# How Ghanaian women and men spend their time 

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## PREFACE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This report presents the main results of the Ghana Time Use Survey. The field work was conducted in the period June 15 to July 25, 2009. The Ghana Time Use Survey was a nation-wide survey which had the objective of measuring and analyzing how individuals - women and men, girls and boys aged 10 years and above - spend their time within a 24-hour period on all activities including paid and unpaid work and leisure.

This is the first ever stand-alone Time Use Survey to be conducted in the country and as expected, such an exercise required technical, material and financial support to facilitate its implementation. It is gratifying to note that the Ghana Statistical Service (GSS) was able to secure the much-needed resources and cooperation from the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) for the conduct the survey. Of special mention is the substantial technical support received from Dr. Jacques Charmes, a consultant and an expert in Time Use Surveys, who was recruited by UNECA to work with the project team to finalize the report.

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## LIST OF ACRONYMS

| ACGP | Africa Centre for Gender and Development |
| :--- | :--- |
| COICOP | Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose |
| EA | Enumeration Area |
| GDHS | Ghana Demographic and Health Survey |
| GDP | Gross Domestic Product |
| GPRS | Ghana Poverty Reduction Strategy |
| GSS | Ghana Statistical Service |
| GTUS | Ghana Time Use Survey |
| ICATUS | International Classification of Activities for Time Use Statistics |
| ICR | Intelligent Character Recognition |
| JHS | Junior High School |
| JSS | Junior Secondary School |
| LPG | Liquefied Petroleum Gas |
| MDGs | Millennium Development Goals |
| OCR | Optical Character Reader |
| OMR | Optical Mark Reader |
| PFA | Platform for Action |
| PSU | Primary Sampling Unit |
| SNA | System of National Accounts |
| SPSS | Statistical Package for Social Sciences |
| SHS | Senior High School |
| SSS | Senior Secondary School |
| TUS | Time Use Surveys |
| UN | United Nations |
| UNECA | United Nations Economic Commission for Africa |

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2006 and 2007, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), in collaboration with its stakeholders, developed a manual on collecting sex-disaggregated time use data. Using this manual the Ghana Statistical Service, with the financial and technical assistance of UNECA, conducted the fieldwork for the very first Time Use Survey in the country. The main objective of the GTUS was to measure and analyze the time spent in a 24 -hour period by different individuals aged 10 years and over - women, men, girls, and boys - on all activities including paid and unpaid work and leisure activities.

A representative sample of 4,800 households was drawn randomly from the list of Enumeration Areas (EAs) of the 2008 Ghana Demographic and Health Survey (GDHS). In the selected households all individuals aged 10 years and older were interviewed on the basis of a questionnaire containing questions common to standard household surveys. The study also used a 24-hour diary, divided into one hour slots, as the core instrument to record activities. Data was collected from June to July, 2009. This report presents the main results of the survey.

## Main findings

The results demonstrate a distinct gender dimension with respect to the type of activities men and women were involved in. Men reported being more involved in SNA and remunerated activities (74\%) than in extended SNA and unpaid activities (66\%), while for women the opposite is true, in that $69 \%$ of women were involved in SNA activities and $95 \%$ in extended SNA activities. There is also the same noticeable gender difference in respect of learning with $31 \%$ of men engaged in this activity against $22 \%$ for women.

The gender dimensions of the participation rate also appear within the disaggregated categories of activities. The most noticeable differences can be seen for the SNA activities. For example, men (17\%) are more likely than women (11\%) to work for formal establishments, which usually offer the best conditions in terms of remuneration and social protection. On the other hand, women (29\%) are more likely than men (19\%) to be involved in paid domestic work.

## Broad activities

Participation rates with regard to the different attributes analyzed e.g. age, marital status, educational attainment, household composition, day of week, etc. have a strong gender dimension. There are also clear gender differences in average time spent on different activities and patterns of engagement in SNA and extended SNA activities (especially unpaid care work). The most noticeable gender difference is on extended SNA, where women spend an average of 3 hours and 29 minutes, which is more than 3 times the average time spent by men ( 69 minutes) on the same activities. The time spent on different activities when there is further disaggregation again has a clear gender dimension. Men reported spending far more time on work for formal establishments such as corporations and government ( 65 minutes) than women ( 23 minutes). In contrast, women reported spending more time on unpaid household work ( 2 hours and 35 minutes) than men ( 40 minutes).

## SNA activities

The participation rates in SNA activities with regard to the various attributes analyzed have a gender dimension. Both women and men have their highest participation rates ( $38 \%$ and $47 \%$ respectively) in subsistence activities, which include subsistence agriculture as well as fetching
water and collecting wood for cooking. Nearly one-third of women (29\%) were involved in work for households providing services for income, as against one-fifth of men (19\%) in the same category of activities. Gender differences persist with regard to average time spent on SNA activities even when other factors e.g. age, marital status, residential area are taken into account. Across nearly all demographic characteristics, men generally dedicate more time to SNA activities than women. The most important gender difference between men and women above 18 years old is with the work for household in construction activities, which seems to be a predominantly male activity.

## Extended or non SNA-production

In terms of participation rates, child care is the most important sub-category of unpaid care work for both men and women, with adult care coming far behind as the second most important subcategory. There are distinct gender differences in the average time spent on extended SNA activities. When mean time spent by actors on extended SNA activities is further examined across demographic and other factors, the overall pattern is that women spend more time than men on childcare and unpaid household services, while men generally dedicate more time to adult care. The most significant gender differences with regard to adult care are observed among younger, single/never married or married males, males in informal/loose unions, residing in rural areas and with pre and primary level of schooling. Additional gender differences with respect to adult care are found in the time spent by men on certain weekdays.

## Non-productive activities

The overall participation rate in general education is high which shows that Ghana has a relatively good enrollment rate for schooling. Similarly, the difference in enrolment rates between urban and rural areas is not very large. The widest difference between the two living areas, in favour of urban areas is found in the category of additional study, non-formal education and courses during free time. The average time spent in general education is slightly higher in urban areas (320 minutes) than in rural area (314 minutes). But there are no remarkable gender differences between urban and rural dwellers. The location difference in terms of all learning activities combined is largest, and in favour of urban areas (383 minutes against 129 minutes for rural area) when it comes to study related to career and professional development. On average, men in urban areas spend significantly more time on this activity than women, while in rural areas the opposite is the case.

Similarly, the gender dimension appears clearly when it comes to leisure and personal activities. Men participate more to recreation, cultural and sport activities. The participation rate for cultural activities is $6 \%$ for men while for women it is $2 \%$, for hobbies and other pastime activities as games it is $14 \%$ for men and $5 \%$ for women, for sport activities it is $20 \%$ for men and $5 \%$ for women. More than two-thirds (67\%) of men reported having activities related to mass media, while $51 \%$ of women reported having the same activities.

## Conclusion

The survey revealed how different individuals - women, men, girls, and boys in Ghana spend their time in relation to all types of work and work-related activities, both in terms of paid and unpaid labour. The results from the survey will be used as input in the development of a genderawareness macroeconomic model for Ghana. The results have also highlighted gender imbalances in average time spent on productive and non-productive activities and on paid and unpaid work. This could well feed into the government's policy decisions in an effort to finding solutions that address gender issues in macroeconomics and poverty reduction.

## PART 1

INTRODUCTION, METHODOLOGY AND DEFINITIONS

## CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background

Traditional concepts and theories on how to measure economies generally consider only the market economy and remunerated work, and offer limited guidance and indications for policies to promote women's empowerment and gender equality. International and national surveys have shown that the contribution of women to development is quite substantial but not captured in national accounts. According to the 1995 Human Development Report (1995 HDR) prepared by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the estimated value of unremunerated work was about 16 billion dollars at the global level, of which " 11 billion dollars represent the invisible contribution of women" (UNDP 1995).

The 1995 HDR made a number of recommendations including taking concrete steps to measure women's unremunerated contribution in different sectors, particularly the production of all goods and services for own household consumption. For this reason, unpaid and invisible women's work was identified as a key target for policy intervention by the United Nations through its Beijing Platform For Action (BPFA), which was adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women in 1995. The BPFA called for developing "suitable statistical means to recognize and make visible the full extent of the work of women and all their contributions to the national economy including their contribution in the unremunerated and domestic sectors..." (UN Beijing Declaration, Platform for Action).

With these developments at the international level, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), on its $40^{\text {th }}$ anniversary in 1998, convened a regional conference on the theme "African Women and Economic Development: Investing in Our Future". This conference offered more than one thousand women and men representing African governments, civil society, and the private sector, the opportunity to discuss African women's past and future contributions to Africa and the world and on how to eliminate gender discrimination.

It is well recognised that the process of measuring unremunerated work is not an easy task. Therefore, one of the key actions proposed by the conference was "to include a gender perspective in national accounting systems and other data for example, by conducting time use surveys which produce information on time use across formal, informal and unpaid reproductive sectors for women, men and girls and boys in different contexts, particularly in areas of high poverty prevalence".

Following this recommendation, the African Centre for Gender and Social Development (ACGS) of UNECA developed a conceptual and analytical framework for integrating a gender perspective and particularly women's non-market work (unpaid work) into national accounting systems and the national budget. One of the major outputs of this framework was an Africa-specific Guidebook for mainstreaming gender perspectives and household production into national statistics, budgets and policies in Africa. This forthcoming Guidebook is a compendium of methodologies and tools, which include time use surveys (TUS), national accounts and the national budget as entry points for improving the skills of statisticians, national accountants and policy analysts, in how to engender national planning instruments.

Based on the guidebook, UNECA in collaboration with its stakeholders came up with a more detailed manual specific to one of the modules of the guidebook, namely a manual on how to collect sex-disaggregated time use data.

In 2009, using this manual the Ghana Statistical Service (GSS), with the financial and technical assistance of UNECA, conducted the fieldwork for the first Time Use Survey in the country. The objective which underlies this exercise is the reinforcement of the capacities of GSS and later those of the other UNECA member States in the integration of the gender statistics on household surveys and censuses. These data should inform macro-economic policies on the contribution of domestic economies in development processes.

## 1. 2 Objectives and organization of the survey

The main objective of the GTUS was to measure and analyze the time spent in a 24 -hour period by different individuals aged 10 years and older - women, men, girls, and boys - on all activities including paid and unpaid work and leisure activities.

The idea for the GTUS is to allow for the development of a satellite account of household production as well as a gender-aware macroeconomic model for Ghana. The GTUS project is therefore designed to:

- Address gender issues in macroeconomic and poverty reduction policies and strategies in Ghana.
- Build the capacity of the country in conducting time use surveys.
- Provide users with data on time use and how Ghanaians allocate time to different activities.
- Capture the full participation of men and women in the economic and development process.
- Lay the ground for developing National Satellite Accounts on Household Production.
- Improve concepts, methodology and measurement of all types of work and work-related activities.
- Mainstream gender into development policy and programmes.

The GTUS was conducted by GSS with technical and financial support from UNUNECA and the Government of Ghana. The GSS was responsible for overseeing the day-to-day technical operations including recruitment and supervision of field and data-processing staff as well as the supervision of the office and field operations.

The main aim of the survey was to test the manual and its concepts, methodology and tools, as well as to provide accurate information on the way in which Ghanaian women and men spend their time. In particular, the collection of time use data was intended to provide new information on the division of both paid and unpaid labour between women and men.

### 1.3 Definitions and Concepts

## Time Use Survey:

Time use surveys record the activities done by different individuals from a representative selection of households, and the time spent on each activity. The time spent on an activity is measured in terms of the number of minutes or hours within a 24 -hour period.

Typical examples of activities on which a person may spend time during the course of a day include: eating, travelling (walking, driving a car or riding a motor bike), unpaid child care (for example, supervising and feeding), working in a formal sector job (whether as employee or employer, in the public or private sector), doing unpaid 'economic' work (such as fetching water or collecting firewood, or working unpaid in the family business), and housework (cleaning the house, preparing meals, caring for children).

## Average time spent:

The average time spent in an activity can be computed in reference to the whole population of the category, or in reference to the population involved in the activity. Therefore, the participation rate of the population is required for each activity and two series of tables are presented:

1. Average time spent per day, population, and
2. Average time spent per day, persons who did the activity.

Basic statistics on time use take the form of estimates of the average time spent per day on different types of activities by people in a particular category. The category could be men, women, girls and boys in a certain age group, from rural or urban areas, employed and unemployed, and so on. To arrive at an accurate average, time use data should cover weekends and weekdays, as well as different seasons of the year.

## Participation rate:

The participation rate is the proportion of persons in the survey population who took part in a specific activity during the reference period, which for GTUS was the last 24 hours.

Target Population/Respondent to the diary questionnaire:
The target population was defined as all people living in households who were aged 10 years and older. This excludes persons who lived in group quarters such as military camps, boarding schools, etc.

## Time slot:

A one-hour interval during a 24-hour period in respect of which respondents reported one or more activities.

## Simultaneous activities:

Simultaneous activities are activities undertaken by one person at the same time and place. For instance: cooking and listening to the radio at home at the same time, cleaning the house and caring for children at the same time, etc.

System of National Accounts (SNA):
The System of National Accounts (SNA) is the internationally agreed framework for estimating the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of a country. Growth in GDP is used as the main indicator of
how well or how poorly an economy is performing. Ghana is currently using the System of National Accounts of 1993 (SNA’93). As most statistical data eventually finds its way into national accounts, it is important to have an internationally agreed set of standards that govern the compilation of macro-economic aggregates. SNA'93 provides such a comprehensive framework of accounts with common definitions and concepts to describe the economy of a country.

## SNA Production:

Activities within the System of National Accounts (SNA) production boundary comprise production of goods and services supplied or intended to be supplied to units other than their producers, own-account production of all goods retained by their producers, own-account production of housing services by owner-occupiers and of domestic and personal services produced in a household by paid domestic staff. SNA production excludes all household activities that produce domestic or personal services for own final consumption within the same household except the services produced by employing paid domestic staff.

Non-SNA production (extended SNA):
Non-SNA production within the general production boundary includes domestic and personal services produced and consumed within the same household including cleaning, servicing and repairs; preparation and serving of meals; care, training and instruction of children; care of the sick, infirm and elderly; transportation of members of the household or their goods; as well as unpaid volunteer services to other households, community, neighbourhood associations and other associations.

Non-productive activities:
An activity is considered non-productive if it cannot be delegated to someone else, in line with the "third person rule". Activities performed for personal maintenance and care such as eating, drinking, sleeping, or exercising are non-productive. Similarly activities associated with socializing and entertainment, such as participation in sports, hobbies and games, and use of mass media are considered non-productive activities.

## Productive work:

An activity is said to be productive if its performance can be delegated to another person and yield the same desired result. As such, all productive activities fall within the general production boundary.

## Reproductive work:

Reproductive work includes activities such as rearing and caring for children; caring for the elderly, ill, disabled and other household members; caring unpaid for non-family members; and cooking, cleaning and fetching water and fuel. These activities constitute production, but are not included in the calculation of gross domestic product.

## Care of children and adults:

This refers to time spent doing activities to care for or help any child (under age 18) or adult in the household, regardless of the physical or mental health status of the person. Childcare and adult care is defined under two categories - primary and secondary.

Primary childcare refers to time spent directly and exclusively on a child while not engaged in any other activity (e.g. housework, watching television). These activities include time spent providing physical care, reading to and playing with children, changing diapers, taking care of
children's health needs, dropping off, picking up and waiting for children, assistance with home work, etc. Primary adult care refers to time spent directly helping and caring (dressing, bathing, grooming, etc.) for a sick, elderly or disabled relative or other adult. Also included here is help given directly to these dependent adults with housekeeping tasks such as cleaning, laundry, shopping and meal preparation.

Secondary care of children and adults implies having responsibility for their wellbeing, and being available to them while engaged in other primary activities. For example your child may be doing homework or watching television, and a disabled or sick parent may be reading in the next room while you are doing dishes. Secondary childcare or adult care therefore also overlaps with other activities.

## Employment status:

Employed people include all those who reported they were engaged in at least one economic activity over the 7 days before the date of the interview. A person is considered to have worked if the person was self-employed or had been engaged in paid work, whether in the formal or in the informal sector, whether full-time or part-time. A person is considered to have worked if he or she is learning a trade while working in an establishment as well as if he or she is working in a family business without collecting any pay.

The specific economic activities which were prompted for in GTUS were:

- running any kind of business, big or small, for themselves;
- helping in a family business without pay;
- doing any work on a household farm;
- fishing or hunting for wild animals for food or sale;
- doing domestic work for another household for payment in cash or in kind; and
- doing any other work for wage, salary, piecework pay, commission or payment in kind.

A person was considered unemployed if during the reference period (one week preceding the interview), he or she was without work, was available to work and was actively looking for work; had not actively looked for work in the past 4 weeks but was on temporary layoff and was available for work; had not actively looked for work in the past four weeks but had a new job to start in four weeks or less from the reference period and was available for work.

## Unemployment rate:

It is obtained by dividing the number of unemployed by the economically active population, which is the sum of the employed and unemployed.

## Household:

A household consists of a person or a group of persons, whether related or not, living together in the same housing unit (dwelling), who usually share the same housekeeping arrangements and are catered for as one unit.

## Head of Household:

The head of household is the person whose authority is recognised by all other members of the household. Only one person may be considered as the head of a household.

## Type of residence:

Localities in Ghana are divided into urban and rural areas depending on the population density per geographical area. Localities with 5,000 or more inhabitants are defined as urban while those with less than 5,000 as rural.

## Structure/dwelling:

A structure is a free-standing building for a residential or commercial purpose. It may have one or more rooms in which people live. It may, for example, be an apartment building, a house, or a thatched hut.

## Dwelling unit:

A dwelling unit is a room or group of rooms occupied by one or more households. For instance, there could be one dwelling unit in a thatched hut, but there may be about 20 dwelling units in an apartment building or six dwelling units in a compound. A dwelling unit may usually be distinguished from the next dwelling unit by a separate entrance.

### 1.4 Methodology

## Sample design

The sample for the 2009 GTUS was designed to provide estimates of key indicators at the national and regional levels as well as for urban and rural areas in Ghana. A representative sample of 4,800 households was drawn randomly from the list of Enumeration Areas (EAs) of the 2008 Ghana Demographic and Health Survey (GDHS), which served as a frame for the GTUS sample. In the selected households all individuals aged 10 years and older were interviewed.

The sample frame was first stratified into the 10 administrative regions in the country, then into urban and rural EAs. GTUS used a two-stage stratified sample design. At the first stage of sampling, 300 EAs were selected. These are a sub-sample of the 412 EAs selected from the 2008 GDHS. The second stage involved selection of 16 households from the 2008 GDHS listing in each selected EA.

The Primary Sampling Unit (PSU) was the EA, while the Secondary Sampling Unit (SSU) was the household. In the selected households all individuals aged 10 years and older were interviewed for the 24 -hour activity diary. The following factors were considered in the selection of EAs and households:
a) The regional population and average household size in the 2000 Population and Housing Census. The larger the average household size, the smaller the proportion of sampled households in the EA.
b) A confidence interval of $95 \%$ with an error margin of 0.025 .
c) The number of EAs for each region in the 2008 GDHS.
d) Allowance for a non-response rate of $20 \%$ for households. The rationale here was to eliminate the need for substitution of unfound or non-responding households during the fieldwork. Giving the option of substituting households to supervisors would have led to a biased sample and therefore field officers were not allowed to substitute. Furthermore, the selection of households considered the average household size of the regions and hence aimed at achieving an adequate sample of individual respondents who were the
observation units.
e) Increasing the number of selected households to compensate for the exclusion of the population under 10 years old in the households.
f) As variations in the variables to be studied in the GTUS are expected to be higher in rural areas, it was decided to draw a larger sample ( $77 \%$ of EAs in GDHS 2008) for these areas than for urban areas ( $67 \%$ of EAs in GDHS).

Taking into account the factors above, the distribution of the selected EAs by region and residence is shown in Table 1.1.

Table 1.1: Selected EAs for 2008 GDHS and 2009 GTUS by Region and Residence

| Region | Residence |  |  |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Urban |  | Rural |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 2008 \\ & \text { GDHS } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { 2009 } \\ & \text { GTUS } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 2008 \\ & \text { GDHS } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2009 \\ & \text { GTUS } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2008 \\ & \text { GDHS } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 2009 \\ & \text { GTUS } \end{aligned}$ |
| Western | 15 | 13 | 24 | 21 | 39 | 34 |
| Central | 13 | 13 | 21 | 21 | 34 | 34 |
| Greater Accra | 53 | 30 | 7 | 4 | 60 | 34 |
| Volta | 10 | 10 | 25 | 24 | 35 | 34 |
| Eastern | 16 | 12 | 27 | 22 | 43 | 34 |
| Ashanti | 36 | 16 | 31 | 14 | 67 | 30 |
| Brong Ahafo | 16 | 12 | 22 | 18 | 38 | 30 |
| Northern | 11 | 6 | 27 | 16 | 38 | 22 |
| Upper East | 5 | 5 | 23 | 21 | 28 | 26 |
| Upper West | 7 | 5 | 23 | 17 | 30 | 22 |
| National | 182 | 122 | 230 | 178 | 412 | 300 |

For each selected EA, a total of 16 households were selected from the 2008 GDHS list of households.

## i. Sample Selection

The selection of the regional samples of EAs from the 2008 GDHS EAs was done using SPSS syntax that applies a systematic simple random sampling procedure. However, the sampling weights were calculated on the basis of the population size of the EAs and their totals in the region.

The households were also selected using a systematic simple random sampling procedure in Microsoft Excel ${ }^{\circledR}$ using the 2008 DHS listing information. A sampling interval and a random starting number were determined. The random starting number served as the first household to be selected. The remaining 15 households were selected by adding multiples of the sampling intervals to the random starting number until the desired number was achieved.

## ii. Sample Weights

The 2009 GTUS sample was weighted to the 2009 national population of Ghana. The overall sampling weight was adjusted to suit the variation between the selected and responding sampling units as well as the 2000 census population projections for 2009.

The calculation of sampling weights takes into account the level of representation of sampling units. The survey observations are then adjusted accordingly.

The sampling weight $\mathrm{W}_{\mathrm{ij}}$ for $\mathrm{j}^{\text {th }}$ EA in $\mathrm{i}^{\text {th }}$ region is calculated as follows:

$$
\mathbf{W}_{\mathrm{ij}}=\mathbf{W}_{\mathrm{GDHS}} *\left(1 / \mathrm{s}_{\mathrm{i}}\right) *\left(\mathbf{M}_{\mathrm{i}} / \mathrm{m}_{\mathrm{ij}}\right)
$$

where:
$\mathrm{W}_{\mathrm{GDHS}}$ is the weight of the EA in the 2008 GDHS.
$\mathrm{s}_{\mathrm{i}}$ is the number of EAs selected from the $\mathrm{i}^{\text {th }}$ region.
$\mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{i}}$ is the total population of 2008 GDHS EAs in $\mathrm{i}^{\text {th }}$ region.
$\mathrm{m}_{\mathrm{ij}}$ is the population of $\mathrm{j}^{\text {th }}$ EA in $\mathrm{i}^{\text {th }}$ region during the 2008 GDHS.
The sampling weight $\mathrm{W}_{\mathrm{jk}}$ for $\mathrm{k}^{\text {th }}$ household in $\mathrm{j}^{\text {th }}$ EA is calculated as follows:

$$
\mathbf{W}_{\mathrm{jk}}=\left(\mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{ij}} / 16\right)
$$

where:
$\mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{ij}}$ is the number of listed households in $\mathrm{j}^{\text {th }}$ EA of $\mathrm{i}^{\text {th }}$ region during the 2008 GDHS.
The overall sampling weight $\mathrm{W}_{\mathrm{ijk}}$ for household k in EA j in Region i is the product of EA and household weight and is calculated as follows:

$$
\mathbf{W}_{\mathrm{ijk}}=\left(\mathbf{W}_{\mathrm{ij}} * \mathbf{W}_{\mathrm{jk}}\right)
$$

The overall sampling weight was adjusted due to the variation between the selected and responded sampling units as well as between the 2000 census population, the 2008 GDHS population and the 2009 GTUS population. The household adjustment factor was calculated by dividing the actual listed EA population by the estimated EA population from the survey.
The EA adjustment factor was calculated by dividing the estimated 2009 GTUS regional population by the 2008 GDHS regional population.

