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**Sri Lanka Time Use Survey – 2017 – Final Report**

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The Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) has released the final report of Time Use Survey (TUS) which was the first Sri Lanka national survey on time use statistics conducted in 2017. The information collected through this survey provides valuable information to design policies to improve well-being of the people and details related to an indicator of Sustainable Development Goals which is “The time spent on unpaid domestic and care work”.

The Survey was conducted in 2017 using the sample of households (6,440 housing units) used for the fourth quarter Labour Force Survey (LFS). Information about all the activities done by the household members who were age 10 years and above were recorded in 15 minutes time intervals for the period of 24 hours. Moreover, the information was collected for simultaneous activities and also the place of occurrence of each activity (such as home, office, common place, etc.) under the supervision of officers provided by the DCS, through specially developed diary filled by household members.

This report reveals statistics on time spent with respect to employment and related activities, unpaid domestic services, unpaid care giving activities, voluntary work, learning, socializing, leisure activities, and self-care activities of the household members who are age 10 years and above.

The following 3 indicators were mainly used to estimate the time use information of this survey.

1. Participation rate = 
$$\frac{\text{Number of participants in the activity}}{\text{Total population}} \times 100\%$$
2. The mean actor time spent on different activities = 
$$\frac{\text{Total hours spent by participants on a specified activity}}{\text{Number of participants on that specified activity}}$$
3. The mean population time spent on different activities = 
$$\frac{\text{Total hours spent by participants on a specified activity}}{\text{Total population}}$$

These indicators, the participation rates of males and females in above activities, the mean actor time per day and the mean population time per day were calculated separately for males and females and have been used to prepare this report.

Issuing a communique on releasing the final report of Time Use Survey conducted in year 2017, DCS stated that the detailed report has been published in the DCS web site: [www.statistics.gov.lk](http://www.statistics.gov.lk)

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