

## **“Work Hours in the U.S.”**

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## Work Hours in the U.S.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

What \_\_\_\_\_ the usual work \_\_\_\_\_ of Americans? How do Americans spend their \_\_\_\_\_ time?

The Bureau of Labor Statistics \_\_\_\_\_ Americans these \_\_\_\_\_ in a **survey**. The American Time Use Survey \_\_\_\_\_ in 2003. It shows \_\_\_\_\_ Americans **spend their time**.

Rachel Krantz-Kent is program manager of the American \_\_\_\_\_ Use Survey. She says \_\_\_\_\_ employed \_\_\_\_\_ worked, on **average**, more hours than employed \_\_\_\_\_.

"One of the interesting things we know from the American Time Use Survey is that, on \_\_\_\_\_, American \_\_\_\_\_ spend more time working for pay than American \_\_\_\_\_. However, while men work more \_\_\_\_\_ than women, we also observe that women are spending more time \_\_\_\_\_ childcare and doing \_\_\_\_\_ work such as \_\_\_\_\_ and food preparation."

Based on the 2010 \_\_\_\_\_, employed people work an **average** of \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ hours a day. Full-time male workers average 8.2 hours a \_\_\_\_\_. Women \_\_\_\_\_ 7.8 hours a day.

\_\_\_\_\_ people work on weekdays than on \_\_\_\_\_ and Sunday. 82% of employed \_\_\_\_\_ work on weekdays. 35% work on weekends.

From 2005 – 2009, over 50% of American \_\_\_\_\_ started their jobs each day by \_\_\_\_\_ a.m.

The report \_\_\_\_\_ tells how Americans spend their time \_\_\_\_\_ from work. On an \_\_\_\_\_ day, nearly everyone \_\_\_\_\_ television,

**socialized**, or exercised. People \_\_\_\_\_ an average of 2.7 hours a day \_\_\_\_\_ television.

Adults 75 years and \_\_\_\_\_ averaged 1.1 hours of reading a day on \_\_\_\_\_. People between 15 and 19 years old **averaged** about \_\_\_\_\_ minutes of reading a day. People 15 – 19 years old \_\_\_\_\_ more time playing \_\_\_\_\_ or using a computer.

## Understanding Vocabulary

1. Choose the correct answer:

A **survey** is a group of questions someone asks a large number of people.

Give an example of a survey.

- asking your brother what he likes to do on the weekend
- asking your mother what she usually makes for dinner
- asking several customers what they like about your company
- asking your teacher a grammar question

2. Choose the correct answer:

We **spend money**. We also **spend time** – (use time or pass time). Do you **spend time** reading or watching television?

- I spend time reading.
- I want time reading.
- I want time watches television.
- I spend a lot of money on television.

3. Choose the correct answers. You can choose **more than one** answer:

**Socialize** means “to spend time with other people for fun.” Give examples of **socializing**.

- going to a party
- watching television alone
- having dinner with friends
- playing video games alone



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Based on the 2010 survey \_\_\_\_\_, employed people work an **average** of seven \_\_\_\_\_ and a half \_\_\_\_\_ hours a day. Full-time male workers average 8.2 hours a day \_\_\_\_\_. Women average \_\_\_\_\_ 7.8 hours a day.

More \_\_\_\_\_ people work on weekdays than on Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ and Sunday. 82% of employed people \_\_\_\_\_ work on weekdays. 35% work on weekends.

From 2005 – 2009, over 50% of American workers \_\_\_\_\_ started their jobs each day by 8:00 \_\_\_\_\_ a.m.

The report also \_\_\_\_\_ tells how Americans spend their time away \_\_\_\_\_ from work. On an average \_\_\_\_\_ day, nearly everyone watched \_\_\_\_\_ television,

**socialized**, or exercised. People spent \_\_\_\_\_ an average of 2.7 hours a day watching \_\_\_\_\_ television.

Adults 75 years and older \_\_\_\_\_ averaged 1.1 hours of reading a day on weekends \_\_\_\_\_. People between 15 and 19 years old **averaged** about six \_\_\_\_\_ minutes of reading a day. People 15 – 19 years old spent \_\_\_\_\_ more time playing games \_\_\_\_\_ or using a computer.

## Understanding Vocabulary

4. Choose the correct answer:

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