## Data collection method

The study used a 24-hour diary, divided into one hour slots, as the core instrument to record activities. In each slot, provision was made for a maximum of five activities to be recorded. The diary was administered face-to-face to the respondent by means of an interview. In addition to the diary, the questionnaire contained many questions common to standard household surveys. For analysis of the diary, the GTUS used the revised International Classification of Activities for Time Use Statistics (new ICATUS) developed by the United Nations Statistics Division, which has 15 main groups of activities (see annex).

Sixty days ( 60 days) including travel time, weekends and call-backs were allocated for fieldwork. Thirteen (13) mobile teams each made up of 4 interviewers and a supervisor, undertook the
fieldwork and were expected to complete interviews within the time frame. Each interviewer completed an average of two households per day.

### 1.5 Data limitations

- Recall of activities under the various time slots and of time allocated for activities undertaken within the 24 -hour period preceding the day of interview may reveal difficulty due to memory lapse and poor time-keeping habits.
- Non response: There were instances when an interviewer was unable to complete the diaries for all selected members of a household in the same day despite several callbacks. This resulted in non-response from those household members who were absent from home. Therefore, there may be differences between the target population and the surveyed population due to non-response. To the extent that the characteristics of the non-responding population could differ from the target population, the estimates would be biased. However the non-response rate remained limited in the GTUS 2009 for the households as well as for the individual diaries.
- Seasonal variations were not taken into account in the design of the survey. Data were collected over two consecutive months.


### 1.6 Questionnaires

There were two types of questionnaires used in the GTUS:

- The household questionnaire collected information about demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of the members of the household such as age, sex, level of education, household expenditures, housing and living conditions of the households. The household questionnaire permitted the interviewer to identify the eligible household members (10 years and older) for the individual interviews.
- The individual diary was used to record information on the individual's (10 years and older) activities, and the duration and the location of these activities within one-hour slots for a day ( 24 hours). All eligible household members were asked about their activities in the 24 hours beginning at 4am on the previous day. Each individual questionnaire was linked to a household questionnaire.

The Teleform automated data capturing software was used to design the questionnaires. They were then printed and tested to ensure that all the variables in the questionnaires were in the database.

### 1.7 Pilot survey: Training and fieldwork

A pilot survey was conducted to test the design and flow of questions in the GTUS questionnaires, identify the appropriate target population, test the interview techniques and determine the average time required to complete an interview for the main survey.

The training for the pilot survey started on $14^{\text {th }}$ April, 2009 and ended on $17^{\text {th }}$ April, 2009. The activities of the training included lectures on concepts, field procedures and general administration of time use survey instruments (household and individual diary questionnaires). Role plays as well as field practice were carried out. The resource persons who facilitated the training were from the Time Use Survey (TUS) Secretariat at the GSS and the UNECA mission who came in to assist with the finalization of the questionnaire.

Twenty (20) field officers were selected for the pilot survey after they had gone through a competitive selection test. The fieldwork for the pilot survey started on $19^{\text {th }}$ April and ended on $25^{\text {th }}$ April, 2009. It was closely monitored and supervised by members of the TUS Secretariat.

### 1.8 Main Survey-Training and Fieldwork

A total of 84 field personnel participated in the main fieldwork training conducted from $24^{\text {th }}$ to $29^{\text {th }}$ May, 2009. The training included lectures on interviewing techniques, discussion of the questionnaires, and mock interviews among trainees to acquire skills in asking questions. The objective of this exercise was to give the participants a combination of theoretical and practical experience in the sensitization of the target population and interviewing households and to anticipate the challenges they could face in the field.

Trainees also spent some time conducting field interviews as practice sessions in the course of the training. Supervisors and interviewers were selected among trainees based on their performance in the field practices, participation in class and assessment tests.

The data were collected by 13 teams. Each team comprised 4 interviewers, a supervisor and a driver. The fieldwork began on $1^{\text {st }}$ of June and ended on $3^{\text {rd }}$ of August 2009, with successful coverage of the sample area. Seasonal variations were not taken into account in the design of the survey (see Data limitations).

For the household questionnaire, the identified head of the household was interviewed, while for the individual questionnaire, all members of the household aged 10 years and older were interviewed. A minimum of three call-backs was made in order to complete the diaries in situations where the respondent was absent at the time of the first visit.

### 1.9 Data processing

Capturing of the data was automated through scanning to speed up data processing. A scanning technology called the Automated Teleform System was used to capture the data collected. This system combined Optical Mark Reader (OMR), Optical Character Reader (OCR) and Intelligent Character Recognition (ICR) for the processing. Before scanning, manual edits were performed on the questionnaires received from the field to check for completeness and accuracy of the questionnaires. After the scanning exercise, structural edits were done followed by consistency checks to further reduce errors.

Data were captured, cleaned and edited in Microsoft Access ${ }^{\ominus}$ format and transferred to SPSS. Further cleaning and imputations were done during analysis where the information was found to be inconsistent or incomplete.

Scanning of the questionnaires, data cleaning and data validation were carried out from June 29 to July 31, 2009.

### 1.10 The activity coding system

The GTUS used the International Classification of Activities for Time Use Statistics (ICATUS) developed by the United Nations Statistics Division and published in the guide to producing statistics on time use (United Nations Statistics Division. 2005. Guide to producing statistics on time use: Measuring paid and unpaid work). ICATUS defines 15 main groups of activities, which include: SNA productive, non-SNA productive and non-productive activities (see annex). Coding of activities was done in the field by the supervisors.

Ghana adopted the United Nations (UN) classification for the activity coding system with some modification.

## SNA Production

01- Work for corporations/quasi-corporations, non-profit institutions and government (formal sector work)
$\underline{02}$ - Work for household in primary production activities
03 - Work for household in non-primary production activities
$\underline{04}$ - Work for household in construction activities
$\underline{05}$ - Work for household providing services for income

## Non-SNA Production

$\underline{06}$ - Providing unpaid domestic services for own final use within household
$\underline{07}$ - Providing unpaid caregiving services to household members
08 - Providing community services and help to other households

## Non-Productive

$\underline{09}$ - Learning
10 - Socializing and community participation
11 - Attending/visiting cultural, entertainment and sports events/venues
12 - Hobbies, games and other pastime activities
$\underline{13}$ - Indoor and outdoor sports participation and related courses
14 - Mass media
15 - Personal care and maintenance

### 1.11 Response rate

Table 1.2 below presents the detailed response rates at the household and individual levels. The response rate for the 2009 GTUS was $99.5 \%$ at the household level and $86.5 \%$ at the individual level. As shown in the table, the response rate at the individual level was higher in rural areas (87.2\%) compared with urban areas (85.5\%). It was also higher overall for females compared with males ( $88.1 \%$ against $84.8 \%$ ). This can be explained by the fact that individuals are more likely to be absent from home in urban areas than in rural areas and females are more likely than males to be present in the household premises at the time of the interviewer's visit. It should also be noted that diary questionnaires that could not be linked to a fully completed household questionnaire was not maintained in the sample for analyses.

Table 1.2: Number of households, number of interviews, and response rates by residence

| Result | Residence |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Urban | Rural | Total |
| Household Interviews |  |  |  |
| Households selected | 1,984 | 2,816 | 4,800 |
| Households occupied ${ }^{1}$ | 1,704 | 2,510 | 4,214 |
| Households interviewed | 1,690 | 2,503 | 4,193 |
| Household response rate ${ }^{2}$ | 99.2 | 99.7 | 99.5 |
| Female Individuals Interviewed |  |  |  |
| Eligible individuals | 2,251 | 3,436 | 5,687 |
| Individuals interviewed | 1,975 | 3,036 | 5,011 |
| Individual response rate ${ }^{3}$ | 87.7 | 88.4 | 88.1 |
| Male Individuals interviewed |  |  |  |
| Eligible individuals | 1,894 | 3,161 | 5,055 |
| Individuals interviewed | 1,570 | 2,716 | 4,286 |
| Individual response rate ${ }^{4}$ | 82.9 | 85.9 | 84.8 |
| Eligible individuals | 4,145 | 6,597 | 10,742 |
| Individuals interviewed | 3,545 | 5,752 | 9,297 |
| Individual response rate ${ }^{4}$ | 85.5 | 87.2 | 86.5 |
| ${ }^{1}$ Households completed and refusals |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{2}$ Households interviewed/Households occupied |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{3}$ Individuals interviewed/Eligible individuals |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{4}$ Individuals interviewed/Eligible individuals |  |  |  |

## PART 2

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE HOUSEHOLDS

## CHAPTER 2 DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

### 2.1 Household Composition

Table 2.1 indicates that more than two-thirds (67\%) of the households in Ghana were headed by males while $33 \%$ were headed by females. The percentage of female headed households was higher in urban (36\%) than in rural areas (30\%).

Single person households were dominant in the population (24\%). There were more single person households in the urban (27\%) than in the rural areas (22\%). About 2\% of households with nine or more members were found in the urban areas (1.9\%) as against $4.8 \%$ in the rural areas.

The national average household size was 3.4 with a larger average size in rural areas ( 3.6 persons) than in urban areas ( 3.2 persons).

Table 2.1: Distribution of Households by sex of Head of Household, Household size, and average size of households by residence (\%)

|  | Residence |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Characteristics of | Urban | Rural | Total |
| Household headship |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Male | 64.0 | 70.2 | 66.9 |
| Female | 36.0 | 29.8 | 33.1 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Number of usual members |  |  |  |
| 1 | 26.6 | 21.5 | 23.6 |
| 2 | 14.0 | 11.6 | 12.6 |
| 3 | 17.6 | 13.6 | 15.2 |
| 4 | 14.8 | 15.8 | 15.4 |
| 5 | 10.9 | 13.1 | 12.2 |
| 6 | 8.3 | 9.7 | 9.1 |
| 7 | 4.4 | 6.3 | 5.5 |
| 8 | 1.6 | 3.6 | 2.8 |
| $9+$ | 1.9 | 4.8 | 3.6 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Average size of households | $\mathbf{3 . 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 6}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 4}$ |

### 2.2 Age and Sex Distribution

Age and sex are two components that form the basis of demographic analysis and classification of the population. They are also important variables for analyzing demographic trends.

Figure 1.1 presents the household population by five-year age groups and sex. The age structure is typical of a growing population. There were more persons in the younger age group than in the older groups for both sexes. In general, about $40 \%$ of the population was under 15 years of age. This type of population structure imposes a heavy burden on the social and economic conditions in the country.

Figure 1.1: Population Pyramid


### 2.3 Marital Status

Information on marital status was collected for persons 12 years and older. Table 2.2 shows that $45 \%$ of the population had married while $39 \%$ were either single or had never married. The widowed, separated and divorced constituted $11 \%$. About $43 \%$ of the urban population was either single or never married. The data also indicated that the proportion of females divorced was higher in urban areas (6\%) than in the rural areas (5\%). Informal/loose union was relatively higher in rural areas compared to urban areas.

Table 2.2: Current marital status by Residence and sex (12 years+)

| Current marital <br> status | Urban |  |  |  | Rural |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Ghana |  |
| Married |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Married | 47.3 | 38.6 | 42.6 | 41.1 | 28.5 | 34.5 | 38.8 |
| Widowed | 44.1 | 39.9 | 41.8 | 48.8 | 48.5 | 48.7 | 45.0 |
| Divorced | 0.9 | 8.8 | 5.2 | 2.3 | 10.4 | 6.5 | 5.8 |
| Separated | 2.1 | 5.5 | 4.0 | 2.3 | 4.5 | 3.5 | 3.7 |
| Informal/ loose | 1.1 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| union |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 4.5 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 4.5 | 6.3 | 5.5 | 5.3 |

### 2.4 Religious Affiliation

Table 2.3 shows that $31 \%$ of the population was Pentecostal/Charismatic, 16.3\% Protestants, 15\% Islam and $15 \%$ being Catholics. In the urban areas, $35 \%$ females were Pentecostals/charismatic compared with $33 \%$ males. In the rural areas, Pentecostal/Charismatic recorded the highest percentage of females (30\%) compared with males (27\%). Traditionalists made up only $4 \%$ of the population and those with no religion constituted about $5 \%$.

Table 2.3: Religious Affiliation by Residence and Sex

|  | Urban |  |  | Rural |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Ghana |
| Catholic | 15.1 | 12.9 | 14.0 | 14.9 | 17.2 | 16.1 | 15.0 |
| Protestants | 14.4 | 17.9 | 16.2 | 15.7 | 17.1 | 16.4 | 16.3 |
| Pentecostal/ Charismatic | 32.8 | 35.2 | 34.1 | 27.2 | 29.8 | 28.6 | 31.4 |
| Other Christian | 14.5 | 13.2 | 13.8 | 10.9 | 11.6 | 11.3 | 12.6 |
| Islam | 18.3 | 17.2 | 17.7 | 13.7 | 12.3 | 13.0 | 15.4 |
| Traditionalist | 0.4 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 7.9 | 6.9 | 7.4 | 4.0 |
| No religion | 4.1 | 2.5 | 3.3 | 9.5 | 4.9 | 7.1 | 5.2 |
| Other | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |

### 2.5 Literacy

As indicated in Table 2.4, nearly $62 \%$ of the populations were literate. Of the urban population, $73 \%$ were literate compared with $48.0 \%$ in the rural areas. In the urban areas, $84 \%$ of males were literate as against $64 \%$ for females. On the other hand, $64 \%$ of females in the rural areas were not literate compared with males (39\%).

Table 2.4: Literacy by residence

|  | Literacy by Residence and sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Urban |  |  | Rural |  |  |  |
|  | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Ghana |
| Literate | 83.6 | 64.4 | 73.2 | 61.0 | 36.3 | 48 | 61.6 |
| Not Literate | 16.4 | 35.6 | 26.8 | 39.0 | 63.7 | 52 | 38.4 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

## CHAPTER 3 SOCIO-ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

### 3.1 Educational attainment

As depicted in Table 3.1, about 18\% of the population had never been to school but a little over $10 \%$ were in pre-school. The survey results also show that $28 \%$ had primary education and furthermore, $27 \%$ had middle/JSS/JHS. Only $11 \%$ had attained Secondary/SSS/SHS education, and the proportion of persons who had attained either training college, polytechnic or university level education was $5 \%$.

There was gender disparity in educational attainment at all levels except Primary and Middle/JHS/JSS. The proportion of females (23\%) who had never attended school was higher compared with males (13\%). In the rural areas $25 \%$ had never attended school as against $12 \%$ in urban areas. As far as secondary education was concerned, $16.2 \%$ of the urban population had attained secondary education as against $6.1 \%$ in the rural areas. About $3 \%$ of the urban population ( $5 \%$ males and $2 \%$ females) compared with only $1 \%$ of rural population ( $1.9 \%$ males and $0.4 \%$ females) had attained university education.

Table 3.1: Highest level of school by residence

|  | Urban |  |  | Rural |  |  | National |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| Highest level of school |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never Attended | 7.1 | 16.4 | 12.1 | 19.0 | 30.4 | 24.8 | 13.0 | 23.1 | 18.3 |
| Pre-School | 10.9 | 9.1 | 9.9 | 10.9 | 10.6 | 10.7 | 10.9 | 9.8 | 10.3 |
| Primary | 24.1 | 25.3 | 24.8 | 31.5 | 30.8 | 31.1 | 27.8 | 27.9 | 27.9 |
| Middle/JSS/JHS ${ }^{1}$ | 28.9 | 30.0 | 29.5 | 26.1 | 22.4 | 24.2 | 27.5 | 26.4 | 26.9 |
| Secondary/SSS/SHS ${ }^{2}$ | 18.8 | 13.8 | 16.2 | 7.9 | 4.5 | 6.1 | 13.4 | 9.3 | 11.3 |
| Training College | 1.8 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 1.6 |
| Polytechnic | 3.3 | 1.2 | 2.2 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 2.0 | 0.7 | 1.4 |
| University | 4.7 | 2.1 | 3.3 | 1.9 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 3.3 | 1.3 | 2.2 |
| Don't Know | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Table 3.2 shows that the proportion of the population that had never attended school was directly related to age. For instance, $25 \%$ of those aged 45-49 had never attended school compared with $5 \%$ of the 15-19 year olds and $3 \%$ of $10-14$ year olds.

[^0]Table 3.2: Five-year age group by educational attainment

| Five year age-group | Pre- <br> School | Primary | Middle/JSS/JHS | Secondary/SSS/SHS | Higher <br> education* | Never <br> Attended |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $0-4$ | 65.9 | 3.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 30.7 |
| $5-9$ | 34.5 | 55.4 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 9.2 |
| $10-14$ | 0.7 | 78.2 | 17.9 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 2.8 |
| $15-19$ | 0.0 | 21.5 | 47.4 | 25.6 | 0.5 | 4.7 |
| $20-24$ | 0.0 | 13.4 | 34.0 | 32.2 | 9.5 | 10.9 |
| $25-29$ | 0.3 | 11.5 | 41.1 | 19.1 | 11.9 | 16.0 |
| $30-34$ | 0.4 | 13.7 | 40.9 | 15.6 | 10.9 | 18.5 |
| $35-39$ | 0.2 | 16.2 | 38.4 | 13.0 | 8.1 | 24.0 |
| $40-44$ | 0.2 | 14.6 | 38.6 | 12.5 | 7.7 | 25.6 |
| $45-49$ | 0.0 | 16.8 | 37.8 | 13.9 | 6.0 | 25.0 |
| $50-54$ | 0.0 | 13.0 | 40.7 | 9.6 | 9.4 | 27.3 |
| $55-59$ | 0.0 | 15.1 | 32.8 | 9.0 | 14.9 | 28.2 |
| $60-64$ | 0.8 | 12.4 | 28.3 | 6.5 | 7.9 | 43.3 |
| $65-69$ | 0.2 | 9.0 | 31.0 | 5.0 | 8.0 | 46.8 |
| $70-74$ | 0.0 | 10.8 | 20.0 | 7.8 | 7.0 | 54.4 |
| $75-79$ | 0.0 | 13.0 | 17.0 | 0.9 | 3.8 | 64.7 |
| $80+$ | 0.0 | 6.9 | 8.2 | 2.0 | 0.9 | 82.0 |
| Total | 10.3 | 27.9 | 26.9 | 11.3 | 5.2 | 18.3 |

* Higher education includes training college, polytechnic and university (Diplomas, Higher National Diplomas and Degrees)


### 3.2 Economic activity

This section presents the results of the population aged 7 years and older who engaged in an economic activity 7 days prior to the survey. Information was sought on the main occupation, employment status and the industry of occupation. For those who did not engage in any economic activity, they were asked to give reasons why they did not work.

### 3.2.1 Occupation

Table 3.3 shows that about $40 \%$ of the working population were skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers and $28 \%$ were service and sales workers. The highest proportion of males (43\%), were skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers. On the other hand, the highest proportion of females (43\%), were engaged as service and sales workers. The managers, professionals, and technical and associate professionals together constituted only $10 \%$.

The proportion of male professionals (9\%) was higher compared with their female counterparts (5\%). The pattern was not different from the data on technicians and associate professionals as well as craft and related trades workers.

For all occupations except skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery group (with $63.7 \%$ of the rural population engaged), the proportion of people engaged was higher in urban than in rural areas. The proportion of females in the service and sales group was higher than males in both the urban and rural areas ( $60.5 \%$ against $18.2 \%$ in urban, and $26.2 \%$ against $6.4 \%$ in rural).

Table 3.3: Occupation classification by sex and residence

| Occupation classification | Urban |  |  | Rural |  |  | National |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| Managers | 2.8 | 1.0 | 1.9 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 1.9 | 0.6 | 1.3 |
| Professionals | 12.1 | 7.4 | 9.6 | 5.8 | 1.9 | 3.8 | 8.7 | 4.6 | 6.6 |
| Technicians and associate professionals | 5.6 | 1.7 | 3.5 | 1.5 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 3.4 | 1.0 | 2.1 |
| Clerical support workers | 3.7 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 2.3 | 1.5 | 1.9 |
| Service and sales workers | 18.2 | 60.5 | 40.6 | 6.4 | 26.2 | 16.5 | 11.9 | 42.8 | 28.0 |
| Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers | 16.5 | 10.6 | 13.4 | 66.8 | 60.8 | 63.7 | 43.3 | 36.5 | 39.8 |
| Craft and related trades workers | 25.1 | 12.3 | 18.3 | 8.6 | 7.3 | 7.9 | 16.3 | 9.7 | 12.8 |
| Plant and machine operators assembles | 11.7 | 0.0 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 0.1 | 2.8 | 8.5 | 0.1 | 4.1 |
| Elementary occupations | 4.2 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.4 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

### 3.2.2 Employment status

From Table 3.4, three-fifth (60\%) of the population who worked prior to the interview was selfemployed without employees (also called own-account workers). This was made up of more than two-thirds of females (69\%) and more than half of males (51\%). In both urban and rural areas, the proportion of female self-employed without employees ( $65.2 \%$ and $72.0 \%$ ) was higher than males in that same category ( $38.5 \%$ and $62.4 \%$ ). The population employed in the public sector was $9 \%$. The proportion of females ( $5.8 \%$ ) employed in the public sector was lower than males ( $12 \%$ ).

Table 3.4: Employment status in job by residence and Sex

|  | Urban |  |  |  | Rural |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | National |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employment status in job |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public sector employee | 16.2 | 8.6 | 12.2 | 8.4 | 3.2 | 5.8 | 12.1 | 5.8 | 8.8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Formal private sector employee | 13.6 | 4.8 | 9.0 | 4.8 | 0.9 | 2.8 | 8.9 | 2.8 | 5.7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Informal private sector employee | 11.0 | 3.4 | 7.0 | 3.9 | 1.1 | 2.4 | 7.2 | 2.2 | 4.6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employees of international org. | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Self-employed without employees | 38.5 | 65.2 | 52.6 | 62.4 | 72.0 | 67.3 | 51.2 | 68.7 | 60.3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Self-employed with employees | 9.5 | 6.4 | 7.9 | 3.1 | 2.0 | 2.6 | 6.1 | 4.1 | 5.1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unpaid family worker/ apprentice | 6.5 | 9.5 | 8.1 | 15.6 | 20.1 | 17.9 | 11.4 | 14.9 | 13.2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Temporary /casual worker | 3.5 | 1.4 | 2.4 | 1.6 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 2.5 | 0.9 | 1.7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other | 1.0 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 3.2.3 Industry of occupation

Table 3.5 indicates that the majority of the employed persons in the country worked mainly in three industry groups namely, Crop, animal production, forestry and logging (39.4\%), Wholesale and retail trade (24\%) and Manufacturing (8\%).

In urban areas, the employed were mainly engaged in Wholesale and retail trade (34.2\%), Crop, animal production, forestry and logging (12.9\%) and Manufacturing (10.2\%). In the rural areas however, about $63.7 \%$ of the employed are engaged in Crop, animal production, forestry and logging. In both urban and rural areas, the proportion of females engaged in Wholesale and retail trade was higher than the males. On the other hand, a larger proportion of males were engaged in agriculture compared with females in both urban and rural areas (Table 3.5).

