0:07	0:11	3.8	2.3	6.5
Unpaid work, total	3:58	5:00	2:48	100	100	100

* The time use survey was conducted 1991/92 as a one-time sample survey covering a total of 7,200 households.

Basic Law for the Federal Republic of Germany

23. May 1949

Chapter I: Basic Rights

Article 3 [Equality before the law]

- (1) All people are equal before the law.
- (2) Men and women have equal rights. The state shall seek to ensure equal treatment of men and women and to remove existing disadvantages.
- (3) Nobody shall be prejudiced or favoured because of their sex, birth, race, language, national or social origin, faith, religion or political opinions. No one may be discriminated against on account of their disability.