Table 3.5: Industry by residence and sex

| Industrial classification | Urban |  |  | Rural |  |  | Ghana |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| Crop, animal production, forestry and logging | 15.1 | 10.9 | 12.9 | 66.2 | 61.2 | 63.7 | 42.3 | 36.7 | 39.4 |
| Fishing | 1.6 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 0.2 | 0.7 |
| Mining and Quarrying | 2.3 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 2.2 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 2.3 | 0.1 | 1.2 |
| Manufacturing | 12.5 | 8.2 | 10.2 | 5.7 | 6.5 | 6.1 | 8.9 | 7.3 | 8.1 |
| Electricity, Gas and water | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Construction | 7.4 | 0.1 | 3.6 | 3.1 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 5.1 | 0.1 | 2.5 |
| Wholesale and Retail | 17.6 | 49.0 | 34.2 | 6.1 | 23.2 | 14.8 | 11.5 | 35.7 | 24.0 |
| Transportation, storage, Information and communication | 10.3 | 0.7 | 5.3 | 3.6 | 0.3 | 1.9 | 6.8 | 0.5 | 3.5 |
| Hotels, Accommodations and Restaurants, | 1.6 | 9.0 | 5.5 | 0.7 | 2.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 5.5 | 3.4 |
| Finance and Insurance activities | 1.8 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 0.7 |
| Real Estate activities | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Development and administrative support services | 5.0 | 3.1 | 4.0 | 1.6 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 3.2 | 1.7 | 2.4 |
| Public Administration and Defence | 5.9 | 2.3 | 4.0 | 2.5 | 0.1 | 1.3 | 4.1 | 1.2 | 2.6 |
| Education | 7.5 | 6.1 | 6.7 | 4.8 | 1.7 | 3.2 | 6.1 | 3.8 | 4.9 |
| Human Health and Social work activities | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.3 |
| Art entertainment, recreation and other services | 8.4 | 6.9 | 7.6 | 1.3 | 3.2 | 2.3 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 4.8 |
| Activities of extraterritorial Organization and bodies | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

### 3.3 Reason for not doing any work

Table 3.6 indicates that $63 \%$ of household members who did not do any work were students, pupils or apprentices. Furthermore, $10 \%$ were too young or too old to work, while three \% had a job but did not work during the 7 days prior to the interview. For all the reasons assigned, the proportion of females who did not do any work was higher than that of males, except for those who were either students or pupils or apprentices ( $69.6 \%$ for males and $58.0 \%$ for females) and either retirees or pensioners ( $3.5 \%$ for males and $1.5 \%$ for females).

Table 3.6: Reason for not doing any work by Sex and Locality/residence

| Reason for not doing any work | Urban |  |  | Rural |  |  | National |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| Had job but did not work | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 1.5 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 3.0 |
| Unemployed (worked before) | 6.4 | 9.9 | 8.3 | 1.3 | 6.0 | 3.8 | 4.3 | 8.3 | 6.4 |
| Unemployed (never worked) | 5.5 | 6.6 | 6.1 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 4.8 |
| Home maker | 0.1 | 6.1 | 3.3 | 0.2 | 3.5 | 1.9 | 0.1 | 5.0 | 2.7 |
| Retiree/ Pensioner | 5.1 | 2.2 | 3.5 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 3.5 | 1.5 | 2.5 |
| Student / Pupil/ Apprentice | 66.1 | 55.8 | 60.6 | 74.3 | 61.0 | 67.2 | 69.6 | 58.0 | 63.4 |
| Disabled | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Too young/ too old | 7.6 | 8.1 | 7.9 | 13.1 | 13.9 | 13.5 | 9.9 | 10.5 | 10.2 |
| Other | 4.9 | 6.8 | 5.9 | 3.2 | 8.2 | 5.9 | 4.2 | 7.3 | 5.9 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

## CHAPTER 4 HOUSING CONDITIONS

This chapter focuses on types of dwelling, number of rooms occupied by households, cooking fuel used, main source of lighting, and main sources of drinking water.

### 4.1 Type of dwelling

Table 4.1 indicates that almost half (49\%) of all households lived in rooms in compound houses. The phenomenon is more urban (59\%) than rural (40\%). About 13\% of households lived in separate houses, semi-detached houses or flats/apartments. The proportion of households living in these dwellings was higher in urban (16\%) than in rural areas (10\%).

Table 4.1: Type of dwelling by residence

|  | Residence |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Type of dwelling | Urban | Rural | Total |
| Separate house (bungalow) | 3.3 | 2.2 | 2.7 |
| Semi-detached house | 4.8 | 3.8 | 4.3 |
| Flat/Apartment | 8.0 | 4.3 | 6.1 |
| Rooms (compound house) | 58.7 | 40.2 | 49.4 |
| Rooms (other type) | 19.9 | 40.0 | 30.0 |
| Several buildings (same compound) | 5.4 | 8.8 | 7.1 |
| Several buildings (different compounds) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.4 |

### 4.2 Ownership of dwelling

As indicated in Table 4.2, almost $54 \%$ of dwellings were owned by a household member while about a third (30\%) of dwellings was owned by relatives who were non-household members. The proportion of household members who owned the dwelling in rural areas (64.3\%) was higher than those in urban areas (43\%).

Private employers provided dwelling places for $0.5 \%$ of households in rural areas while households occupying public or government dwellings comprised only $0.3 \%$ and were mainly in the urban areas.

Table 4.2: Ownership of dwelling by residence

|  | Residence |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Ownership | Urban | Rural | Total |
| Household member | 43.4 | 64.1 | 53.8 |
| Being purchased | 1.9 | 1.5 | 1.7 |
| Relative not household member | 35.9 | 23.3 | 29.5 |
| Other private individual | 18.2 | 10.6 | 14.4 |
| Private employer | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.2 |
| Public/Government ownership | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.3 |

### 4.3 Room occupancy

The number of rooms occupied by households provides an indication of the extent of crowding in the households. Figure 4.1 shows that more than half (57\%) of households in the country occupied only one room while those who occupied two rooms accounted for $27 \%$. Less than four percent (3.3\%) of households occupied five or more rooms. Generally, households in urban areas were more likely to occupy less number of rooms than those in rural areas.

Figure 4.1: Number of rooms household occupy by type of residence


### 4.4 Household facilities and amenities

### 4.4.1 Source of lighting

Table 4.3 shows that two-thirds (67\%) of households had electricity as their main source of lighting followed by the use of kerosene (22\%). The proportion of households using electricity for lighting in urban areas (85\%) was far higher compared to those in the rural areas (466\%).
More rural households (35\%) used kerosene for lighting compared to their urban counterparts (11\%). The use of candles and torches was also high among rural households (18\%).

Table 4.3: Source of lighting by residence

|  | Residence |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Source of lighting | Urban | Rural | Total |
| Electricity | 84.8 | 45.6 | 66.7 |
| Kerosene | 10.5 | 35.4 | 22.0 |
| Gas Lamp | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Candles/Torches | 3.9 | 17.8 | 10.3 |
| Solar energy | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Generator | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| No light | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Other | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.7 |

### 4.4.2 Source of energy for cooking

As high as $76 \%$ of households used charcoal or wood fuel for cooking while only $17 \%$ used liquefied petroleum gas (LPG). The proportion of households who used electricity for cooking constituted only one percent (Figure 4.2).

Figure 4.2: Type of cooking fuel used by households


According to Table 4.4, more than two-thirds (68\%) of rural households used wood fuel for cooking compared to $12 \%$ of urban households. On the other hand, urban households (27\%) were four times more likely to use liquefied petroleum gas compared to those in rural areas (6\%).

Table 4.4: Type of cooking fuel by residence (\%)

|  |  | Residence |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Type of cooking fuel | Urban | Rural | Total |
| None, no cooking | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.9 |
| Wood | 11.5 | 67.7 | 37.5 |
| Charcoal | 54.0 | 19.2 | 37.9 |
| Liquefied Petroleum Gas | 26.9 | 5.8 | 17.1 |
| Bio-gas | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Electricity | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| Kerosene | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| Crop residue | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 |

### 4.4.3 Main source of drinking water

Table 4.5 shows that $27 \%$ of households in the country had their main source of drinking water from public tap or standpipe whereas $23 \%$ dependent on tube well or borehole. About $10 \%$ of households used piped water into yard or plot, and those who use sachet water as their main source of drinking water also make up $10 \%$.

The proportion of households in urban areas who had their source of drinking water from a public tap or standpipe was $31 \%$ as compared to $22 \%$ in the rural areas. In the rural areas, $41 \%$ of households depended on tube well or borehole as the main source of drinking water.

Table 4.5: Main source of water drinking by residence (\%)

|  | Residence |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Source of drinking water | Urban | Rural | Total |
| Piped into dwelling | 9.1 | 2.1 | 5.9 |
| Piped into yard/plot | 16.9 | 2.5 | 10.2 |
| Public tap/standpipe | 30.9 | 26.8 |  |
| Tube well or borehole | 7.7 | 23.1 | 7.5 |
| Piped into neighbour's yard | 12.2 | 41.5 | 5.1 |
| Protected well | 3.8 | 2.1 | 2.0 |
| Unprotected well | 0.6 | 0.2 |  |
| Protected spring | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Unprotected spring | 0.0 | 3.7 | 0.6 |
| Rain water | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Tanker truck | 0.3 | 1.4 | 0.9 |
| Surface water | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.9 |
| Bottled water | 1.1 | 12.9 | 0.7 |
| Sachet water | 15.8 | 0.2 | 10.2 |
| Other | 0.0 | 3.7 | 0.0 |

## CHAPTER 5 ASSET OWNERSHIP, SELECTED HOUSEKEEPING ACTIVITIES AND HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE

This chapter focuses on ownership of assets and performance of selected housekeeping activities like collection of fuel wood and fetching of water.

### 5.1 Asset Ownership

Asset ownership refers to the ownership and control of household assets. For the purpose of this survey, asset ownership would be determined by male and female. Information was collected from households on assets owned and which household member controls the assets. Table 5.1 shows that there is a wide gap between males and females with regards to ownership of transport and equipment, bicycle, motorbike and donkey or cart.

From the table, whereas more than $90 \%$ of males owned and controlled a bicycle, motorbike and donkey or cart, less than six percent of females owned and controlled these assets in their households. Even though males dominated in the ownership and control of farmland, livestock and tractors, about one-fifth of females also owned and controlled these assets. For nonresidential premises in urban areas, there was not much difference between the proportion of males and females who owned and controlled these assets ( $49.1 \%$ and $46.5 \%$ respectively).

Table 5.1: Ownership and control of assets by sex and residence (\%)

| Household Asset | Residence |  |  |  |  |  | Total |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Urban |  |  | Rural |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Male | Female | Both sexes | Male | Female | Both sexes | Male | Female | Both sexes |
| Farmland | 58.7 | 28.7 | 12.6 | 71.4 | 19.1 | 9.5 | 68.7 | 21.1 | 10.2 |
| Land | 59.4 | 29.3 | 11.3 | 72.7 | 19.2 | 8.1 | 70.0 | 21.3 | 8.7 |
| Livestock | 58.8 | 32.9 | 8.3 | 58.5 | 29.6 | 11.9 | 58.5 | 30.3 | 11.2 |
| Tractors | 56.0 | 27.4 | 16.6 | 64.3 | 20.0 | 15.7 | 62.6 | 21.5 | 15.9 |
| Nonresidential premises | 49.2 | 46.5 | 4.3 | 67.6 | 26.6 | 5.8 | 58.2 | 36.7 | 5.1 |
| Residential premises | 58.5 | 34.3 | 7.2 | 71.0 | 22.5 | 6.5 | 66.6 | 26.7 | 6.7 |
| Import and sale license | 58.8 | 36.7 | 4.5 | 60.4 | 33.9 | 5.7 | 59.3 | 35.7 | 5.0 |
| Transportation equipment | 89.1 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 87.8 | 8.9 | 3.3 | 88.6 | 6.8 | 4.6 |
| Private car | 81.3 | 12.1 | 6.6 | 76.7 | 10.2 | 13.1 | 80.3 | 11.8 | 7.9 |
| Bicycle | 86.3 | 10.7 | 3.0 | 96.0 | 1.5 | 2.5 | 92.0 | 5.3 | 2.7 |
| Motorbike | 94.1 | 4.3 | 1.6 | 94.8 | 4.5 | 0.7 | 94.3 | 4.4 | 1.3 |
| Industrial machines | 64.1 | 34.2 | 1.7 | 67.0 | 30.0 | 3.0 | 65.1 | 32.8 | 2.1 |
| Donkey/cart | 93.1 | 6.9 | 0.0 | 95.9 | 4.1 | 0.0 | 95.4 | 4.6 | 0.0 |
| Corn mill | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 92.1 | 6.1 | 1.8 | 94.7 | 4.1 | 1.2 |
| Industrial premises | 59.2 | 39.8 | 1.0 | 85.1 | 14.2 | 0.7 | 69.3 | 29.8 | 0.9 |

### 5.2 Housekeeping activities

### 5.2.1 Fetching of water

Households whose source of drinking water was outside their dwelling were asked to indicate who usually fetched water for household use. In all age groups, higher proportions of females compared to males were responsible for fetching water for their households. There was however, a noticeable gender disparity among the adult household members, where about five times the
proportion of adult women (59\%) compared to adult men (12\%) fetched water for their households. The trend is the same in urban and rural households (Table 5.2).

Table 5.2: Household member who fetches water by age, sex and residence (\%)

| Group | Urban | Rural | Total |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Adult woman | 54.9 | 60.0 | $\mathbf{5 9 . 4}$ |
| Adult man | 15.8 | 11.6 | $\mathbf{1 2 . 1}$ |
| Both sexes adult | 2.6 | 3.1 | $\mathbf{3 . 0}$ |
|  |  |  |  |
| Female age 15-17 | 7.2 | 5.2 | $\mathbf{5 . 4}$ |
| Male age 15-17 | 6.4 | 3.2 | $\mathbf{3 . 5}$ |
| Both sexes age 15-17 | 1.6 | 2.7 | $\mathbf{2 . 5}$ |
| Female child under 15 |  |  |  |
| Male child under 15 | 6.0 | 6.1 | $\mathbf{6 . 1}$ |
| Both sexes under 15 | 2.8 | 4.1 | $\mathbf{3 . 9}$ |
| Total | 2.8 | 4.2 | $\mathbf{4 . 0}$ |

### 5.2.2 Collection of firewood

With reference to Table 5.2, about two-fifths (38\%) of households in the country used wood as the main source of fuel for cooking. Figure 5.1 shows that $88 \%$ of households reported collecting wood for their main source of fuel for cooking while $12 \%$ bought the fuel wood.

Figure 5.1: Proportion of households buying or collecting wood for fuel by residence


In households where the wood for cooking was collected, the survey sought to know who usually collected the wood. In both urban and rural areas and for all age groups, the proportion of females who collected wood for their households was higher compared to their male counterparts. A clear difference was seen among the adult household members where $71 \%$ of adult women collected wood for their households as against $15 \%$ of adult males.

Table 5.3: Collection of wood by household members, age, sex and residence (\%)

| Group | Urban | Rural | Total |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Adult woman | 62.3 | 71.6 | $\mathbf{7 0 . 5}$ |
| Adult man | 23.3 | 14.0 | $\mathbf{1 5 . 1}$ |
| Both sexes adult | 3.6 | 5.9 | $\mathbf{5 . 7}$ |
| Female age 15-17 |  |  |  |
| Male age 15-17 | 2.4 | 1.9 | $\mathbf{1 . 9}$ |
| Both sexes age 15-17 | 3.7 | 1.2 | $\mathbf{1 . 5}$ |
| Female child under 15 | 0.2 | 0.9 | $\mathbf{0 . 8}$ |
| Male child under 15 |  | 2.3 | $\mathbf{2 . 3}$ |
| Both sexes under 15 | 2.6 | 1.1 | $\mathbf{1 . 2}$ |
|  | 1.5 | 1.1 | $\mathbf{1 . 0}$ |
| Total | 0.5 |  | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ |
| $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ |  |  |  |

### 5.2.3 Procurement of wood fuel

Table 5.3 looks at members of the household who usually procured wood fuel irrespective of the one who actually paid for it. In general, adult women (74\%) were the ones who procured wood fuel for their households compared to adult men (19\%). In terms of residence, the proportion of adult women in urban areas ( $80 \%$ ) who procured wood fuel was higher than their counterparts in the rural areas (69\%). On the contrary, the proportion of adult men in the rural areas (24\%) who procured wood fuel for their households was higher than those in urban areas (13\%).

Table 5.4: Household members who procure wood for fuel by age, sex and residence (\%)

|  | Residence |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| Group | Urban | Rural | Ghana |
| Adult woman | 80.2 | 68.7 | 74.4 |
| Adult man | 13.2 | 23.8 | 18.6 |
| Both sexes adult | 3.2 | 5.3 | 4.3 |
| Female age 15-17 | 1.7 | 2.1 | 1.9 |
| Male age 15-17 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Both sexes age 15-17 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Female child under 15 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| Male child under 15 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| Both sexes under 15 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ |

### 5.3 Use of social services

Information on use of and nearness to dwelling of some selected social services including education, health and market centres was sought in the survey. Table 5.4 indicates that high proportions of households used health facilities ( $80 \%$ ) and market centres ( $82 \%$ ) closer to their homes. On the other hand, most households accessed primary (65\%) and secondary (96\%) education outside their vicinity.

Generally, households in rural areas were more likely than their urban counterparts to use the primary schools and health facilities nearest to dwelling. On the other hand, households in rural areas were less likely than urban households to use the nearest senior high school. It is observed that relatively high proportions over (60\%) of households in Upper East and Upper West regions accessed the nearest primary school compared with other regions (Table 5.5).

Table 5.5: Usage of social services nearest to households by region and residence (\%)

|  | Primary <br> School | Senior High School | Health facility | Market |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 35.9 | 4.2 | 83.9 | 89.8 |
| Central | 36.3 | 3.6 | 80.4 | 88.2 |
| Greater Accra | 24.3 | 4.1 | 62.0 | 67.6 |
| Volta | 38.1 | 7.8 | 89.0 | 90.1 |
| Eastern | 31.1 | 3.8 | 77.6 | 83.0 |
| Ashanti | 29.2 | 3.8 | 77.9 | 71.6 |
| Brong Ahafo | 43.3 | 5.1 | 92.5 | 92.4 |
| Northern | 47.2 | 4.9 | 94.5 | 92.1 |
| Upper East | 62.5 | 8.6 | 90.7 | 89.0 |
| Upper West | 60.7 | 4.9 | 96.6 | 95.6 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 28.9 | 5.3 | 75.9 | 81.0 |
| Rural | 41.4 | 3.7 | 84.7 | 80.3 |
| Ghana | 34.7 | $\mathbf{4 . 5}$ | $\mathbf{8 0 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{8 1 . 7}$ |

Table 5.6 indicates that overall, less than three percent of households (2.7\%) travelled less than one kilometer to the nearest Primary school, Senior High school (3\%) and a health facility (1\%). More than 9 out of 10 households ( $97 \%$ ) travelled between 1 and 4 kilometers to access primary education, while $79.3 \%$ and $86 \%$ of households respectively travelled the same distance to access Senior High School and health facilities. A little over $10 \%$ of households reported accessing Senior High schools located ten or more kilometers away from their homes.

More than two-thirds of households (67\%) indicated that they usually obtained supplies from a market which was less than one kilometer away.

Table 5.6: Distance (in kilometers) to the nearest service facility by region and residence (\%)

|  | Distance to PrimarySchool |  |  |  | Distance to Senior High School |  |  |  | Distance to Health facility |  |  |  | Distance to Market |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | <1 | 1-4 | 5-9 | $10+$ | <1 | 1-4 | 5-9 | $10+$ | <1 | 1-4 | 5-9 | $10+$ | $<1$ | 1-4 | 5-9 | $10+$ |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western | 0.0 | 96.9 | 2.1 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 55.9 | 6.1 | 38.0 | 0.1 | 80.7 | 10.1 | 9.1 | 76.2 | 9.9 | 6.8 | 7.1 |
| Central | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 90.2 | 9.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 88.1 | 7.6 | 4.3 | 74.9 | 9.9 | 11.0 | 4.2 |
| Greater Accra | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 96.3 | 0.0 | 3.7 | 0.2 | 96.6 | 3.1 | 0.2 | 60.9 | 30.5 | 5.6 | 3.0 |
| Volta | 0.0 | 99.4 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 2.2 | 73.0 | 17.1 | 7.7 | 0.1 | 80.6 | 10.8 | 8.5 | 47.5 | 24.1 | 9.7 | 18.6 |
| Eastern | 0.5 | 99.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 84.1 | 11.4 | 4.5 | 0.9 | 87.5 | 6.9 | 4.6 | 80.7 | 12.3 | 4.0 | 3.0 |
| Ashanti | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 95.3 | 2.7 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 90.8 | 4.1 | 5.0 | 69.1 | 15.9 | 6.1 | 8.9 |
| Brong Ahafo | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 70.0 | 7.8 | 22.1 | 0.0 | 81.7 | 13.0 | 5.3 | 71.2 | 10.3 | 5.2 | 13.3 |
| Northern | 0.0 | 98.4 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 8.7 | 66.2 | 0.0 | 25.1 | 0.0 | 72.6 | 6.1 | 21.3 | 48.1 | 26.6 | 12.8 | 12.4 |
| Upper East | 42.9 | 57.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 37.6 | 52.6 | 0.0 | 9.8 | 32.5 | 65.0 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 59.8 | 30.7 | 7.2 | 2.3 |
| Upper West | 0.6 | 99.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 54.1 | 11.1 | 34.8 | 0.4 | 92.7 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 81.6 | 9.2 | 4.0 | 5.2 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 2.0 | 98.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 96.0 | 3.6 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 98.1 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 81.2 | 16.8 | 1.9 | 0.2 |
| Rural | 3.2 | 95.8 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 8.1 | 51.8 | 9.4 | 30.7 | 1.6 | 73.0 | 13.1 | 12.4 | 51.3 | 19.6 | 12.6 | 16.5 |
| Ghana | 2.7 | 96.8 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 3.3 | 79.3 | 5.8 | 11.6 | 1.4 | 85.8 | 6.7 | 6.1 | 67.4 | 18.1 | 6.8 | 7.7 |

Table 5.7 shows that about $60 \%$ of females as against $19 \%$ of males usually took a sick member of the household to the nearest health facility. Over $80 \%$ of females obtained supplies from the nearest market compared with $15 \%$ of males.

Table 5.7: Person taking the sick to a health facility or obtaining supplies from the market by residence and sex (\%)

|  | Who usually took the sick to the nearest health facility |  |  | Who usually obtained supplies from the nearest market |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Both | Male | Female | Both |
| Urban | 18.2 | 62.7 | 19.1 | 15.9 | 82.6 | 1.5 |
| Rural | 20.4 | 56.7 | 22.9 | 12.8 | 84.6 | 2.5 |
| Ghana | 19.3 | 59.8 | 20.9 | 14.5 | 83.5 | 2 |

### 5.4 Household expenditure

The survey collected information on households' expenditure within the month prior to the interview. In addition, information was gathered on who usually paid for the expenditure made. In this analysis, household expenditures were categorized according to the UN statistical classification system called "Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose" (COICOP). Table 5.8 shows that, in general, a higher proportion of males than females paid for household expenditures. Whereas over half of male household members paid for expenditures on almost all household items, only about a third of female household members paid for such expenditures.

Table 5.8: Proportion of Household expenditures paid by household member by sex and locality (\%)

| Item | Household members |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Urban |  |  | Rural |  |  | Ghana |  |  |
|  | Male | Fem | Both | Male | Fem | Both | Male | Fem | Both |
| Food and non-alcoholic beverages | 49.5 | 34.6 | 15.9 | 53.4 | 28.9 | 17.7 | 51.3 | 31.9 | 16.7 |
| Hotels, cafes and restaurant | 54.5 | 27.9 | 17.6 | 59.9 | 27.7 | 12.4 | 55.9 | 27.9 | 16.2 |
| Clothing and footwear | 47.5 | 37.7 | 14.7 | 57.4 | 27.0 | 15.5 | 52.2 | 32.7 | 15.1 |
| Housing, water and other utilities | 53.4 | 35.2 | 11.3 | 56.9 | 30.9 | 12.3 | 54.9 | 33.3 | 11.7 |
| Transport | 46.2 | 36.8 | 17.0 | 54.7 | 29.8 | 15.4 | 50.0 | 33.7 | 16.3 |
| Furnishings, household equipment and maintenance | 58.9 | 33.2 | 7.8 | 61.0 | 23.9 | 15.1 | 59.8 | 29.3 | 10.9 |
| Health | 50.4 | 38.0 | 11.6 | 57.3 | 29.1 | 13.6 | 53.7 | 33.7 | 12.6 |
| Recreation and culture | 49.3 | 34.2 | 16.4 | 54.8 | 28.6 | 16.6 | 51.8 | 31.7 | 16.5 |
| Alcoholic beverages \& tobacco | 84.5 | 11.7 | 3.8 | 79.8 | 12.7 | 7.5 | 81.8 | 12.3 | 5.9 |
| Miscellaneous goods and services | 43.9 | 38.0 | 18.1 | 49.4 | 33.3 | 17.3 | 46.3 | 36.0 | 17.7 |
| Education | 50.9 | 34.2 | 14.9 | 56.6 | 28.3 | 15.2 | 53.5 | 31.5 | 15.0 |
| Communications (telephone, internet, etc) | 46.9 | 31.3 | 21.8 | 59.7 | 25.2 | 15.1 | 51.6 | 29.1 | 19.3 |

For expenditure borne by non-household members, Table 5.9 shows that $87 \%$ of male nonhousehold members were responsible for expenditures on health. In addition, $73 \%$ of nonhousehold male members paid for expenditures on housing, water and other utilities as against $13 \%$ of female non-household members.

Table 5.9: Proportion of Household expenditures paid by Non-household members by sex and locality (\%)

| Item | Non Household members |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Urban |  |  | Rural |  |  | Ghana |  |  |
|  | Male | Fem | Both | Male | Fem | Both | Male | Fem | Both |
| Food and non-alcoholic beverages | 60.8 | 22.8 | 16.4 | 77.9 | 22.1 | 0.0 | 64.3 | 22.6 | 13.0 |
| Hotels, cafes and restaurant | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Clothing and footwear | 60.7 | 11.7 | 27.6 | 54.0 | 22.0 | 24.0 | 56.4 | 18.4 | 25.3 |
| Housing, water and other utilities | 73.3 | 7.4 | 19.3 | 70.2 | 29.8 | 0.0 | 72.5 | 12.8 | 14.7 |
| Transport | 58.2 | 6.2 | 35.7 | 33.2 | 66.8 | 0.0 | 52.2 | 20.7 | 27.2 |
| Furnishings, household equipment and maintenance | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Health | 89.1 | 0.0 | 10.9 | 83.4 | 16.6 | 0.0 | 86.8 | 6.9 | 6.4 |
| Recreation and culture | 59.4 | 0.0 | 40.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 52.1 | 12.2 | 35.7 |
| Alcoholic beverages, tobacco, etc | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Miscellaneous goods and services | 33.6 | 35.3 | 31.0 | 59.5 | 40.5 | 0.0 | 42.1 | 37.0 | 20.9 |
| Education | 72.4 | 27.6 | 72.4 | 57.1 | 42.9 | 0.0 | 69.7 | 30.3 | 0.0 |
| Communications (telephone, internet, etc) | 63.7 | 17.3 | 18.9 | 72.5 | 27.5 | 0.0 | 67.2 | 21.4 | 11.3 |

## PART 3

## HOW GHANAIAN WOMEN AND MEN USE THEIR TIME

## CHAPTER 6 CHARACTERISTICS OF RESPONDENTS

The main objective of the GTUS 2009 was to measure and analyze the time spent in a 24 -hour period by different individuals aged 10 years and older - women, men, girls, and boys - on all activities including paid and unpaid work and leisure activities. In the selected households all individuals aged 10 years and older were interviewed on the basis of a questionnaire containing questions common to standard household surveys.

A standard set of disaggregation was used to explore patterns in time use among different groups, namely geographical area of settlement (rural/urban), age group, marital status, employment status, educational achievement, and household composition. All these variables were further disaggregated by sex, given the importance of gender in shaping time use. This chapter, therefore, looks at how the various age groups as well as males and females spend and allocate their time to various activities.

The tables and graphs in this section describe the distribution of diary respondents by demographic and socio-economic variables as a background, against which the time use patterns must be understood.

### 6.1 Distribution of Population aged 10 years and older by Region and Sex

An estimated 14.2 million persons ( $45.6 \%$ males and $54.4 \%$ females) were extrapolated from the sample. These were household members aged 10 years and older. With regard to regional distribution of the population, Ashanti (21\%) and Greater Accra (19\%) regions formed about twofifths of the estimated total population. The Upper East (4\%) and Upper West (3\%) regions recorded the lowest share of the population (Table 6.1).

Table 6.1: Distribution of Population aged 10 years and older by Region and Sex

| Region | Male |  | Female |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | \% | Number | \% | Number | \% |
| Western | 715,585 | 11.0 | 827,715 | 10.7 | 1,543,300 | 10.8 |
| Central | 447,584 | 6.9 | 662,369 | 8.6 | 1,109,952 | 7.8 |
| Greater Accra | 1,289,353 | 19.8 | 1,474,703 | 19.1 | 2,764,056 | 19.4 |
| Volta | 515,700 | 7.9 | 597,444 | 7.7 | 1,113,144 | 7.8 |
| Eastern | 668,519 | 10.3 | 773,868 | 10.0 | 1,442,387 | 10.1 |
| Ashanti | 1,370,862 | 21.1 | 1,659,324 | 21.4 | 3,030,186 | 21.3 |
| Brong Ahafo | 582,369 | 9.0 | 684,803 | 8.8 | 1,267,173 | 8.9 |
| Northern | 492,139 | 7.6 | 595,326 | 7.7 | 1,087,465 | 7.6 |
| Upper East | 249,040 | 3.8 | 260,623 | 3.4 | 509,663 | 3.6 |
| Upper West | 166,901 | 2.6 | 203,733 | 2.6 | 370,634 | 2.6 |
| National | 6,498,052 | 100.0 | 7,739,907 | 100.0 | 14,237,959 | 100.0 |

### 6.2 Distribution of Population aged 10 years and older by Sex and Major Characteristics

There were more females ( $54.4 \%$ ) than males ( $45.6 \%$ ) in the population. Table 6.2 gives information according to four age groups representing children (10-17 years), young adults (1824 years), adults ( $25-64$ years) and elderly ( 65 years and above). Adding up the two categories of young adults and adults will give the total of working age population (18-64). The table further shows that the persons aged $18-64$ years accounted for more than $70 \%$ of the population. This pattern is also true for females (72\%) but the percentage is a little lower for their male
counterparts (69\%). The three other age groups were $22 \%$ for the children, $15 \%$ for the young adults and $8 \%$ for the elderly.

The distribution of the population by marital status shows that married people constituted $46 \%$ of the total, while $38 \%$ have never been married. Males (43\%) are far more likely than females (33\%) to be recorded as never married. Females (17\%) are more likely to be recorded as widowed, divorced or separated than males (6\%).

Furthermore, the table indicates that about a third (33\%) of the population was living in households with no child under six years of age but with at least one child under 18 while $45 \%$ live in households with at least one child under 6 . This age differentiation is important because children under 6 tend to need more care than older children. Females (48\%) are more likely to live in a household with a child under 6 compared to males (42\%). Males (27\%) are more likely to be living in a household without children than females (18\%).

Regarding area of residence, the proportion of respondents living in urban areas (53\%) is higher than the proportion of those living in rural areas (47\%). Females in rural areas represented 45.8\% of the total female population interviewed against $48.5 \%$ for males. This result deserves some explanation given that according to previous surveys the urban/rural distribution is rather the exact contrary. However the World urbanization prospects (2011 revision) of the UN population division show that in 2009 the urban population in Ghana started outnumbering the rural population with $50.1 \%$ of urban population in 2009 (and $51.2 \%$ in 2010) (http://esa.un.org/unpd/wup/CD-ROM/Urban-Rural-Population.htm). Moreover the surveyed population for the diaries is the population aged 10 years and older, which excludes a large portion of the household members in large-sized households and the average size of the households is higher in rural areas: the consequence is that the population aged 10 years and older is relatively more important in urban areas, hence the $53 \%$ in urban areas.

Five levels of educational attainment are considered for the analysis of the GTUS, namely: No education, pre-primary and primary school, middle and junior secondary school, senior secondary school, and higher education (diplomas, higher national diplomas, and degrees). The results reveal that $36 \%$ of respondents have middle or junior secondary school level, with a larger proportion of males (38\%) compared to females (35\%) in this category. With regard to higher education, the male proportion (9\%) is more than double that of female (4\%).

On employment status, $66 \%$ of the population was employed. Of the male population $68 \%$ are employed compared with $65 \%$ of the females. Based on these figures, the unemployment rate for the economically active population aged 10 years and older was $8 \%$ ( $9.6 \%$ for females against $5.8 \%$ for males). The not economically active group represents a substantial proportion (28\%) of the population, in part because the sample includes children who are still in school.

Regarding household monthly expenditure, which was recorded as an indicator of the standard of living of the population, $23 \%$ of the population aged 10 years and older lived in households that spent GH\$ 100.00 or less per month, whereas $27 \%$ of the population lived in households that spent more than GH\$ 300.00. In the households that spent GH\$ 100.00 or less, the proportion of females was greater than their male counterparts (23.9\% against 22.1\%).

Days of the week should have been equally distributed. However, this is a difficult goal to achieve, because activities on Saturdays and Sundays are likely to be totally different from those
of the weekdays for households who are in formal employment. While the persons interviewed are generally less available during the weekends and more reluctant to spend time with the interviewers, the interviewers on the other hand, may be more reluctant to work during the weekends. As shown in the table, Saturdays and Sundays represent about $10 \%$ of the sample while an equal distribution would have given $14 \%$. In all, fewer diaries were administered on Sunday than the rest of the days of the week.

| Characteristics | Male |  | Female |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Count | \% | Count | \% | Count | \% |
| Total | 6,496,090 | 45.6 | 7,744,709 | 54.4 | 14,240,798 | 100.0 |
| Age group |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10-17 | 1,524,238 | 23.5 | 1,615,149 | 20.9 | 3,139,387 | 22.0 |
| 18-24 | 968,702 | 14.9 | 1,178,977 | 15.2 | 2,147,678 | 15.1 |
| 25-64 | 3,485,302 | 53.7 | 4,356,893 | 56.3 | 7,842,195 | 55.1 |
| 65+ | 517,847 | 8.0 | 593,690 | 7.7 | 1,111,537 | 7.8 |
| 18-64 | 4,454,004 | 68.6 | 5,535,870 | 71.5 | 9,989,874 | 70.1 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single/Never married | 2,647,327 | 43.3 | 2,419,188 | 32.7 | 5,066,515 | 37.5 |
| Married | 2,886,981 | 47.2 | 3,272,259 | 44.3 | 6,159,241 | 45.6 |
| Widowed/Divorced/Separated | 336,896 | 5.5 | 1,255,810 | 17.0 | 1,592,707 | 11.8 |
| Informal/Loose union | 249,424 | 4.1 | 440,414 | 6.0 | 689,837 | 5.1 |
| Household composition |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| At least one child under 6 | 2,739,092 | 42.2 | 3,698,908 | 47.8 | 6,438,000 | 45.2 |
| No child under 6 but at least one child under 18 | 2,015,192 | 31.0 | 2,662,643 | 34.4 | 4,677,835 | 32.8 |
| No children | 1,741,805 | 26.8 | 1,383,158 | 17.9 | 3,124,963 | 21.9 |
| Area of residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 3,348,249 | 51.5 | 4,194,021 | 54.2 | 7,542,270 | 53.0 |
| Rural | 3,147,841 | 48.5 | 3,550,688 | 45.8 | 6,698,529 | 47.0 |
| Level of educational attainment |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No Education | 836,108 | 12.9 | 1,928,481 | 24.9 | 2,764,589 | 19.4 |
| Pre \& primary school | 1,548,687 | 23.8 | 1,948,205 | 25.2 | 3,496,893 | 24.6 |
| Middle \& JSS | 2,443,188 | 37.6 | 2,672,225 | 34.5 | 5,115,413 | 35.9 |
| Senior Secondary School | 1,061,402 | 16.3 | 869,256 | 11.2 | 1,930,657 | 13.6 |
| Higher education | 606,704 | 9.3 | 326,542 | 4.2 | 933,246 | 6.6 |
| Employment status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employed | 4,412,501 | 67.9 | 5,010,631 | 64.7 | 9,423,131 | 66.2 |
| Unemployed | 271,040 | 4.2* | 531,903 | 6.9* | 802,943 | 5.6* |
| Economically active | 4,683,541 |  | 5,542,534 |  | 10,226,074 |  |
| Not economically active | 1,812,549 | 27.9 | 2,202,175 | 28.4 | 4,014,724 | 28.2 |
| Household monthly expenditure |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <= 100 Gh Cedis | 1,430,774 | 22.1 | 1,844,961 | 23.9 | 3,275,734 | 23.1 |
| 101-200 Gh Cedis | 1,969,426 | 30.4 | 2,289,851 | 29.7 | 4,259,276 | 30.0 |
| 201-300 Gh Cedis | 1,292,484 | 20.0 | 1,480,274 | 19.2 | 2,772,758 | 19.5 |
| 301+ Gh Cedis | 1,781,862 | 27.5 | 2,098,824 | 27.2 | 3,880,686 | 27.4 |
| Day of Diary/Day of Week |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monday | 1,024,212 | 15.8 | 1,329,478 | 17.2 | 2,353,690 | 16.5 |
| Tuesday | 1,163,015 | 17.9 | 1,472,217 | 19.0 | 2,635,232 | 18.5 |
| Wednesday | 1,088,824 | 16.8 | 1,292,530 | 16.7 | 2,381,354 | 16.7 |
| Thursday | 1,028,099 | 15.8 | 1,084,969 | 14.0 | 2,113,068 | 14.8 |
| Friday | 933,000 | 14.4 | 1,019,101 | 13.2 | 1,952,100 | 13.7 |
| Saturday | 643,330 | 9.9 | 790,672 | 10.2 | 1,434,002 | 10.1 |
| Sunday | 615,609 | 9.5 | 755,744 | 9.8 | 1,371,353 | 9.6 |
| * These percentages are the proportions of the unemployed in the population and not the unemployment rates. |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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## CHAPTER 7 OVERALL DESCRIPTION OF TIME USE ACTIVITIES

As indicated in chapter 1, the three main indicators of time use are the average time spent in the various activities, the participation rate of the population in these activities and the time spent by the persons involved in these activities. The average time is defined as the time spent by the survey population as a whole on a specified activity. The participation rate is defined as the proportion of persons in the survey population who participated in a specified activity. And the time spent by actors (sometimes called 'mean time') refers to the population involved in a specific activity.

As noted earlier in chapter 1, the GTUS used the ICATUS to classify activities. This classification defined 15 main groups of activities, which can in turn be divided into broader groupings, namely SNA productive, non-SNA productive (also called extended SNA) and Non-Productive activities. The Non-Productive activities are disaggregated further into learning and other non-productive activities

### 7.1 Average Time Spent on Different Activities

Table 7.1 synthesizes the main findings of the GTUS 2009 for the four broader groupings of ICATUS and by area of residence.

It must be noted that in the figures and tables below, non-productive activities are disaggregated into learning and other non-productive activities.

Table 7.1: Average time in minutes spent per day by activity, area of residence and sex, Population aged 10 years and older

| Activity | Urban |  |  | Rural |  |  | Total |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Both | Male | Female | Both | Male | Female | Both |
| SNA Production | 289 | 239 | 260 | 329 | 254 | 288 | 309 | 246 | 273 |
| Non-SNA Production | 72 | 203 | 148 | 67 | 215 | 147 | 69 | 209 | 148 |
| Learning | 125 | 95 | 108 | 119 | 89 | 102 | 122 | 91 | 105 |
| Other non-Productive | 946 | 894 | 916 | 917 | 872 | 892 | 931 | 884 | 904 |
| Total* | 1432 | 1431 | 1432 | 1432 | 1430 | 1429 | 1431 | 1430 | 1430 |

* The total should give 24 hours, i.e. 1,440 minutes. The differences are due to rounding off at the disaggregated level of the ICATUS classification

Table 7.1 and Figure 7.1 show clear gender differences in patterns of engagement in SNA and extended SNA activities (unpaid care work). The average time spent by men on SNA activities, is 309 minutes ( 5 hours and 9 minutes) while women spend 246 minutes ( 4 hours and 6 minutes). The most noticeable gender difference is on extended SNA, where women spend an average of 209 minutes ( 3 hours and 29 minutes), which is more than 3 times the average time spent by men (69 minutes) on the same activities. Women allocate less time on average to learning, 91 minutes ( 1 hour and 31 minutes) than men ( 122 minutes i.e. 2 hours and 2 minutes).

Both women and men spend more time on average in SNA production activities in rural areas (respectively 254 minutes or 4 hours and 14 minutes, and 329 minutes or 5 hours and 29 minutes) than in urban areas (respectively 239 minutes or 3 hours and 59 minutes, and 289 minutes or 4 hours and 49 minutes). Men spend more time in non-SNA production activities in urban areas (72 minutes) than in rural areas ( 67 minutes).

Figure 7.1: Average Time Spent on Broad Activities by Population Aged 10 Years and Older


Figure 7.2 shows that higher average time is dedicated to SNA activities by both women and men and less time to learning, for the population aged 18 years and older as compared with the 10 years and older depicted in Figure 7.1. Nevertheless, the gender differences remain.

Figure 7.2: Average Time Spent on Broad Activities by Population Aged 18 and over.


The time spent on different activities when there is further disaggregation again has a clear gender dimension (Table 7.2 hereafter). Men reported spending far more time on work for formal establishments such as corporations and government ( 65 minutes) than women ( 23 minutes). In contrast, women reported spending more time on unpaid household work ( 155 minutes, i.e. 2 hours and 35 minutes) than men ( 40 minutes). Men also spend more time ( 15 minutes) than women ( 4 minutes) on hobbies and games, sport ( 20 minutes against 3 ) and mass media ( 99 minutes against 65) activities. All these activities are important for personal well-being.

Table 7.2: Average time spent on disaggregated activities for population aged 10 years and older by sex

| Characteristics | Male Minutes | Female <br> Minutes | Total Minutes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SNA Activities |  |  |  |
| Work for corporations/quasi corporations, non-profit institutions and government (formal sector work) | 65 | 23 | 42 |
| Work for household in primary production activities | 121 | 70 | 92 |
| Work for household in non-primary production activities | 21 | 33 | 28 |
| Work for household in construction activities | 10 | 1 | 5 |
| Work for household providing services for income | 71 | 103 | 89 |
| Non-SNA Activities |  |  |  |
| Providing unpaid domestic services for own final use within household | 40 | 155 | 104 |
| Providing unpaid care-giving services to household members | 11 | 53 | 35 |
| Providing community services and help to other households | 17 | 12 | 14 |
| Learning |  |  |  |
| Learning | 110 | 81 | 94 |
| Other Non-productive Activities |  |  |  |
| Socializing and community participation | 115 | 96 | 104 |
| Attending/visiting cultural, entertainment and sports events/venues | 5 | 1 | 3 |
| Hobbies, games and other pastime activities | 15 | 4 | 9 |
| Indoor and outdoor sports participation and related courses | 20 | 3 | 10 |
| Mass media | 99 | 65 | 80 |
| Personal care and maintenance | 709 | 732 | 722 |
| Total * | 1,429 | 1,432 | 1,431 |

* The total should give 24 hours, i.e. 1,440 minutes. The differences are due to rounding off at the disaggregated level of the ICATUS classification

Table 7.3 below shows the average time spent on various broad activities: SNA, extended SNA, learning and other Non-productive activities. The average time spent on different categories of activities with regard to the different characteristics has a gender dimension.

Table 7.3: Average time in minutes spent on various broad activities, population aged 10 years and older

| Attributes | SNA Activities |  |  | Extended SNA Activities |  |  | Learning Activities |  |  | Other Non-Productive Activities |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female |  |  | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
|  | Average Time Spent |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 309 | 246 | 273 | 69 | 209 | 148 | 122 | 92 | 105 | 931 | 884 | 904 |
| Age group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $10-17$ yrs | 98 | 95 | 96 | 78 | 162 | 123 | 343 | 331 | 337 | 911 | 842 | 874 |
| $18-24$ yrs | 261 | 213 | 233 | 73 | 230 | 162 | 136 | 64 | 95 | 961 | 925 | 941 |
| $25-64$ yrs | 440 | 325 | 373 | 61 | 231 | 160 | 11 | 7 | 9 | 919 | 867 | 889 |
| 65+ | 296 | 198 | 242 | 84 | 138 | 114 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 1,046 | 1,092 | 1,071 |
| Marital Status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single/Never married | 208 | 162 | 185 | 72 | 173 | 122 | 214 | 210 | 212 | 937 | 884 | 911 |
| Married | 438 | 319 | 371 | 66 | 251 | 171 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 918 | 853 | 881 |
| Widowed/Divorced/Separated | 331 | 294 | 301 | 68 | 160 | 142 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 1,029 | 973 | 983 |
| Informal/Loose Union | 460 | 223 | 307 | 58 | 298 | 214 | 13 | 5 | 8 | 899 | 908 | 905 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 289 | 239 | 260 | 72 | 203 | 148 | 125 | 95 | 108 | 946 | 894 | 916 |
| Rural | 329 | 254 | 288 | 67 | 215 | 148 | 119 | 89 | 102 | 917 | 872 | 892 |
| Educational Attainment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No schooling | 440 | 309 | 345 | 44 | 212 | 166 | 10 | 6 | 7 | 939 | 903 | 913 |
| Pre \& primary school | 197 | 179 | 186 | 74 | 192 | 142 | 240 | 191 | 212 | 919 | 869 | 891 |
| Middle \& JSS | 319 | 247 | 280 | 71 | 224 | 154 | 107 | 82 | 94 | 935 | 878 | 904 |
| Secondary \& SSS | 325 | 242 | 286 | 77 | 197 | 134 | 84 | 82 | 83 | 943 | 906 | 927 |
| Higher education | 396 | 318 | 367 | 67 | 200 | 118 | 50 | 57 | 53 | 912 | 853 | 890 |
| Work Status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employed | 425 | 340 | 377 | 64 | 213 | 148 | 36 | 24 | 29 | 906 | 853 | 876 |
| Unemployed | 92 | 35 | 53 | 98 | 290 | 229 | 43 | 9 | 20 | 1,204 | 1,096 | 1,130 |
| Not economically active | 74 | 69 | 71 | 77 | 182 | 135 | 323 | 267 | 292 | 956 | 914 | 933 |
| Household Composition |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| At least one child under 6 years | 327 | 234 | 272 | 69 | 259 | 181 | 125 | 88 | 103 | 908 | 849 | 873 |
| No child under 6 years, but at | 223 | 243 | 235 | 71 | 164 | 126 | 190 | 135 | 157 | 948 | 889 | 913 |
| No children | 388 | 288 | 342 | 66 | 152 | 106 | 27 | 12 | 20 | 951 | 979 | 964 |
| Household monthly expenditure |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| < 100 Gh Cedis | 338 | 246 | 284 | 64 | 216 | 152 | 93 | 64 | 76 | 937 | 905 | 919 |
| 101-200 Gh Cedis | 318 | 254 | 282 | 69 | 204 | 145 | 115 | 88 | 100 | 928 | 884 | 903 |
| 201-300 Gh Cedis | 308 | 250 | 275 | 72 | 205 | 147 | 122 | 93 | 106 | 930 | 880 | 902 |
| 301+ Gh Cedis | 276 | 233 | 252 | 71 | 210 | 149 | 153 | 120 | 135 | 932 | 868 | 896 |
| Day of Diary/Day of Week |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monday | 330 | 246 | 281 | 64 | 202 | 145 | 133 | 106 | 117 | 906 | 874 | 887 |
| Tuesday | 304 | 239 | 267 | 78 | 203 | 150 | 160 | 121 | 138 | 886 | 867 | 875 |
| Wednesday | 326 | 269 | 294 | 67 | 210 | 147 | 139 | 105 | 120 | 897 | 846 | 868 |
| Thursday | 321 | 265 | 290 | 67 | 203 | 141 | 116 | 100 | 108 | 928 | 864 | 893 |
| Friday | 293 | 257 | 274 | 61 | 199 | 136 | 147 | 91 | 117 | 930 | 881 | 904 |
| Saturday | 335 | 239 | 280 | 66 | 229 | 159 | 44 | 43 | 44 | 989 | 921 | 950 |
| Sunday | 225 | 175 | 196 | 82 | 234 | 170 | 35 | 20 | 26 | 1,088 | 1,004 | 1,039 |

Average time and age
As expected, both females and males of 10-17 years old spend more of their time on learning than other age groups. Nevertheless, females in this age group spend 162 minutes ( 2 hours and 42 minutes) on extended SNA activities while the males dedicate only 78 minutes to these activities. For 18 to 24 and 25 to 64 age groups, the time spent on SNA activities by women is much less than the time spent by men. The main gender difference is related to extended SNA activities for age group 25 to 64 , in which women spend nearly four times ( 231 minutes, i.e. 3 hours and 51 minutes) the amount of time spent by men (61 minutes). For the 18-24 age group, men spend more than double the time women spend on learning.

## Average time and marital status

Married and widowed/divorced/separated men and women spend more time on SNA activities than on extended SNA activities. Women across all categories of marital status spend much more time on extended SNA activities than men. Single women and women in informal unions spend more time on extended SNA activities than on SNA activities. In contrast, men with the same marital status spend more time on SNA activities than on extended SNA work. The single and never married group has the highest average time spent on learning, reflecting the fact that this includes children who are still in school.

## Average time and area of residence

In both urban and rural areas, males and females spend more time on SNA than on extended SNA activities. However females in both rural and urban areas spend much more time (almost three times) on extended SNA activities than males.

## Average time and educational background

Compared to the other educational categories, males with low educational background spend the longest average time on SNA activities but the lowest average time on extended SNA activities. Females in all educational categories spend much more time on extended SNA activities than males.

## Average time and work status

As expected, both males and females who are employed spend more time on SNA activities than on extended SNA activities. However, among the employed, females spend much more time (more than three times) on extended SNA activities than males. When it comes to unemployed respondents, males spend approximately the same time on SNA than extended SNA activities while females spend much more time on extended SNA activities than on SNA. The not economically active population, which includes many children, spends more time on learning than those in other categories. Among the not economically active, males tend to spend noticeably more time on learning than females.

## Average time and household composition

Males, irrespective of the composition of the household, spend more time on SNA activities than on extended SNA activities. Females living in households with at least one child under 6 years old tend to spend slightly more time on extended SNA activities than SNA activities. However, in households with no children or with children under 18 but none under 6 years, females spend more time on SNA activities than on extended SNA activities.

## Average time and household monthly expenditure

The less the household monthly expenditure is, the longer the time devoted to SNA activities by males, a pattern which is not observed for females. In all levels of expenditure, females spend more than 3 times the time spent by males in extended SNA activities but it is in the category of less than 100 Gh Cedis that the gender gap is the largest. Time spent in learning increases with the monthly expenditure for both females and males. Finally the time spent by females in other nonproductive activities decreases with the increase in household expenditure.

## Average time and day of the week

Both females and males spend more time on SNA activities than extended SNA activities on week-days. However females tend to spend more time on unpaid activities on weekends. It is only
on Sundays that the gender difference slightly declines, due to more complementary support from males.

The above analysis covered respondents aged 10 years and older. The analysis that follows is restricted to respondents aged 18 years and older.

Table 7.4: Average time in minutes spent on various broad categories of activities, population aged 18 years and older

| Attributes | SNA Activities |  |  | Extended SNA Activities |  |  | Learning Activities |  |  | Other Non-Productive Activities |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| Total <br> Marital Status | 391 | 293 | 334 | 66 | 223 | 157 | 36 | 18 | 26 | 939 | 897 | 914 |
| Single/Never married | 301 | 241 | 273 | 65 | 177 | 117 | 98 | 66 | 83 | 967 | 944 | 957 |
| Married | 438 | 320 | 371 | 66 | 251 | 171 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 918 | 853 | 881 |
| Widowed/Divorced/Separated | 331 | 294 | 301 | 68 | 160 | 142 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 1,029 | 973 | 983 |
| Informal/Loose Union | 459 | 223 | 308 | 59 | 298 | 212 | 13 | 5 | 8 | 900 | 907 | 905 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 369 | 287 | 320 | 71 | 216 | 157 | 41 | 23 | 31 | 951 | 905 | 924 |
| Rural | 413 | 300 | 350 | 61 | 231 | 157 | 31 | 11 | 20 | 926 | 887 | 914 |
| Educational Attainment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No schooling | 438 | 309 | 344 | 45 | 212 | 167 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 942 | 905 | 915 |
| Pre \& primary school | 420 | 288 | 334 | 60 | 234 | 173 | 35 | 5 | 16 | 916 | 904 | 908 |
| Middle \& JSS | 389 | 286 | 333 | 69 | 240 | 163 | 28 | 15 | 21 | 946 | 891 | 916 |
| Secondary \& SSS | 338 | 267 | 305 | 77 | 199 | 134 | 65 | 60 | 63 | 952 | 901 | 929 |
| Higher education | 396 | 319 | 367 | 67 | 200 | 117 | 50 | 55 | 52 | 912 | 853 | 890 |
| Work Status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employed | 443 | 349 | 390 | 63 | 215 | 149 | 20 | 10 | 14 | 906 | 856 | 878 |
| Unemployed | 72 | 33 | 45 | 94 | 302 | 236 | 44 | 8 | 20 | 1,225 | 1,087 | 1,131 |
| Not economically active | 113 | 79 | 92 | 76 | 232 | 173 | 159 | 71 | 104 | 1,082 | 1,050 | 1,062 |
| Household Composition |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| At least one child under 6 years | 428 | 276 | 333 | 67 | 282 | 200 | 24 | 18 | 20 | 912 | 854 | 876 |
| No child under 6 years, but at least one child under 18 years | 332 | 326 | 328 | 63 | 174 | 132 | 69 | 22 | 40 | 967 | 909 | 931 |
| No children | 388 | 288 | 342 | 66 | 152 | 106 | 27 | 12 | 20 | 951 | 979 | 964 |
| Household monthly expenditure |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <100 Gh Cedis | 398 | 271 | 323 | 60 | 226 | 158 | 26 | 12 | 17 | 948 | 923 | 933 |
| 101-200 Gh Cedis | 398 | 307 | 346 | 66 | 218 | 153 | 32 | 9 | 18 | 934 | 897 | 913 |
| 201-300 Gh Cedis | 385 | 298 | 335 | 67 | 225 | 157 | 42 | 12 | 25 | 938 | 892 | 912 |
| 301+ Gh Cedis | 378 | 294 | 329 | 68 | 225 | 159 | 48 | 39 | 42 | 938 | 875 | 901 |
| Day of Diary/Day of Week |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monday | 418 | 303 | 349 | 61 | 212 | 152 | 37 | 20 | 27 | 918 | 892 | 902 |
| Tuesday | 397 | 292 | 335 | 78 | 229 | 166 | 43 | 20 | 29 | 912 | 890 | 899 |
| Wednesday | 413 | 323 | 362 | 66 | 222 | 154 | 45 | 23 | 33 | 905 | 861 | 880 |
| Thursday | 392 | 321 | 353 | 67 | 223 | 153 | 28 | 17 | 22 | 946 | 871 | 904 |
| Friday | 393 | 311 | 347 | 56 | 210 | 143 | 46 | 19 | 31 | 937 | 889 | 910 |
| Saturday | 403 | 259 | 317 | 52 | 244 | 167 | 17 | 10 | 13 | 963 | 920 | 938 |
| Sunday | 263 | 192 | 220 | 75 | 228 | 167 | 28 | 9 | 17 | 1,061 | 1,006 | 1,028 |

## Average time spent by 18 years and older with regard to marital status

Irrespective of marital status, men spend more time on SNA activities than women while women spend more time on extended SNA than men. Compared to the full group aged 10 years and older, the main differences are with the single/never married men and women, who spend more time on SNA and less on learning, reflecting the fact that it excludes children under 18 who are still in school.

## Average time spent by 18 years and older with regard to area of residence

Again women and men spend more time on SNA activities than on extended SNA activities and the difference is even more pronounced than for the population 10 years and older. Men spend more time than women on SNA activities and more time in rural areas than in urban areas. In rural areas, the gender gap is the broadest with nearly two hours in excess for men, a time largely compensated by their low contribution to extended SNA activities (nearly 3 hours less than women). Men's contribution to extended SNA activities tends to decrease among the adults, compared with the 10 years and older. More generally, gender differences and gaps are more
pronounced among the adults than among the 10 years and older. This implies that gender differentiation increases with age.

## Average time spent by 18 years and older with regard to educational attainment

The main differences with the 10 years and older age group are observed among respondents in the pre- and primary school category, where the 18 years and older spend more time on SNA activities and less on learning, again reflecting the fact that it excludes children under 18 who are still in school. Women in all educational categories spend much more time on average, over three times on extended SNA activities than men.

## Average time spent by 18 years and older with regard to household composition

Women in households with at least one child under 6 years old devote more time to both SNA and extended SNA activities ( 9 hours and 18 minutes), with time spent on extended SNA surpassing SNA activities. In all other households, women spend more time in SNA work than in extended SNA activities. The gender gap in contribution to extended SNA activities is widest in households with at least one child under 6 years old and the lowest in households with no children. In households with no children, women spend more time than men in other nonproductive activities.

## Average time spent by 18 years and older with regard to household expenditure

The same observations as for the 10 years and older can be made for the 18 years and older: the less the household monthly expenditure, the longer the time devoted by men to SNA activities, but this is not quite true for women. In all levels of expenditure, women spend more than 3 times the time spent by men on extended SNA activities but it is in the category of less than 100 Gh Cedis that the gender gap is the largest. Furthermore, adult women spend more time than the $10-$ 17 years old females in extended SNA activities but it is the contrary for men: they spend less time in extended SNA activities than the 10-17 years old males. With respect to other nonproductive activities, the time spent by females decreases as household expenditure increases.

## Average time spent by 18 years and older with regard to days of the week

Time spent on SNA activities in an average weekday ranges from 6 hours and 32 minutes ( 392 minutes) to nearly 7 hours ( 418 minutes) for men, and from 4 hours and 52 minutes ( 292 minutes) to 5 hours and 23 minutes ( 323 minutes) for women, with a peak on Monday for men and on Wednesday for women. Time devoted to SNA activities is exceptionally high on Saturdays (6 hours and 43 minutes or 403 minutes for men and 4 hours and 19 minutes or 259 minutes for women) and even on Sundays ( 4 hours and 23 minutes or 263 minutes for men, and 3 hours and 12 minutes or 192 minutes for women).

While men spend barely one hour (and up to 1 hour and 18 minutes) in extended SNA activities with a peak on and Tuesday, women devote more than 3 hours a day to domestic activities and care (from 3 hours and 30 minutes or 210 minutes, with a peak of 4 hours and 4 minutes or 244 minutes) on Saturday, when men's contribution to domestic activities is at its lowest level (52 minutes). Total work (SNA + extended SNA) per day represents approximately 8 hours per weekday (including Saturday) and 5 hours and 38 minutes on Sunday for men, but represents approximately 9 hours (between 8 hours and 35 minutes or 515 minutes, and 9 hours and 5 minutes or 545 minutes) per weekday and 7 hours on Sunday for women.

### 7.2 Participation Rates in Broad Activities

Participation rate is defined as the proportion of persons in the survey population who participated in a specified activity. The participation rates presented in this section and chapter are referring to main activities excluding simultaneous activities: they are noticeably lower than the participation rates presented in the subsequent chapters, which include the simultaneous activities.

Figure 7.3 shows the participation rates for broad activities by sex. The results demonstrate a gender dimension with respect to the type of activities females and males were involved in. Males reported being more involved in SNA and remunerated activities ( $74 \%$ ) than in extended SNA and unpaid activities (66\%), while for females the opposite is true, in that $69 \%$ of females were involved in SNA activities and $95 \%$ in extended SNA activities. There is a similar noticeable gender difference in respect of learning with $31 \%$ of males engaged in this activity against $22 \%$ for females. All respondents are engaged in other non-productive activities, a grouping that includes sleeping and eating.

Figure 7.3: Participation rates in broad activities for population aged 10 years and older


The gender dimensions of the participation rate also become visible within the disaggregated categories of activities (Table 7.5). The most noticeable differences are found for the SNA activities. For example, males (17\%) are more likely than females (11\%) to work for formal establishments, which usually offer the best conditions in terms of remuneration and social protection. Females (29\%) are more likely than males (19\%) to be involved in paid domestic work, which is reflected in the table as work for household providing services for income.

For the extended SNA activities, females are more likely to be involved in unpaid household work (92\%) and unpaid care giving services to household members ( $50 \%$ ) than males (at $50 \%$ for unpaid household work and $19 \%$ for unpaid care giving services to household members).

Table 7.5: Participation rate in disaggregated categories of activities for participants aged 10 years and older, by sex

| Characteristics | Males \% | $\begin{gathered} \text { Females } \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | Total \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SNA activities |  |  |  |
| Work for corporations/quasi corporations, non-profit institutions and government (formal sector work) | 17 | 11 | 14 |
| Work for household in primary production activities | 36 | 30 | 33 |
| Work for household in non-primary production activities | 7 | 11 | 9 |
| Work for household in construction activities | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Work for household providing services for income | 19 | 29 | 25 |
| Extended SNA activities |  |  |  |
| Providing unpaid domestic services for own final use within household | 50 | 92 | 73 |
| Providing unpaid care-giving services to household members | 19 | 50 | 36 |
| Providing community services and help to other households | 9 | 8 | 9 |
| Learning |  |  |  |
| Learning | 31 | 22 | 26 |
| Other non-productive activities |  |  |  |
| Socializing and community participation | 74 | 70 | 71 |
| Attending/visiting cultural, entertainment and sports events/venues | 5 | 2 | 3 |
| Hobbies, games and other pastime activities | 13 | 4 | 8 |
| Indoor and outdoor sports participation and related courses | 19 | 4 | 11 |
| Mass media | 62 | 44 | 52 |
| Personal care and maintenance | 100 | 100 | 100 |

In respect of non-productive activities, males are more likely than females to engage in hobbies and games ( $13 \%$ against 4\%), sports ( $19 \%$ against $4 \%$ ) and mass media activities ( $62 \%$ against $44 \%)$.

Table 7.6: Participation rate in broad activities for population aged 10 years and older, by selected characteristics (\%)


Table 7.6 shows that the participation rates with regard to the different attributes analyzed also have a gender dimension.

## The participation rate and age groups

For the age group $25-64$, men ( $86 \%$ ) reported being more involved in SNA activities than women (78\%). For the extended SNA activities it is the opposite, with $95 \%$ women reporting being involved in these activities as against $58 \%$ of men. There is a further noticeable gender difference in respect of learning for the 18-24 years age group, with $36 \%$ of men engaged in this activity against $21 \%$ for women. For both males and females, the youngest age group (10-17 years) is the most involved in learning ( $79 \%$ and $76 \%$ respectively).

## The participation rate and marital status

Sixty five (65\%) of single males and $57 \%$ of single females are involved in SNA activities while $73 \%$ of single males and $95 \%$ of single females are also involved in extended SNA activities. Across both male and female, the single and never married group has the highest participation rate in learning, reflecting the fact that it includes children who are still in school.

About nine out of ten married men or $87 \%$ reported being involved in SNA activities, while $56 \%$ of married men reported being involved in extended SNA activities (the lowest rate compared with men in the other categories of marital status) and $10 \%$ in learning. On the
other hand, 80 \% of married women reported being involved in SNA, 97 \% in extended SNA activities while $6 \%$ were involved in learning activities.

## The participation rate and area of residence

The gender difference again emerges clearly in respect of extended SNA activities across both rural and urban areas. For the SNA activities, the gender difference is very low. Sixtysix ( $66 \%$ ) of males living in urban areas are involved in SNA activities compared to $62 \%$ of females, while $65 \%$ of urban males against $94 \%$ of females are engaged in extended SNA activities. For the population living in rural areas, $82 \%$ of males and $76 \%$ of females report involvement in SNA activities. For extended SNA activities, the participation rate is $66 \%$ for males and $96 \%$ for females.

## The participation rate and educational attainment

Men with higher educational background are less likely to be involved in extended SNA activities than men with less education except for those with no schooling. Among women, more than $92 \%$ reported being involved in extended SNA activities across all educational categories, with the lowest rate being observed for those with higher education.

## The participation rate and work status

Employed men are less likely to engage in extended SNA activities than men in the other two categories (unemployed and not economically active). For women, irrespective of work status, at least $94 \%$ reported being involved in extended SNA activities.

## The participation rate and household composition

Both women and men are more likely to be involved in extended SNA activities when there is at least one child under 18 in the household. Nevertheless, the gender differences remain large. Thus $68 \%$ of men reported being involved in extended SNA activities when there is a child in the household against $59 \%$ when there is no child, while $97 \%$ of women reported being involved in extended SNA activities when there is a child under 6 in the household, against $88 \%$ when there is no child.

## The participation rate and the day of the week

Males are more likely to participate in SNA activities than extended SNA activities on all days of the week except on Sundays, when they are more likely to participate in extended SNA activities. Females’ participation rate was higher for extended SNA activities than SNA activities on all days of the week.

### 7.3 Time spent by persons involved in the activities

Time spent by persons involved in the activities is defined as the time spent on a specified activity by those who actually did engage (or participate) in that activity.

Table 7.7: Time spent on broad categories of activities by persons involved aged 10 years and older

|  | Male | Female | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Broad activity category | 446 | 372 | 408 |
| SNA Activities | 111 | 229 | 189 |
| Extended SNA Activities | 313 | 292 | 303 |
| Learning | 971 | 921 | 944 |
| Other Non-productive Activities | 563 | 514 | 535 |
| Total |  |  |  |

Table 7.7 shows that males spend more time on SNA activities than their female counterparts, with an average of 446 minutes per day ( 7 hours and 26 minutes) compared to 372 minutes ( 6 hours and 12 minutes) for females. In contrast, females spend more time (more than double) on extended SNA activities than their male counterparts, with an average of 229 minutes per day ( 3 hours and 49 minutes) compared to 111 minutes ( 1 hour and 51 minutes) for males. Males ( 5 hours and 13 minutes) spend slightly more time than females (4 hours and 52 minutes) on learning.

Table 7.8: Time spent on broad categories of activities by persons involved aged 10 years and older, by selected characteristics

| Attributes | SNA Activities |  |  | Extended SNA Activities |  |  | Learning Activities |  |  | Other NonProductive Activities |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Average Time Spent |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Male | Female | Total |
| Total | 446 | 372 | 408 | 111 | 229 | 189 | 374 | 376 | 375 | 971 | 921 | 944 |
| Age group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10-17 yrs | 202 | 191 | 196 | 99 | 176 | 143 | 440 | 437 | 439 | 944 | 869 | 906 |
| 18-24 yrs | 408 | 343 | 374 | 116 | 243 | 201 | 391 | 312 | 358 | 1,009 | 957 | 980 |
| 25-64 yrs | 520 | 424 | 470 | 111 | 251 | 210 | 110 | 113 | 111 | 899 | 1024 | 921 |
| $65+$ | 416 | 357 | 389 | 176 | 167 | 169 | 70 | 47 | 65 | 1,133 | 1,157 | 1,146 |
| Marital Status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single/Never married | 358 | 306 | 335 | 105 | 190 | 153 | 417 | 412 | 414 | 979 | 921 | 951 |
| Married | 512 | 401 | 456 | 123 | 267 | 224 | 99 | 116 | 107 | 951 | 882 | 914 |
| Widowed/Divorced/Separated | 475 | 444 | 450 | 119 | 185 | 177 | 60 | 108 | 92 | 1113 | 1032 | 1049 |
| Informal/Loose Union | 539 | 361 | 444 | 108 | 319 | 269 | 79 | 70 | 74 | 930 | 939 | 936 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 467 | 402 | 432 | 117 | 227 | 191 | 403 | 227 | 392 | 995 | 935 | 962 |
| Rural | 429 | 344 | 386 | 106 | 231 | 187 | 346 | 368 | 356 | 946 | 905 | 925 |
| Educational Attainment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No schooling | 511 | 401 | 438 | 93 | 230 | 209 | 102 | 116 | 110 | 982 | 950 | 960 |
| Pre \& primary school | 342 | 292 | 314 | 103 | 209 | 172 | 411 | 408 | 410 | 957 | 898 | 924 |
| Middle \& JSS | 445 | 383 | 415 | 115 | 245 | 199 | 401 | 418 | 409 | 976 | 914 | 944 |
| Secondary \& SSS | 486 | 424 | 461 | 123 | 220 | 178 | 357 | 324 | 342 | 986 | 942 | 966 |
| Higher education | 500 | 429 | 477 | 117 | 228 | 172 | 191 | 192 | 191 | 950 | 897 | 931 |
| Work Status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employed | 497 | 416 | 456 | 114 | 231 | 193 | 223 | 226 | 224 | 933 | 879 | 904 |
| Unemployed | 251 | 115 | 167 | 146 | 301 | 262 | 258 | 202 | 239 | 1247 | 1122 | 1164 |
| Not economically active | 182 | 176 | 179 | 102 | 206 | 166 | 450 | 432 | 441 | 1021 | 970 | 993 |
| Household Composition |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| At least one child under 6 years | 441 | 332 | 382 | 111 | 270 | 221 | 357 | 365 | 361 | 926 | 863 | 890 |
| No child under 6 years, but at least one child under 18 years | 385 | 370 | 377 | 113 | 180 | 158 | 397 | 391 | 394 | 965 | 922 | 941 |
| No children | 492 | 432 | 468 | 110 | 170 | 144 | 222 | 150 | 198 | 1000 | 1025 | 1011 |
| Household monthly expenditure |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| < 100 Gh Cedis | 438 | 343 | 388 | 101 | 234 | 190 | 318 | 331 | 324 | 975 | 950 | 961 |
| 101-200 Gh Cedis | 442 | 379 | 410 | 112 | 221 | 185 | 362 | 373 | 367 | 971 | 920 | 943 |
| 201-300 Gh Cedis | 461 | 369 | 413 | 124 | 227 | 193 | 369 | 390 | 379 | 969 | 914 | 940 |
| 301+ Gh Cedis | 444 | 392 | 418 | 110 | 234 | 190 | 422 | 392 | 407 | 972 | 904 | 935 |
| Day of Diary/Day of Week |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monday | 452 | 359 | 404 | 104 | 226 | 187 | 401 | 396 | 399 | 921 | 886 | 902 |
| Tuesday | 416 | 352 | 382 | 115 | 218 | 182 | 396 | 387 | 391 | 927 | 891 | 907 |
| Wednesday | 425 | 343 | 383 | 108 | 229 | 189 | 387 | 420 | 403 | 932 | 884 | 906 |
| Thursday | 432 | 360 | 395 | 109 | 216 | 180 | 405 | 410 | 407 | 939 | 889 | 913 |
| Friday | 429 | 376 | 402 | 103 | 225 | 182 | 385 | 369 | 378 | 955 | 898 | 925 |
| Saturday | 475 | 385 | 429 | 120 | 238 | 200 | 176 | 196 | 186 | 981 | 933 | 955 |
| Sunday | 426 | 330 | 376 | 127 | 241 | 203 | 152 | 138 | 146 | 1,088 | 1,023 | 1,052 |

Table 7.8 shows that the time spent on activities by the persons involved with regard to the different characteristics has a gender dimension.

## Time spent by persons involved and age

Among the 10-17 year age group, both females and males spend most of their time on learning (more than 7 hours per day) than those in other age groups. However, females from the same
age group spend 176 minutes (almost 3 hours) on extended SNA activities while males dedicate 99 minutes (1 hour and 39 minutes) to the same activities.

For the 25-64 year age group, women spend less time on SNA activities ( 424 minutes or 7 hours and 4 minutes) than men ( 520 minutes or 8 hours and 40 minutes). The main gender difference is related to extended SNA activities, on which women spend more than double the time (251 minutes or 4 hours and 11 minutes) spent by men ( 111 minutes or 1 hour and 51 minutes).

## Time spent by persons involved and marital status

Married and widowed/divorced/separated men and women spend much more time on SNA than extended SNA activities. Females across all categories of marital status spend much more time than men on extended SNA activities. This is especially so with married women (267 minutes or 4 hours and 27 minutes against 123 minutes or 2 hours and 3 minutes) as well as those in informal/loose union ( 319 minutes or 5 hours and 19 minutes against 108 minutes or 1 hour and 48 minutes).Compared to their counterparts, widowed/divorced/separated women spend relatively more time on SNA than on extended SNA activities ( 444 minutes or 7 hours and 24 minutes against 185 minutes or 3 hours and 5 minutes) which could be an indication of their vulnerability and the necessity to earn income for the survival of their households. The single and never married group has the highest average time spent on learning, reflecting the fact that it includes children who are still in school.

## Time spent by persons involved and area of residence

In both urban and rural areas, males and females spend more time on SNA than on extended SNA activities. However, females in both rural and urban areas spend much more time (about twice) on extended SNA activities than males: more in rural areas (2.2 times) and less in urban areas (1.9 times). As regards learning, females in rural areas devote much more time to learning than in urban areas ( 368 minutes or 6 hours and 6 minutes against 227 minutes or 3 hours and 47 minutes). While the time devoted to learning by females in urban areas is nearly half that of males ( 227 minutes or 3 hours and 47 minutes against 403 minutes or 6 hours and 43 minutes), females in rural areas spend more time than men in learning ( 368 minutes or 6 hours and 8 minutes against 346 minutes or 5 hours and 46 minutes).

## Time spent by persons involved and educational attainment

Males with no schooling spend far more time on SNA activities ( 511 minutes or 8 hours and 31 minutes) and less time on extended SNA activities ( 93 minutes or 1 hour and 33 minutes) . Across all levels of education, both females and males spend more time on SNA than extended SNA activities. Females in all educational categories spend about twice as much time on extended SNA activities than males, with a maximum for the category 'no schooling' (2.4 times) and a minimum for the category ‘higher education’ (1.7 times).

## Time spent by persons involved and work status

Both men and women who are employed spend more time on SNA activities than on extended SNA activities. However, within the same category, women spend much more time (more than twice) on extended SNA activities than men.

Unemployed men spend slightly more time on SNA than extended SNA activities while their women counterpart spend much more time on extended SNA activities than on SNA. As
expected, the not economically active population, which includes many children, spends more time on learning than those in other categories.

## Time spent by persons involved and household composition

Females and males, irrespective of the composition of the household, spend more time on SNA activities than on extended SNA activities. Females living in households with at least a child under 6 years old tend to spend more time on extended SNA activities ( 270 minutes or 4 hours and 30 minutes), compared with about 3 hours for the other categories under household composition.

## Time spent by persons involved and household monthly expenditure

A clear pattern emerging from Table 7.8 is the time devoted to learning, which increases with the increase in household expenditure for males as well as for females, with a huge increase from the lowest category of expenditure to the next category for both males and females, and from the third category to highest for males. The persons involved spend between 5 and 7 hours per day in learning activities. Another emerging pattern is observed for time spent by females in non-productive activities, which decreases with an increase in household expenditure. Time spent by males in SNA activities also increases with an increase in household spending, up to the third category of expenditure.

Time spent by persons involved and days of the week
Both females and males spend more time on SNA activities than extended SNA activities on weekdays. However, females tend to spend more time on unpaid activities on weekends. Sundays do not appear to be very different from the other days of the week regarding the time devoted to SNA activities by males and females (only a small decrease is observed for females corresponding to a small increase in extended SNA activities). Also, males spend slightly more time on extended SNA activities on weekends than weekdays.

## Time spent on broad categories of activities by persons involved aged 18 years and older, by selected characteristics

Table 7.9 presents the same characteristics as in Table 7.8 for the adult population aged 18 years and older. Time spent on SNA activities, extended SNA activities and non-productive activities for both women and men aged 18 years and older is generally more than for the population aged 10 years and older, except the time spent in learning. It is obvious that the population aged 10 to 17 years old spends more time on learning as it is made up of children who are still in school.

Table 7.9: Time spent on broad categories of activities by persons involved aged 18 years and older, by selected characteristics


Most of the observations made for the population aged 10 years and older remain valid for the 18 years and older age group. The significance of Table 7.9 is to give a time budget for the persons involved, which is the closest to what can be expected from average data for the adult population. For instance, the employed men spend 510 minutes ( 8 hours and 30 minutes) per day in SNA activities (including commuting and weekends) while the employed women spend 424 minutes ( 7 hours and 4 minutes) on the same activities. The maximum is observed on Monday for men ( 538 minutes or nearly 9 hours) and for women ( 428 minutes or 7 hours and 8 minutes). Adult men still spend 451 minutes ( 7 hours and 31 minutes) in SNA activities on Sunday against 339 minutes ( 5 hours and 39 minutes) for adult women. In other words, it seems that adults are involved in SNA activities throughout the week, a sign of the importance of informal and multiple activities.

Regarding total work (SNA + extended SNA), an adult man works per day between 9 hours and 36 minutes (on Sunday) and 10 hours and 54 minutes (on Monday); while an adult woman works between 9 hours and 41 minutes (on Sunday) and 11 hours and 4 minutes (on Saturday).

## CHAPTER 8 SNA ACTIVITIES

In the ICATUS classification, five out of the fifteen main categories are SNA activities that contribute to Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

### 8.1 Average time spent on SNA work

Table 8.1: Average time spent on SNA activities, population aged 10 years and older

| SNA activity | Male <br> Minutes | Female <br> Minutes |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Work for corporations/quasi corporations, non-profit | 65 |  |
| institutions and government (formal sector work) | 121 | 23 |
| Work for household in primary production activities | 21 | 70 |
| Work for household in non-primary production activities | 10 | 33 |
| Work for household in construction activities | 71 | 1 |
| Work for household providing services for income |  | 103 |

From Table 8.1, males spend more time on average than females on formal sector work and on primary subsistence production activities: an average of 65 minutes ( 1 hour and 5 minutes) on work for formal sector institutions against 23 for females and 121 minutes ( 2 hours and 1 minute) on work for household in primary production activities against 70 minutes (1 hour and 10 minutes) for females. Females on the other hand spend more time than males on work for household providing services for income, with an average of 103 minutes (1 hour and 43 minutes) against 71 minutes (1 hour and 11 minutes) for males.

Table 8.2: Average time spent on various SNA activities, population aged 10 years and older, by selected characteristics

| Attributes | Work for Corporations/quasi corporations, nonprofit institutions and government (formal sector work) |  | Work for household in primary production activities |  | Work for household in non-primary production activities |  | Work for household in construction activities |  | Work for household providing services for income |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Average Time in Minutes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| TOTAL | 65 | 23 | 121 | 70 | 21 | 33 | 10 | 1 | 71 | 103 |
| Age group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10-17 yrs | 8 | 5 | 58 | 33 | 5 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 18 | 41 |
| 18-24 yrs | 34 | 26 | 97 | 49 | 27 | 34 | 8 | 1 | 64 | 83 |
| 25-64 yrs | 106 | 30 | 156 | 87 | 30 | 41 | 17 | 1 | 105 | 139 |
| $65+$ | 51 | 10 | 158 | 93 | 8 | 32 | 5 | 1 | 36 | 44 |
| Marital Status (12 years+) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single/Never married | 36 | 25 | 75 | 27 | 18 | 26 | 6 | 1 | 58 | 70 |
| Married | 106 | 24 | 172 | 97 | 28 | 43 | 15 | 1 | 92 | 132 |
| Widowed/Divorced/Separated | 36 | 26 | 150 | 96 | 23 | 29 | 9 | 0 | 71 | 113 |
| Informal/Loose Union | 93 | 12 | 203 | 53 | 16 | 20 | 22 | 1 | 95 | 111 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 128 | 54 | 101 | 49 | 45 | 68 | 20 | 2 | 171 | 230 |
| Rural | 42 | 15 | 318 | 211 | 23 | 44 | 10 | 2 | 43 | 81 |
| Educational Attainment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No schooling | 26 | 3 | 329 | 164 | 12 | 33 | 8 | 1 | 43 | 90 |
| Pre \& primary school | 12 | 7 | 106 | 60 | 17 | 26 | 8 | 1 | 38 | 79 |
| Middle \& JSS | 44 | 9 | 119 | 40 | 26 | 44 | 15 | 1 | 96 | 137 |
| Secondary \& SSS | 98 | 65 | 73 | 12 | 32 | 22 | 10 | 1 | 85 | 106 |
| Higher education | 268 | 218 | 20 | 8 | 10 | 14 | 4 | 3 | 66 | 52 |
| Work Status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employed | 95 | 31 | 167 | 96 | 28 | 44 | 14 | 1 | 100 | 147 |
| Unemployed | 9 | 5 | 28 | 15 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 18 | 8 |
| Not economically active | 7 | 7 | 32 | 18 | 8 | 14 | 4 | 2 | 14 | 21 |
| Household Composition |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Has at least one child under 6 years | 62 | 15 | 146 | 78 | 24 | 31 | 11 | 1 | 67 | 99 |
| No child under 6 years, but at least |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| one child under 18 years | 43 | 24 | 96 | 63 | 11 | 33 | 5 | 1 | 56 | 104 |
| No children | 98 | 44 | 111 | 58 | 30 | 39 | 16 | 1 | 96 | 116 |
| Household monthly expenditure |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <= 100 Gh Cedis | 31 | 12 | 332 | 210 | 24 | 35 | 8 | 1 | 51 | 91 |
| 101-200 Gh Cedis | 53 | 19 | 281 | 175 | 33 | 50 | 13 | 2 | 66 | 129 |
| 201-300 Gh Cedis | 89 | 23 | 200 | 133 | 32 | 77 | 18 | 1 | 105 | 134 |
| 301+ Gh Cedis | 135 | 73 | 117 | 72 | 29 | 59 | 17 | 3 | 141 | 183 |
| Day of Diary/Day of Week |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monday | 87 | 33 | 222 | 163 | 30 | 46 | 12 | 2 | 108 | 131 |
| Tuesday | 71 | 29 | 252 | 171 | 28 | 56 | 16 | 1 | 59 | 108 |
| Wednesday | 48 | 19 | 282 | 166 | 28 | 51 | 10 | 0 | 69 | 113 |
| Thursday | 77 | 33 | 230 | 139 | 24 | 56 | 20 | 2 | 86 | 139 |
| Friday | 84 | 40 | 236 | 141 | 33 | 58 | 13 | 2 | 73 | 144 |
| Saturday | 49 | 16 | 293 | 200 | 27 | 39 | 12 | 3 | 102 | 133 |
| Sunday | 34 | 11 | 291 | 147 | 38 | 51 | 4 | 2 | 72 | 135 |

Table 8.2 shows that gender differences exist with regard to average time spent on SNA activities even when other factors are taken into account.

## The average time spent on SNA activities by age group

With the exception of the 10-17 and 18-24 year age groups, males in other age group categories dedicate more than three times as much time to formal sector work as females. Females on the other hand spend more time on work for household providing services for income, which can be considered as informal work. This is true for all age groups.

Males and females in the age group 10-17 years tend to spend less time on SNA activities. Young males spend most of their time on work for household in primary production activities, while among young females more time is dedicated to work for households providing services for income.

The gender difference is wide with respect to work for households in primary production activities and work in construction activities where more males than females are engaged in these two types of activities. Females in all age categories however, consistently spend more time than men working in non-primary production activities and working for households providing services for income.

The average time spent on SNA activities by marital status
For all marital status categories, males dedicate more time to work for institutions and work for household in primary production activities than females, while females dedicate more time than males to work for household in non-primary production and providing services for income.

Among males, both single and widowed/divorced/separated males spent less time, 36 minutes as in Table 8.2 working for institutions, while among females, those who are in informal and loose union dedicate less time to work for institutions. Married men dedicate much more time (4.4 times higher) to formal sector work than women.

## The average time spent on SNA activities by area of residence

Males and females in urban areas devote more time to paid work for corporations and government than those living in rural areas. In contrast, males and females in rural areas dedicate more time to work for households in primary production activities. Females' main activities in urban areas, in terms of time spent are on work for households providing services for income, while in rural areas females' time is more likely to be devoted to work for households in primary production activities.

## The average time spent on SNA activities by educational attainment

For both females and males, the higher the education level attained, the more time they spend on formal sector work and the lower their participation in work for household in primary activities. They also spend some appreciable time to work for households providing services for income.

The average time spent on SNA activities by work status
Employed females and males tend to spend more time in household primary production and in providing services for income. Females however, spend more time working for household providing services for income than males.

It should be noted that the unemployed and the not economically active (females and males) spend some time in household primary production and services for income. This remark refers to a certain proportion of the population in the workforce. This category, although they are outside the workforce and are not counted among the employed, do contribute to GDP and to the wellbeing of the population.

## The average time spent on SNA activities by household composition

Males and females report the highest average time spent in formal sector work when there is no child at home. Males in such households spend twice as much time in formal sector work than females. The gender difference widens where there is a child under 6 or at least one child under 18 at home. Males in households with children under 6 spend 4.1 times more time than females in formal sector work. Those in households with at least one child under 18 spend nearly twice as much time as females in formal sector work, while the reverse is the case for work for household providing services for income.

Both males and females dedicate more time to work for household in primary production activities when there is at least one child under 6 in the household compared to when there is no child.

The average time and household monthly expenditure
For both males and females, the higher the household monthly expenditure the longer the hours spent in formal work and also in work for household providing services for income. On the contrary, the higher the household monthly expenditure, the shorter the time spent on primary production activities.

## The average time spent on SNA activities by day of the week

Both males and females are less involved in formal sector work on weekends. For the other days of the week, the average time spent does not differ very much for each activity, with males reporting spending more time than women in formal sector work, primary production activities, and construction from Monday to Friday. Females on the other hand, regardless of the day of the week spend more time than males on work for household providing services for income as well as on Saturday. Males spend more time during week-ends than during the other days of the week in primary production activities, with females spending more time on Saturdays. This finding illustrates the fact that many males and females are involved in secondary activities in the primary sector.

### 8.2 Participation Rates for SNA Work

The participation rates presented in this chapter include simultaneous activities: consequently, they are higher than those presented in the preceding chapter. Their level has an impact on the time spent by the persons involved in a given activity, but not on the average time spent.

Figure 8.1: Participation rates for SNA work for population aged 10 years and over


Figure 8.1 shows that $22 \%$ of males reported participating in formal sector work as against $18 \%$ of females participating in the same category. Both males and females have their highest participation rates, $69 \%$ for males and $62 \%$ for females, in subsistence activities, which include subsistence agriculture as well as collecting water and fuel. More than one-third (39\%) of females are involved in work for household providing services for income (which includes paid domestic work), against $25 \%$ of males participating in the same category of activities.

Table 8.3: Participation rate in various SNA activities, population aged 10 years and older by selected characteristics

|  | Work for Corporations/ quasi corporations, non-profit institutions and government (formal sector work) |  |  | Work for household in primary production activities |  | Work for household in non-primary production activities |  |  |  | Work for household in construction activities |  |  | Work for household providing services for income |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female |  |
| Total | 22 | 18 | 20 | 69 | 62 | 65 | 10 | 20 | 15 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 25 | 39 | 33 |
| Age group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10-17 yrs | 19 | 17 | 18 | 78 | 69 | 74 | 8 | 11 | 10 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 17 | 30 | 23 |
| 18-24 yrs | 18 | 23 | 20 | 67 | 60 | 63 | 10 | 20 | 15 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 25 | 38 | 32 |
| 25-64 yrs | 25 | 18 | 21 | 65 | 60 | 62 | 12 | 22 | 17 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 29 | 43 | 37 |
| $65+$ | 16 | 12 | 14 | 82 | 71 | 77 | 9 | 25 | 16 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 17 | 28 | 22 |
| Marital Status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single/Never married | 20 | 20 | 20 | 68 | 57 | 63 | 10 | 17 | 13 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 25 | 37 | 30 |
| Married | 24 | 17 | 20 | 70 | 65 | 67 | 11 | 22 | 17 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 26 | 41 | 34 |
| Widowed/Divorced/Separated | 18 | 14 | 15 | 70 | 60 | 62 | 15 | 21 | 20 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 25 | 42 | 38 |
| Informal/Loose Union | 23 | 25 | 24 | 67 | 54 | 60 | 10 | 22 | 17 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 31 | 36 | 34 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 31 | 21 | 26 | 35 | 31 | 33 | 12 | 20 | 17 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 41 | 58 | 50 |
| Rural | 18 | 17 | 17 | 84 | 76 | 80 | 10 | 20 | 15 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 18 | 31 | 25 |
| Educational Attainment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No schooling | 14 | 10 | 11 | 91 | 81 | 84 | 7 | 21 | 16 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 17 | 29 | 24 |
| Pre \& primary school | 15 | 17 | 16 | 81 | 67 | 73 | 10 | 18 | 15 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 19 | 37 | 29 |
| Middle \& JSS | 20 | 18 | 19 | 63 | 49 | 56 | 13 | 22 | 17 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 32 | 54 | 43 |
| Secondary \& SSS | 35 | 36 | 35 | 46 | 28 | 39 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 31 | 47 | 37 |
| Higher education | 70 | 77 | 73 | 25 | 5 | 18 | 5 | 10 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 30 | 24 | 28 |
| Work Status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employed | 23 | 17 | 20 | 69 | 62 | 65 | 11 | 21 | 16 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 27 | 42 | 35 |
| Unemployed | 9 | 36 | 26 | 52 | 57 | 55 | 25 | 11 | 16 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 25 | 27 | 26 |
| Not economically active | 19 | 19 | 19 | 72 | 66 | 69 | 7 | 15 | 11 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 16 | 25 | 21 |
| Household Composition |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Has at least one child under 6 years | 21 | 20 | 21 | 74 | 65 | 69 | 10 | 22 | 17 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 23 | 37 | 31 |
| No child under 6 years, but at least one child under 18 years | 20 | 15 | 17 | 71 | 60 | 65 | 9 | 16 | 13 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 25 | 41 | 34 |
| No children | 26 | 16 | 22 | 55 | 53 | 54 | 13 | 19 | 15 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 30 | 45 | 36 |
| Household monthly expenditure |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <= 100 Gh Cedis | 15 | 13 | 14 | 83 | 76 | 79 | 10 | 18 | 14 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 17 | 31 | 25 |
| 101-200 Gh Cedis | 21 | 18 | 19 | 74 | 66 | 70 | 11 | 18 | 15 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 23 | 40 | 32 |
| 201-300 Gh Cedis | 24 | 16 | 20 | 61 | 57 | 59 | 10 | 25 | 18 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 31 | 43 | 37 |
| 301+ Gh Cedis | 36 | 27 | 31 | 42 | 36 | 39 | 10 | 22 | 16 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 37 | 49 | 43 |
| Day of Diary/Day of Week |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monday | 25 | 17 | 21 | 64 | 62 | 63 | 11 | 19 | 15 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 31 | 40 | 36 |
| Tuesday | 25 | 18 | 21 | 72 | 65 | 68 | 11 | 22 | 17 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 20 | 36 | 29 |
| Wednesday | 17 | 20 | 19 | 75 | 65 | 70 | 10 | 22 | 17 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 25 | 37 | 31 |
| Thursday | 25 | 21 | 23 | 65 | 59 | 61 | 9 | 18 | 14 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 26 | 43 | 35 |
| Friday | 29 | 20 | 24 | 64 | 56 | 60 | 10 | 20 | 15 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 23 | 42 | 32 |
| Saturday | 15 | 14 | 14 | 72 | 68 | 70 | 10 | 15 | 13 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 27 | 37 | 33 |
| Sunday | 12 | 11 | 11 | 75 | 59 | 67 | 11 | 20 | 16 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 23 | 40 | 32 |

Table 8.3 shows that the participation rates in SNA activities with regard to the various attributes analyzed have a gender dimension.

## The participation rate in SNA activities by age group

For the age group 10 to 17 years, the noticeable finding is that $19 \%$ of males and $17 \%$ of females reported being involved in formal work. More than three-fourth of males in this age group (78\%) and more than two-third of females (69\%) reported being involved in work for household in primary production activities. The gender difference for formal sector work is wider for the older age groups, except the 18-24 age group. About one-quarter ( $25 \%$ ) of men and $18 \%$ of women in the 25-64 age group reported participating in formal sector work, while for the 18-24 age group, women have a higher participation rate than males in all SNA activities including formal sector work, but excluding primary production activities (and construction activities). The highest
participation rate for both males and females, across the age groups, is in household primary activities, which include subsistence agriculture and collection of water and fuel.

## The participation rate in SNA activities by marital status

The participation rate in SNA activities by 10 years and older with regards to marital status in Table 8.3 indicates that the highest participation rate for married men (70\%) is in work for household in primary production activities and it is the same for women (65\%). Women also have a high participation rate (41\%) in work for households providing services for income. Among married men and women, the gender difference is again noticeable when it comes to formal sector work, where men's participation rate is nearly 1.4 times (24\%) against that of women (17\%).

## The participation rate in SNA activities by area of residence

Males and females in urban areas reported higher participation in formal sector work than their counterparts living in rural areas. In contrast, males and females in rural areas reported participating more in work for household in primary production activities. Females’ most common activities in urban areas involved work for household providing services for income.

## The participation rate in SNA activities by educational attainment

For both males and females, the higher the educational level, the higher the participation in formal sector work. On the other hand, the lower the educational level, the higher the participation in non-formal sector work.

## The participation rate in SNA activities by work status

The highest participation rate for employed males and females is in work for households in primary production activities (69\%and 62\% respectively). For employed males, $23 \%$ reported being involved in formal sector work, against $17 \%$ of employed females. It should also be noted that $72 \%$ of males and $66 \%$ of females who are not economically active work for households in primary production activities while $19 \%$ each participate in formal sector work.

## The participation rate in SNA activities by household composition

Males have the highest participation rate in formal sector work when there is no child at home and females have the highest participation rate in the same kind of work when there is a child under 6 at home. Both males and females are more likely to be involved in work for households in primary production activities when there is at least one child under 6 years in the household compared to when there is no child.

## The participation rate in SNA activities and household monthly expenditure

The higher the household monthly expenditure, the higher the participation rate in formal sector work and also in work for households providing services for income for both males and females (with the exception of females in the expenditure bracket of 201-300 Ghana Cedis per month for formal work).

## The participation rate in SNA activities by day of week

Both males and females are less involved in SNA activities on week-ends except for work for households in primary production activities, where the participation rate does not vary much from that for weekdays.

### 8.3 Time spent by persons involved in the activities

Figure 8.2 shows that males spend more time on SNA activities than their female counterparts, an average of 412 minutes (nearly 7 hours) per day for males on formal sector work compared to 228 minutes ( 3 hours 48 minutes) for females (nearly 4 hours). For work for households in construction activities the gender difference is much wider at an average of 379 minutes or 6 hours 19 minutes for males against 67 minutes for females, and it is the smallest in work for households providing services for income.

Figure 8.2: Daily time spent by actors involved in SNA work


Table 8.4 depicts time spent by actors involved in SNA activities across various characteristics of the population. Across nearly all demographic characteristics, males generally dedicate more time to SNA activities than females. There are a few exceptions, however, particularly among young people aged 10-17 years, where young females spend slightly more time on work for households providing services for income than males. Within this same age group, females spend more time on work for households in non-primary production activities than males.

Also, among actors that were not economically active, females spent more time in formal sector work, non-primary production activities and in work for households providing services for income. As expected young people aged 10-17 spent the least amount of time on SNA activities compared to other age categories. A very clear gender difference between men and women above 18 years old is with work for household in construction activities, which seems to be a predominantly male activity. For marital status, an exception to the general rule is that women in
informal unions spend slightly more time on work for households in non-primary production activities and on work for households providing services for income than men.

Table 8.4: Time spent on various SNA activities, by persons involved aged 10 years and older, by selected characteristics

| Attributes | Work for Corporations/quasi corporations, nonprofit institutions and government (formal sector work) |  | Work for household in primary production activities |  | Work for household in non-primary production activities |  | Work for household in construction activities |  | Work for household providing services for income |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Average Time in Minutes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| TOTAL | 412 | 228 | 367 | 250 | 351 | 327 | 379 | 67 | 412 | 384 |
| Age group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10-17 yrs | 83 | 62 | 200 | 132 | 122 | 215 | 58 | 47 | 210 | 253 |
| 18-24 yrs | 355 | 242 | 321 | 200 | 423 | 356 | 267 | 48 | 441 | 347 |
| 25-64 yrs | 478 | 265 | 443 | 295 | 395 | 345 | 460 | 90 | 441 | 417 |
| $65+$ | 376 | 190 | 379 | 296 | 208 | 263 | 267 | 123 | 380 | 321 |
| Marital Status (12 years+) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single/Never married | 331 | 279 | 270 | 137 | 354 | 352 | 288 | 51 | 380 | 339 |
| Married | 473 | 209 | 433 | 291 | 386 | 333 | 456 | 87 | 435 | 387 |
| Widowed/Divorced/Separated | 363 | 332 | 425 | 328 | 259 | 258 | 259 | 95 | 490 | 443 |
| Informal/Loose Union | 414 | 107 | 474 | 202 | 288 | 308 | 479 | 33 | 444 | 466 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 459 | 301 | 319 | 157 | 394 | 400 | 380 | 62 | 456 | 421 |
| Rural | 349 | 138 | 382 | 279 | 285 | 247 | 377 | 74 | 331 | 325 |
| Educational Attainment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No schooling | 313 | 58 | 473 | 327 | 273 | 252 | 440 | 153 | 388 | 393 |
| Pre \& primary school | 142 | 108 | 299 | 194 | 329 | 296 | 279 | 64 | 352 | 323 |
| Middle \& JSS | 372 | 98 | 363 | 203 | 352 | 393 | 422 | 41 | 427 | 399 |
| Secondary \& SSS | 488 | 396 | 353 | 130 | 407 | 355 | 425 | 38 | 462 | 458 |
| Higher education | 511 | 442 | 213 | 130 | 349 | 467 | 263 | 62 | 363 | 288 |
| Work Status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employed | 454 | 269 | 419 | 288 | 388 | 339 | 426 | 83 | 437 | 405 |
| Unemployed | 228 | 49 | 255 | 132 | 214 | 53 | 89 | 45 | 245 | 147 |
| Not economically active | 107 | 110 | 148 | 99 | 219 | 276 | 223 | 58 | 216 | 221 |
| Household Composition |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Has at least one child under 6 years | 372 | 137 | 378 | 247 | 346 | 274 | 389 | 59 | 401 | 347 |
| No child under 6 years, but at least one child under 18 years | 378 | 270 | 315 | 251 | 278 | 360 | 246 | 88 | 367 | 420 |
| No children | 492 | 471 | 422 | 262 | 408 | 417 | 451 | 55 | 465 | 419 |
| Household monthly expenditure |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <= 100 Gh Cedis | 345 | 136 | 391 | 273 | 339 | 248 | 326 | 48 | 410 | 348 |
| 101-200 Gh Cedis | 369 | 157 | 395 | 256 | 340 | 330 | 334 | 92 | 355 | 402 |
| 201-300 Gh Cedis | 478 | 228 | 348 | 233 | 395 | 373 | 437 | 45 | 416 | 361 |
| 301+ Gh Cedis | 435 | 315 | 268 | 193 | 341 | 335 | 434 | 66 | 464 | 407 |
| Day of Diary/Day of Week |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monday | 456 | 280 | 360 | 247 | 355 | 341 | 368 | 60 | 456 | 398 |
| Tuesday | 384 | 240 | 355 | 242 | 282 | 325 | 399 | 38 | 387 | 361 |
| Wednesday | 395 | 172 | 376 | 269 | 354 | 322 | 367 | 45 | 412 | 397 |
| Thursday | 462 | 250 | 365 | 238 | 388 | 358 | 383 | 50 | 391 | 382 |
| Friday | 373 | 269 | 365 | 252 | 372 | 314 | 330 | 69 | 374 | 372 |
| Saturday | 365 | 159 | 389 | 271 | 379 | 309 | 609 | 160 | 457 | 398 |
| Sunday | 391 | 108 | 382 | 223 | 320 | 287 | 171 | 180 | 354 | 388 |

### 8.4 Collecting water and fuel

Time spent in collecting water and wood for fuel are part of SNA activities. In addition to the diary information on this topic, the household questionnaire included questions enquiring about who usually fetched water and who usually collected wood for fuel in the household.

Table 8.5 above shows that in $44 \%$ of households, adult women usually fetch water compared to $16 \%$ of households where adult men usually fetch water. In respect of fuel collection, adult women are the main collectors in $23 \%$ of households as against $5 \%$ of households where adult men are responsible for this activity.

Table 8.5: Distribution of households by who usually fetches water and collects wood for fuel

|  | Who usually fetches water | Who usually collects wood for fuel |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| No one | \% |  |
| Adult woman | 18.5 |  |
| Adult man | 43.6 | 67.2 |
| Both sexes adult | 15.8 | 23.2 |
| Female child under 15 | 4.1 | 4.9 |
| Male child under 15 | 4.4 | 1.8 |
| Both sexes under 15 | 2.6 | 0.7 |
| Female age 15-17 | 2.3 | 0.4 |
| Male age 15-17 | 4.5 | 0.3 |
| Both sexes age 15-17 | 2.3 | 0.6 |

The diary data show that both females and males are more likely to be involved in fetching water than collecting fuel. Nearly 9 out of 10 males and females aged $10-17$ are involved in the fetching of water while for fuel collection, the participation rate falls to one out of ten males and females in this age group. Participation rates for fetching of water are very low among the oldest age group ( $41 \%$ for men and $58 \%$ for women). The participation rate for collection of wood for fuel is highest among the oldest age group, $59 \%$ for men and $42 \%$ for women Figures 8.3 and 8.4).

Figure 8.3: Participation rates for fetching water for household by population aged 10 years and older by sex and age group


Figure 8.4: Participation rates for collecting wood for fuel by population aged 10 years and over, by sex and age group


Similar to participation rates, males spent more time on the collection of fuel while females spent more time on fetching water. Compared to females, on average, males spent 17 minutes more on fuel collection and 8 minutes less on fetching of water for household consumption. There are some exceptions within age groups. Young males, aged 10-17 years, spent nearly six times as much time on fetching water as collecting fuel, while women aged 46 and older dedicate more time to fuel collection ( 48 minutes) than to fetching water ( 21 minutes). For both males and females, the oldest age category spent more time on collection of fuel than the younger age
groups, the difference being more prominent among males. The reverse is true for the youngest age group where both girls and boys spend more time on fetching water than on collection of fuel.

Table 8.6: Average time spent on collecting water and fuel by population aged 10 years and older, by sex and age group

|  |  | Water |  | Fuel |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| Age group |  | Average | (in mi |  |
| 10 to 17 | 34 | 43 | 6 | 11 |
| 18 to 45 | 19 | 35 | 88 | 25 |
| 46+ | 12 | 21 | 114 | 48 |
| All ages | 27 | 35 | 42 | 25 |

## CHAPTER 9 EXTENDED OR NON-SNA PRODUCTION: UNPAID WORK

Extended or non-SNA production within the general production boundary includes domestic and personal services produced and consumed within the same household such as cleaning, servicing and repairs; preparation and serving of meals; care, training and instruction of children; care of the sick, infirm and elderly; transportation of members of the household or their goods; as well as unpaid volunteer services to other households, community, neighborhood associations and other associations.

### 9.1 Average time spent on extended SNA activities

Figure 9.1: Average time spent on extended SNA activities by population aged 10 years and older by sex


Among extended SNA activities, the main activity on which females spent the most time is providing unpaid domestic services for own final use within household (including preparation of meals, cleaning, washing and shopping), which averages about 171 minutes ( 2 hours and 51 minutes). This is 2.6 times more than males for whom the average time spent is 66 minutes. The average time spent on caregiving services to household members (children and adults) by males and females shows a wider gender gap with females spending 68 minutes or 3.1 times the time spent by males ( 22 minutes). On the contrary, males spend twice as more time than females (34 minutes against 17 minutes) in providing community services and help to other households.

A further disaggregation of the data shows that the main gender differences are in childcare where females spent four times as much time ( 64 minutes) as males ( 16 minutes), food management (preparing and serving meals) where females spent 3.6 times more time ( 98 minutes) than males ( 27 minutes), care of textiles and footwear (washing): 27 minutes for females against 9 minutes for males (Table 9.1 and Figure 9.2). Males also spend slightly more
time than females providing unpaid help in other households (1.6 times more time). For the other categories, there are no remarkable gender differences.

Table 9.1: Average time spent on extended SNA activities by population aged 10 years and over by sex

|  | Male <br> Time spent in minutes |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Providing unpaid domestic services for own final use within |  |  |  |
| household | $\mathbf{6 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 7 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 4 2}$ |
| Food management | 27 | 98 | 82 |
| Cleaning and upkeep of dwellings and surroundings | 10 | 22 | 19 |
| Care of textiles and footwear | 9 | 27 | 23 |
| Shopping | 6 | 9 | 9 |
| Travel related to provision of unpaid domestic services | 9 | 10 | 10 |
| Others | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Providing unpaid caregiving services to household members | $\mathbf{2 2}$ | $\mathbf{6 8}$ | $\mathbf{5 5}$ |
| Childcare | 16 | 64 | 50 |
| Adult care | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Travel related to unpaid caregiving services to household members | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Others | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Providing community services and help to other households | $\mathbf{3 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 2}$ |
| Unpaid help to other households | 19 | 12 | 14 |
| Community-organized services | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Organized unpaid volunteer services | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Attendance in meetings | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| Travel related to community services and help to other households | 8 | 3 | 4 |

It should be noted that childcare is the most time-consuming activity in the category of providing unpaid caregiving services to household members.

Figure 9.2: Average time spent on extended SNA activities population aged 10 years and over, by sex.


Table 9.2 reveals more gender differences in the average time spent on extended SNA activities, particularly when examined across several demographic characteristics.

The average time spent on extended SNA activities by age group
A large gender difference is observed within the 25-64 age group, where women spent an average of 179 minutes (nearly 3 hours) on providing unpaid domestic services for own final use within household (household chores) compared with 56 minutes for men ( 3.2 times more time). Another noticeable difference for the same age group is in care-giving services where women spent an average of 82 minutes against an average of 34 minutes for men ( 2.4 times more time). Among the age group 18-24, the gender difference is even wider with women spending 74 minutes against 11 minutes for men ( 6.7 times). The same gender differences are observed for the other age groups, but to a lesser extent.

## The average time spent on extended SNA activities by marital status

As expected, married women and women in informal/loose union devote more time to providing unpaid domestic services for own final consumption and caregiving services than men. Married men on the other hand, devote more time ( 45 minutes) than married women ( 10 minutes) in providing community services and help to other households.

Table 9.2: Average daily time spent on various extended SNA activities, population aged 10 and over, by sex

| Attributes | Providing unpaid domestic services for own final use within household |  |  | Providing unpaid caregiving services to household members |  |  | Providing community services and help to other households |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Total |  | Female |  | Male | Female | Total |
|  | Average Daily Time Spent in Minutes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL | 66 | 171 | 142 | 22 | 68 | 55 | 34 | 17 | 22 |
| Age group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10-17 yrs | 83 | 152 | 124 | 10 | 26 | 20 | 15 | 11 | 13 |
| $18-24$ yrs | 67 | 172 | 144 | 11 | 74 | 57 | 50 | 30 | 35 |
| 25-64 yrs | 56 | 179 | 149 | 34 | 82 | 71 | 35 | 16 | 21 |
| $65+$ yrs | 69 | 144 | 124 | 22 | 32 | 29 | 89 | 11 | 32 |
| Marital Status (12 years +) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single/Never married | 76 | 160 | 126 | 10 | 28 | 21 | 29 | 23 | 25 |
| Married | 51 | 186 | 153 | 41 | 94 | 81 | 45 | 10 | 18 |
| Widowed/Divorced/Separated | 83 | 138 | 132 | 11 | 46 | 42 | 31 | 27 | 28 |
| Informal/Loose Union | 68 | 203 | 181 | 20 | 111 | 96 | 26 | 35 | 33 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 63 | 165 | 137 | 23 | 70 | 57 | 43 | 22 | 27 |
| Rural | 70 | 178 | 147 | 21 | 67 | 53 | 25 | 12 | 16 |
| Educational Attainment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No schooling | 56 | 173 | 159 | 27 | 71 | 66 | 19 | 11 | 12 |
| Pre \& primary school | 78 | 164 | 138 | 18 | 56 | 44 | 18 | 16 | 17 |
| Middle \& JSS | 66 | 179 | 146 | 18 | 76 | 59 | 39 | 19 | 25 |
| Secondary \& SSS | 58 | 160 | 121 | 31 | 67 | 53 | 45 | 26 | 34 |
| Higher education | 58 | 167 | 114 | 32 | 67 | 50 | 52 | 22 | 37 |
| Work Status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employed | 60 | 169 | 140 | 28 | 73 | 61 | 37 | 14 | 20 |
| Unemployed | 72 | 222 | 192 | 17 | 87 | 73 | 62 | 27 | 34 |
| Not economically active | 78 | 162 | 133 | 12 | 51 | 38 | 24 | 23 | 23 |
| Household Composition |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Has at least one child under 6 years | 60 | 184 | 154 | 35 | 102 | 86 | 26 | 15 | 18 |
| No child under 6 years, but at least one child under 18 years | 77 | 157 | 133 | 12 | 24 | 21 | 33 | 14 | 20 |
| No children | 65 | 146 | 114 | 10 | 17 | 14 | 52 | 34 | 42 |
| Household monthly expenditure |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| < $=100 \mathrm{Gh}$ Cedis | 64 | 167 | 139 | 22 | 77 | 62 | 24 | 20 | 21 |
| 101-200 Gh Cedis | 63 | 171 | 141 | 21 | 62 | 51 | 37 | 16 | 22 |
| 201-300 Gh Cedis | 66 | 178 | 146 | 21 | 63 | 51 | 49 | 10 | 21 |
| 301+ Gh Cedis | 70 | 172 | 141 | 25 | 72 | 57 | 29 | 22 | 24 |
| Day of Diary/Day of Week |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monday | 58 | 160 | 134 | 20 | 68 | 56 | 44 | 22 | 28 |
| Tuesday | 62 | 174 | 141 | 27 | 66 | 55 | 41 | 13 | 21 |
| Wednesday | 64 | 162 | 134 | 30 | 78 | 64 | 26 | 15 | 18 |
| Thursday | 63 | 166 | 137 | 18 | 72 | 57 | 40 | 9 | 18 |
| Friday | 63 | 165 | 134 | 14 | 66 | 50 | 32 | 14 | 20 |
| Saturday | 77 | 188 | 161 | 20 | 64 | 53 | 24 | 40 | 36 |
| Sunday | 91 | 201 | 168 | 24 | 58 | 48 | 21 | 12 | 15 |

The average time spent on extended SNA activities by residential area
There is virtually no difference in the gender patterns between rural and urban areas. In both rural and urban areas, females spent more than 3 times more time than males on caregiving services
with an average of approximately 68 minutes against an average of around 22 minutes for males. The difference between females and males is more pronounced for unpaid domestic services for own final consumption: females devote more than 2.6 times more time to household chores than males in urban areas, and 2.5 times in rural areas.

## The average time spent on extended SNA activities by educational background

No clear pattern emerges from Table 9.2 as regards the educational attainment, except that for females as well as males, the higher the education level, the more time is dedicated to providing community services and help to other households. Also, it can be noted that the gender difference remains high between women and men with higher education in that women spent an average of 167 minutes against 58 minutes for men in providing unpaid domestic services for own final use within household and 67 minutes against 32 minutes for men in providing unpaid caregiving services to household members.

## The average time spent on extended SNA activities by work status

Employed women spent 73 minutes on caregiving, which is 2.6 times more than the time spent by employed men to the same activity. The gender difference is even wider when it comes to unpaid household work in that employed women spent 169 minutes on unpaid household services, which is more than 2.8 times the time spent by employed men to the same activity. Employment status has a more pronounced impact on women's unpaid activities than on those of men. Unemployed women spent much more time on caregiving activities and unpaid household services than employed women.

## The average time spent on extended SNA activities by household composition

In households with at least one child under 6 years old, females spent more time in providing unpaid domestic services for own final use within the household and in caregiving services than in the other categories of households (184 minutes and 102 minutes respectively) with males spending less time on the two activities ( 60 minutes on caregiving services and 35 minutes on unpaid domestic services), resulting in gender differences of 2.9 times and 3.1 times respectively.

## The average time spent on extended SNA activities by household monthly expenditure

Although the time spent by females in unpaid household services and in caregiving tend to increase with the household monthly expenditure (with the exception of households with less than 100 Ghana Cedis monthly expenditure for caregiving), the gender difference tends to decrease with an improvement of males' contribution.

## The average time spent on extended SNA activities by day of the week

Men spend the longest amount of time on unpaid household services ( 91 minutes) on Sundays and on caregiving ( 30 minutes) on Wednesdays while for women the situation is the opposite on caregiving in that they spend the shortest time ( 58 minutes) on Sundays, but worse for unpaid household services where the time spent is the longest (201 minutes). However, even on Sundays women spent longer time than men on care activities. When it comes to unpaid community services, females spent the longest time on Saturdays ( 40 minutes), as much as the maximum for males on Mondays (44 minutes).

### 9.2 Participation rates for extended or non-SNA production

In terms of participation rates, caregiving is the category of extended or non-SNA activities for which the gender difference is the most important (Figure 9.3). Females’ participation in care giving (with childcare as the main activity) is nearly double that of males (1.8 times). The participation rates for all other subcategories are very low for both males and females. Nearly all females (98\%) reported that they engaged in unpaid domestic services compared to $79 \%$ of males.

A disaggregation of the unpaid categories shows the emergence of stronger gender differences (Table 9.3). More than twice as many females as males ( $59 \%$ versus $28 \%$ ) are involved in childcare, which shows that unpaid domestic services in general and child care in particular are more of females' activities than males. Most of the other 4 digit detailed categories were found to account for extremely small participation rates, except travel related to community services and help to other households.

Figure 9.3: Participation rates for extended SNA activities, population aged 10 years and older by sex


Table 9.3: Participation rates in extended or non-SNA activities by population aged 10 years and older by sex.

|  | Male <br> Participation rate |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Providing unpaid domestic services for own final use within household | $\mathbf{F 9}$ | $\mathbf{9 8}$ | $\mathbf{9 2}$ |
| Unpaid domestic services | 69 | 97 | 89 |
| Shopping | 11 | 21 | 18 |
| Travel related to provision of unpaid domestic services | 19 | 28 | 26 |
| Providing unpaid caregiving services to household members | $\mathbf{3 6}$ | $\mathbf{6 3}$ | $\mathbf{5 5}$ |
| Childcare | 28 | 59 | 50 |
| Adult care | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Travel related to unpaid caregiving services to household members | 4 | 6 | 5 |
| Providing community services and help to other households | $\mathbf{1 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 3}$ |
| Unpaid help to other households | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Community-organized services | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Organized unpaid volunteer services | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Attendance in meetings | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Travel related to community services and help to other households | 14 | 6 | 8 |

Note: Only main sub-categories are included in the table.
Table 9.4 shows various extended SNA activities focusing on child and adult care and providing unpaid domestic services for own final use within the household. For all the different attributes considered, noticeable gender differences are found in respect of care giving and unpaid domestic services for own final use within household.

Table 9.4: Participation rates for various extended SNA activities by population aged 10 years and older

| Attributes | Providing unpaid domestic services for own final use within household |  |  | Providing unpaid caregiving services to household members |  |  | Providing community services and help to other households |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Total |  | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
|  | Participation rate (\%) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 79 | 98 | 92 | 36 | 63 | 55 | 19 | 11 | 13 |
| Age group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10-17 yrs | 96 | 98 | 97 | 21 | 33 | 28 | 12 | 14 | 13 |
| 18-24 yrs | 84 | 99 | 95 | 20 | 64 | 52 | 25 | 15 | 18 |
| 25-64 yrs | 69 | 98 | 91 | 51 | 73 | 68 | 21 | 9 | 12 |
| 65 + yrs | 66 | 93 | 86 | 33 | 38 | 37 | 19 | 19 | 19 |
| Marital Status (12 years +) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single/Never married | 92 | 98 | 95 | 18 | 38 | 30 | 18 | 16 | 17 |
| Married | 62 | 98 | 90 | 60 | 79 | 74 | 22 | 7 | 10 |
| Widowed/Divorced/Separated | 86 | 94 | 93 | 26 | 52 | 49 | 13 | 15 | 15 |
| Informal/Loose Union | 61 | 99 | 93 | 44 | 86 | 79 | 21 | 16 | 17 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 79 | 97 | 92 | 35 | 62 | 55 | 22 | 13 | 15 |
| Rural | 80 | 98 | 93 | 36 | 63 | 55 | 15 | 9 | 11 |
| Educational Attainment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No schooling | 68 | 97 | 94 | 51 | 67 | 65 | 14 | 8 | 9 |
| Pre \& primary school | 89 | 98 | 95 | 29 | 57 | 48 | 14 | 12 | 13 |
| Middle \& JSS | 77 | 98 | 92 | 33 | 65 | 56 | 19 | 12 | 14 |
| Secondary \& SSS | 73 | 96 | 87 | 39 | 61 | 52 | 24 | 13 | 17 |
| Higher education | 81 | 98 | 90 | 44 | 52 | 48 | 25 | 11 | 18 |
| Work Status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employed | 72 | 98 | 91 | 44 | 69 | 62 | 20 | 9 | 12 |
| Unemployed | 76 | 98 | 94 | 28 | 67 | 59 | 29 | 13 | 17 |
| Not economically active | 93 | 98 | 96 | 21 | 45 | 36 | 14 | 15 | 15 |
| Household Composition |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Has at least one child under 6 years | 72 | 98 | 91 | 54 | 85 | 77 | 17 | 9 | 11 |
| No child under 6 years, but at least one child under 18 years | 87 | 99 | 95 | 23 | 36 | 32 | 19 | 13 | 15 |
| No children | 85 | 96 | 92 | 15 | 24 | 20 | 22 | 17 | 19 |
| Household monthly expenditure |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <= 100 Gh Cedis | 81 | 98 | 94 | 35 | 65 | 57 | 14 | 13 | 13 |
| 101-200 Gh Cedis | 79 | 98 | 93 | 32 | 63 | 55 | 20 | 11 | 13 |
| 201-300 Gh Cedis | 77 | 97 | 92 | 35 | 63 | 55 | 24 | 7 | 12 |
| 301+ Gh Cedis | 80 | 97 | 92 | 40 | 61 | 54 | 18 | 13 | 14 |
| Day of Diary/Day of Week |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monday | 79 | 98 | 93 | 32 | 58 | 51 | 24 | 14 | 16 |
| Tuesday | 79 | 99 | 93 | 40 | 62 | 55 | 20 | 11 | 13 |
| Wednesday | 81 | 96 | 92 | 40 | 67 | 60 | 13 | 11 | 11 |
| Thursday | 74 | 98 | 91 | 33 | 63 | 54 | 21 | 9 | 13 |
| Friday | 81 | 97 | 92 | 31 | 62 | 52 | 22 | 8 | 13 |
| Saturday | 81 | 97 | 93 | 32 | 69 | 60 | 16 | 17 | 17 |
| Sunday | 82 | 99 | 94 | 40 | 59 | 54 | 13 | 9 | 10 |

## The participation rate in extended SNA activities by age group

Overall, men and women 25-64 years are most likely to be involved in child care with women having a participation rate of $73 \%$ or 1.4 times that for men (51\%). Within the age group10-17 years males have the highest participation rate for unpaid household services with a rate nearly as much as females ( $96 \%$ against $98 \%$ ). For women the highest participation rate is observed in the $18-24$ years old group (99\%).

## The participation rate in extended SNA activities by marital status

Single men (92\%) and women in informal union (99\%) have the highest participation rates in domestic services. The gender difference in respect of caregiving is found across all the marital status categories. For example, $38 \%$ of single females reported being involved in caregiving against $18 \%$ of single males. More than $94 \%$ of females across all marital status categories reported doing unpaid household service.

## The participation rate in extended SNA activities by residential area

Males and females in rural areas have a slightly higher participation rate in caregiving and unpaid household services than those living in urban areas. Females in both types of residential areas have a higher participation rate in caregiving and in providing unpaid domestic services for own final consumption than males.

## The participation rate in extended SNA activities by educational background

Participation rates in care of children and adults are lower for males than females regardless of the level of education, with participation rates being significantly lower for males with some level of schooling than those with no schooling. More than half of all females are engaged in care activities. Males with pre- and primary school level of education as well as those with higher education have the highest participation rate in unpaid domestic services, while the lowest participation rate is among men with no schooling. For females, educational level has very little influence on participation in household services, with more than $96 \%$ in each category being involved in this activity.

## The participation rate in extended SNA activities by work status

Employed men have a higher participation rate in caregiving than the unemployed. However, for unpaid household work, unemployed men have a higher participation rate. Employed women also have a high participation rate in caregiving. For females, work status has limited influence on participation in childcare or unpaid household activities.

## The participation rate in extended SNA activities by household composition

Males and females reported the highest participation rates in providing unpaid domestic services when there was a child under six years and older but less than 18 years old at home, the rate for females (99\%) is much higher than that for males (87\%). Even when there are no children, females are more involved than males in caregiving activities.

Like marital status, age, area of residence, and work status, household composition appears to have no influence on females' participation in unpaid domestic services for own final use within household. Over $96 \%$ of females compared to $85 \%$ of males are engaged in these activities. When there are no children in the household, the participation rate of females in community services is the highest (17\%) but remains lower than for males (22\%).

## The participation rate in extended SNA activities by household monthly expenditure

Females' participation rate in caregiving activities declines slightly with increase in household monthly expenditure while males’ participation rate increases with the level of expenditure. In households with a monthly expenditure greater than 301 Ghana Cedis, the gender difference is the lowest (1.5, with females participation rate at $61 \%$ and males at $40 \%$ ), but highest in households with a monthly expenditure of less than 100 Ghana Cedis (1.9).

## The participation rate in extended SNA activities by day of the week

For males and females who reported participating in caregiving activities or unpaid domestic services for own final consumption, the day of the week has limited influence on participation rates. Females are between 1.4 and 2.1 times as likely as males to be engaged in caregiving activities on any given day of the week. The gender difference is not strong for participation in providing unpaid domestic services for own final use in the household as it is for caregiving.

### 9.3 Daily time spent by persons involved on extended SNA activities

Figure 9.4 shows that among those who engage in an extended SNA activity, females spend twice more time on unpaid domestic services for own final use within household ( 171 minutes) than their male counterparts ( 85 minutes). Females also spend more time than males providing unpaid caregiving services to household members (109 minutes against 62 minutes). Regarding community services and help to other households, females spent less time (155 minutes) than their male counterparts (201 minutes).

Figure 9.4: Daily time spent by persons involved on various extended SNA activities


When time spent by actors involved on extended SNA activities is further examined across demographic and other factors (Table 9.5), the overall pattern is that females spend more time than males on caregiving activities and unpaid household services, while males generally dedicate more time to community services and help to other households. However females, among the $25-64$ years old age group, or in informal unions, or with secondary and higher education, spend more time than males in community services and help to other households, especially on Fridays and Saturdays.

The most significant gender differences with regard to unpaid household services and caregiving activities are observed among the age group 25-64 years old (or 18-24 years old for caregiving) and among the married or in informal/loose unions, the unemployed and in households with at least one child under 6 .

Table 9.5: Time spent on various extended SNA activities, by persons involved aged 10 years and older by selected characteristics.

| Attributes | Providing unpaid domestic services for own final use within household |  |  | Providing unpaid caregiving services to household members |  |  | Providing community services and help to other households |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Total Daily | Male | Femal | Total | Male <br> nutes | Female | Total |
| Total | 85 | 171 | 146 | 62 | 109 | 98 | 201 | 155 | 178 |
| Age group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10-17 yrs | 87 | 155 | 126 | 48 | 78 | 68 | 136 | 88 | 106 |
| 18-24 yrs | 82 | 169 | 143 | 56 | 117 | 109 | 199 | 192 | 195 |
| 25-64 yrs | 81 | 179 | 158 | 66 | 112 | 102 | 184 | 194 | 188 |
| 65 + yrs | 104 | 148 | 138 | 60 | 86 | 78 | 527 | 59 | 240 |
| Marital Status (12 years +) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single/Never married | 84 | 161 | 129 | 52 | 75 | 69 | 171 | 142 | 157 |
| Married | 80 | 186 | 165 | 68 | 119 | 106 | 242 | 151 | 208 |
| Widowed/Divorced/Separated | 100 | 146 | 140 | 43 | 88 | 85 | 225 | 180 | 187 |
| Informal/Loose Union | 118 | 201 | 188 | 44 | 132 | 120 | 133 | 213 | 186 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 81 | 166 | 143 | 67 | 113 | 103 | 217 | 166 | 191 |
| Rural | 89 | 176 | 150 | 58 | 105 | 93 | 177 | 137 | 157 |
| Educational Attainment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No schooling | 82 | 173 | 163 | 54 | 105 | 98 | 158 | 142 | 147 |
| Pre \& primary school | 88 | 164 | 139 | 62 | 97 | 89 | 144 | 122 | 130 |
| Middle \& JSS | 87 | 177 | 150 | 54 | 116 | 103 | 226 | 164 | 196 |
| Secondary \& SSS | 81 | 160 | 131 | 78 | 113 | 101 | 208 | 204 | 207 |
| Higher education | 69 | 168 | 123 | 75 | 128 | 101 | 205 | 203 | 204 |
| Work Status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employed | 83 | 170 | 148 | 64 | 105 | 95 | 210 | 149 | 182 |
| Unemployed | 99 | 217 | 193 | 56 | 130 | 122 | 233 | 215 | 224 |
| Not economically active | 85 | 161 | 132 | 57 | 116 | 103 | 164 | 149 | 155 |
| Household Composition |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Has at least one child under 6 years | 84 | 185 | 161 | 65 | 121 | 109 | 172 | 171 | 172 |
| No child under 6 years, but at |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| least one child under 18 years | 89 | 159 | 139 | 52 | 66 | 62 | 181 | 106 | 142 |
| No children | 79 | 149 | 121 | 65 | 70 | 69 | 260 | 204 | 235 |
| Household monthly expenditure |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <= 100 Gh Cedis | 80 | 165 | 141 | 64 | 119 | 108 | 184 | 159 | 168 |
| 101-200 Gh Cedis | 80 | 168 | 144 | 67 | 98 | 92 | 212 | 148 | 181 |
| 201-300 Gh Cedis | 91 | 178 | 154 | 54 | 100 | 90 | 226 | 158 | 202 |
| 301+ Gh Cedis | 87 | 173 | 146 | 61 | 119 | 103 | 177 | 158 | 167 |
| Day of Diary/Day of Week |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monday | 77 | 161 | 140 | 61 | 117 | 106 | 188 | 166 | 177 |
| Tuesday | 79 | 169 | 143 | 66 | 107 | 97 | 256 | 121 | 191 |
| Wednesday | 78 | 166 | 139 | 77 | 115 | 106 | 244 | 145 | 185 |
| Thursday | 86 | 163 | 141 | 55 | 116 | 102 | 213 | 100 | 166 |
| Friday | 80 | 165 | 138 | 42 | 106 | 92 | 145 | 182 | 159 |
| Saturday | 97 | 187 | 162 | 59 | 94 | 88 | 155 | 224 | 202 |
| Sunday | 111 | 199 | 173 | 66 | 98 | 89 | 169 | 155 | 162 |

## CHAPTER 10 <br> NON-PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITIES

An activity is considered non-productive if it cannot be delegated to someone else, in line with the "third person rule". Activities performed for personal maintenance and care such as eating, drinking, sleeping, or exercising are non-productive. Similarly, activities associated with socializing and entertainment, participation in sports, hobbies and games, and use of mass media are considered non-productive activities.

### 10.1 Learning

In the time use classification system, time spent on learning is considered as a non-productive activity as learning cannot be delegated to someone else. However from a gender perspective learning and education are considered as very important elements for reducing the gender gap and inequality.

Table 10.1: Average time in minutes spent on learning activities by population aged 10 to 24 years by sex and area of residence

|  | Male | Female <br> Urban | Total | Male | Female <br> Rural | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Average Time in Minutes |  |  |  |  |  |
| General Education | 323 | 317 | 320 | 312 | 316 | 314 |
| Homework, Course review, Research and Activities Related to General Education | 47 | 50 | 48 | 51 | 40 | 46 |
| Additional Study, Non-formal Education and Courses During Free Time | 55 | 34 | 44 | 15 | 24 | 19 |
| Career/Professional Development Training and Studies | 6 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Other Activities Carried Out in Relation to Learning Activities | 26 | 23 | 25 | 24 | 26 | 25 |
| Travel Related to Learning | 45 | 46 | 45 | 39 | 39 | 39 |
| Learning Activities n.e.c | 3 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 14 | 11 |

In general, more time is spent on general education than on any other activities related to learning. The average time spent on general education is slightly higher in urban areas (320 minutes) than in rural areas (314 minutes). There are however, no remarkable gender differences in urban or rural areas.

In the case of homework and other learning activities related to general education, the gender difference is very small. Women in urban areas spend 50 minutes against 47 minutes for men on this learning activity. The only observable gender difference is in rural areas where men spend an average of 51 minutes on homework and other learning activities compared to 40 minutes for women.

Males and females in urban areas spend more time on additional study during free time and on learning activities related to career development than males and females in rural areas. Males in
urban areas devote more time to additional study than females, spending on average 21 minutes more on this activity. In rural areas, the opposite is the case with females having a slight edge over males.

Table 10.2: Participation rates for learning activities by population aged 10 to 24 years by sex and area of residence

|  | Male | Female <br> Urban | Total | Male | Female <br> Rural | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \% |  |  |  |  |  |
| General education | 91 | 88 | 90 | 93 | 92 | 92 |
| Homework, course review, research and activities related to general education | 54 | 55 | 55 | 51 | 46 | 49 |
| Additional study, non-formal education and courses during free time | 46 | 31 | 39 | 16 | 22 | 19 |
| Career/professional development training and studies | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other activities carried out in relation to learning activities | 58 | 55 | 56 | 54 | 64 | 59 |
| Travel related to learning | 92 | 91 | 92 | 90 | 86 | 88 |
| Learning activities not elsewhere classified (n.e.c) | 9 | 11 | 10 | 14 | 12 | 13 |

The overall participation rate in general education is very high indicating that Ghana has a relatively good enrollment rate for schooling. The difference in enrolment rates between urban and rural areas is also not very large. The widest difference between the two areas of residence is found in the category of additional study, non-formal education (and courses during free time (39\% against 19\%).

Males and females in urban areas have a higher participation rate in traveling related to learning than those living in rural area areas. The gender difference is much noticed in urban than rural areas for general education. Females in rural areas have a slightly higher participation rate than those living in urban areas.

Females in rural areas have a higher participation rate than males in the category of additional study, non-formal education and courses during free time, which demonstrates that females are undertaking learning activities during their free time probably alongside their household or market activities.

Table 10.3: Time in minutes spent by actors involved on learning activities (4 digits), population aged 10-24, by sex and area of residence

|  | Male | Female URBAN | Total | Male | Female RURAL | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Time Spent by Actors |  |  |  |  |  |
| General Education | 309 | 307 | 308 | 293 | 294 | 294 |
| Homework, Course review, Research and Activities Related to General Education | 92 | 99 | 95 | 102 | 92 | 97 |
| Additional Study, Non-formal Education and Courses During Free Time | 126 | 113 | 120 | 102 | 109 | 106 |
| Career/Professional Development Training and Studies | 414 | 336 | 383 | 20 | 147 | 129 |
| Other Activities Carried Out in Relation to Learning Activities | 46 | 45 | 45 | 49 | 41 | 45 |
| Travel Related to Learning | 51 | 50 | 51 | 43 | 45 | 44 |
| Learning Activities n.e.c | 38 | 47 | 43 | 57 | 130 | 90 |

The time spent by persons involved in general education is slightly higher in urban areas (308 minutes) than in rural areas ( 294 minutes). The difference in location in terms of all learning activities is high. When it comes to study related to career and professional development, males and females in the urban areas spent more time than their counterparts in the rural areas (383 minutes against 129 minutes for rural areas). The gender difference in the same category shows that males in urban areas spend significantly more time on average on this activity than females, while in rural areas the opposite is the case.

For homework and related learning activities, females in urban areas spend more time than their male counterparts ( 99 minutes for females against 92 minutes for males). However, males in rural areas spend more time than their female counterparts (102 minutes for males against 92 minutes for females).

### 10.2 Leisure and Personal Care Activities

Table 10.4 shows that the average time spent on Leisure and Personal Care Activities has a gender dimension. Males spent an average of 121 minutes on socializing and females 104 minutes. There is a noticeable gender difference for cultural, entertainment and sport events where males spent 6 minutes and females only 2 minutes, which is three times less. With regards to hobbies and other pastime activities (18 minutes for males and 5 for females), and participating in indoor and outdoor sports (males with 23 minutes and females with 4 minutes) the gender difference is high. Concerning personal care activities, females spent relatively more time (744 minutes) than males ( 717 minutes).

Table 10.4: Average time spent on leisure and personal care activities by sex by population aged 10 years and older

|  | Sex of Respondent |  | Total |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Male | Female |  |
|  | Minutes | Minutes | Minutes |
| Socializing and community participation | 121 | 104 | 113 |
| Attending/visiting cultural, entertainment and sports | 6 | 2 | 4 |
| events/venues | 6 | 5 | 11 |
| Hobbies, games and other pastime activities | 18 | 5 | 11 |
| Indoor and outdoor sports participation and related courses | 23 | 4 | 13 |
| Mass media | 108 | 76 | 92 |
| Personal care and maintenance | 717 | 744 | 731 |

Table 10.5 shows that the participation rate for leisure has a gender dimension. Males participate more in recreation, cultural and sport activities. The participation rate for cultural activities is $6 \%$ for males while for females it is $2 \%$, and for hobbies and other pastime activities as games it is $15 \%$ for males and $6 \%$ for females. For sport participation activities, $21 \%$ of males as against $5 \%$ of females participated. Also, 65\% of males engaged in activities related to mass media, while $50 \%$ of females participated in the same activities.

Table 10.5: Participation rates on leisure and personal care by sex by population aged 10 years and older

|  | Sex of Respondent |  | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female |  |
| Socializing and community participation | 76 | $\%$ | $\%$ |
| Attending/visiting cultural, entertainment and sports <br> events/venues <br> Hobbies, games and other pastime activities | 6 | 2 | 75 |
| Indoor and outdoor sports participation and related courses | 15 | 6 | 4 |
| Mass media | 21 | 5 | 10 |
| Personal care and maintenance | 65 | 50 | 58 |

## CHAPTER 11

## SIMULTANEOUS ACTIVITIES AND TIME USE BY REGION

### 11.1. Simultaneous activities

Overlapping activities (measurement of simultaneous activities) is an important dimension of time use and can provide a more accurate estimate of individuals' contribution to the economy in the areas of non-market activities. Non-market activities are an essential component of estimating a country's GDP, but remains one of the major challenges - and difficulties - for time-use surveys to measure. Hence, the reason for including diaries where household members aged 10 years and older record their activities within a 24 - hour clock.

It is obvious that overlapping activities can either increase an individual's satisfaction or increase its productivity. For instance, one can listen to the radio or watch television while eating, resting or performing any productive SNA or extended SNA activity. Also one can combine childcare with watching television, or doing the laundry while preparing dinner.

As a result of this, it is very difficult to record such activities performed simultaneously alongside a main (primary) activity, because it is highly improbable that the persons interviewed can declare these simultaneous activities spontaneously.

Table 11.1 synthesizes the results of the Ghana time-use survey, which have been presented in the previous chapters.

Table 11.1: Average time spent on disaggregated activities for population aged 10 years and older by sex

|  | Excluding simultaneous |  |  | Including simultaneous |  |  | Simultaneous |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male <br> Minutes | Female <br> Minutes | Total <br> Minutes | Male <br> Minutes | Female <br> Minutes | Total Minutes | Male <br> Minutes | Female <br> Minutes | Total Minutes |
| SNA Activities | 288 | 230 | 256 | 444 | 368 | 404 | 156 | 138 | 148 |
| Work for corporations/quasi corporations, nonprofit institutions and government (formal sector work) | 65 | 23 | 42 | 67 | 27 | 46 | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| Work for household in primary production activities | 121 | 70 | 92 | 254 | 161 | 205 | 133 | 91 | 113 |
| Work for household in non-primary production activities | 21 | 33 | 28 | 29 | 51 | 41 | 8 | 18 | 13 |
| Work for household in construction activities | 10 | 1 | 5 | 13 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Work for household providing services for income | 71 | 103 | 89 | 81 | 127 | 105 | 10 | 24 | 16 |
| Non-SNA Activities | 68 | 220 | 153 | 122 | 256 | 219 | 54 | 36 | 66 |
| Providing unpaid domestic services for own final use within household | 40 | 155 | 104 | 66 | 171 | 142 | 26 | 16 | 38 |
| Providing unpaid care-giving services to household members | 11 | 53 | 35 | 22 | 68 | 55 | 11 | 15 | 20 |
| Providing community services and help to other households | 17 | 12 | 14 | 34 | 17 | 22 | 17 | 5 | 8 |
| Learning | 110 | 81 | 94 | 120 | 100 | 110 | 10 | 19 | 16 |
| Learning | 110 | 81 | 94 | 120 | 100 | 110 | 10 | 19 | 16 |
| Other Non-productive Activities | 963 | 901 | 928 | 993 | 935 | 964 | 30 | 34 | 36 |
| Socializing and community participation | 115 | 96 | 104 | 121 | 104 | 113 | 6 | 8 | 9 |
| Attending/visiting cultural, entertainment and sports events/venues | 5 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Hobbies, games and other pastime activities | 15 | 4 | 9 | 18 | 5 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Indoor and outdoor sports participation and related courses | 20 | 3 | 10 | 23 | 4 | 13 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| Mass media | 99 | 65 | 80 | 108 | 76 | 92 | 9 | 11 | 12 |
| Personal care and maintenance | 709 | 732 | 722 | 717 | 744 | 731 | 8 | 12 | 9 |
| Total | 1,429 | 1,432 | 1,431 | 1,679 | 1,659 | 1,697 | 250 | 227 | 266 |

For instance, the column "excluding simultaneous" corresponds to table 7.2 in chapter 7 . When simultaneous activities are excluded, the daily time-use of females and males is equivalent to 24 hours (or 1,440 minutes): the observed difference might be due to rounding off at the disaggregated level of the ICATUS classification.

In chapters 9 and 10 (extended SNA and non-productive activities), the data used in the tables presented includes simultaneous activities. The second major column of Table 11.1 presents these data and completes the set with SNA activities. Finally the third major column of Table 11.1 calculates the difference between column 2 and column 1 and gives the number of hours spent in simultaneous activities. When including the simultaneous activities, the average day lasts approximately 28 hours (or 1,680 minutes), which means that in the average day of a Ghanaian male or female, 4 hours are spent on simultaneous activities.

Interestingly, the SNA activities have the highest score in terms of simultaneous activities and nearly exclusively in work for household in primary production activities. This result is due to the importance of intra SNA simultaneous activities in Primary Production. For instance, the person who is taking care of the cattle in the field can at the same time cut grass to feed the animals, or collect firewood for household use. Another example can be taken in Services where the shopkeeper who is sitting in the shop all day long may declare that, he had lunch from 1.00 pm to 1.30 pm . In this case, the activity of eating becomes secondary - simultaneous ${ }^{3}$.

Excluding this exception, the major simultaneous activities for females are found in learning, (19 minutes), unpaid domestic services ( 16 minutes), caregiving ( 15 minutes) and of course personal care ( 12 minutes), mass media ( 11 minutes) and socializing ( 8 minutes). For males, simultaneous activities are generally fewer than for females: they are found in unpaid domestic services and in community services and help to other households, the only two categories where males exceed females with 26 minutes against 16 minutes, and 17 minutes against 5 minutes respectively. The time spent by males on other activities is: learning ( 10 minutes), personal care ( 8 minutes), mass media ( 9 minutes) and socializing ( 6 minutes).

### 11.2. Time-use by region

It is interesting to know that there are regional variations in the gender distribution of time between the various broad activities. Table 11.2 which presents the time spent by persons involved in the 4 broad activities reveals that the highest gender disparity is from non-SNA activities in the Northern region where females spend 7 times more time than males in unpaid work. This is followed by Upper West (4.85 times), and Upper East (4.33). The least gender disparities (but still important) are observed in the Central (2.37), Eastern (2.38) and Western (2.53) regions.

[^2]Table 11.2: Time Spent by persons involved on Broad Activity Categories by Sex and Region

|  |  |  | Sex of Respondent |  | Total | Disparity index: female/ male |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female |  |  |
|  |  | Minutes | Minutes | Minutes |  |  |
| Region | Western |  | SNA Activities | 321 | 242 | 279 | 0.75 |
|  |  |  | Extended SNA activities | 93 | 235 | 169 | 2.53 |
|  |  | Learning | 110 | 86 | 97 | 0.78 |
|  |  | Other non-productive activities | 910 | 870 | 888 | 0.96 |
|  | Central | SNA Activities | 264 | 241 | 250 | 0.91 |
|  |  | Extended SNA activities | 87 | 206 | 160 | 2.37 |
|  |  | Learning | 144 | 89 | 111 | 0.62 |
|  |  | Other non-productive activities | 939 | 899 | 914 | 0.96 |
|  | Greater Accra | SNA Activities | 279 | 253 | 265 | 0.91 |
|  |  | Extended SNA activities | 68 | 188 | 135 | 2.76 |
|  |  | Learning | 113 | 89 | 100 | 0.79 |
|  |  | Other non-productive activities | 974 | 903 | 934 | 0.93 |
|  | Volta | SNA Activities | 274 | 211 | 239 | 0.77 |
|  |  | Extended SNA activities | 85 | 225 | 161 | 2.65 |
|  |  | Learning | 131 | 93 | 110 | 0.71 |
|  |  | Other non-productive activities | 941 | 901 | 919 | 0.96 |
|  | Eastern | SNA Activities | 283 | 232 | 254 | 0.82 |
|  |  | Extended SNA activities | 84 | 200 | 149 | 2.38 |
|  |  | Learning | 153 | 120 | 135 | 0.78 |
|  |  | Other non-productive activities | 910 | 879 | 893 | 0.97 |
|  | Ashanti | SNA Activities | 334 | 234 | 279 | 0.70 |
|  |  | Extended SNA activities | 65 | 211 | 146 | 3.25 |
|  |  | Learning | 104 | 86 | 94 | 0.83 |
|  |  | Other non-productive activities | 926 | 895 | 909 | 0.97 |
|  | Brong Ahafo | SNA Activities | 303 | 216 | 255 | 0.71 |
|  |  | Extended SNA activities | 61 | 217 | 147 | 3.56 |
|  |  | Learning | 112 | 89 | 99 | 0.79 |
|  |  | Other non-productive activities | 955 | 911 | 931 | 0.95 |
|  | Northern | SNA Activities | 394 | 296 | 337 | 0.75 |
|  |  | Extended SNA activities | 31 | 217 | 140 | 7.00 |
|  |  | Learning | 85 | 72 | 78 | 0.85 |
|  |  | Other non-productive activities | 922 | 845 | 877 | 0.92 |
|  | Upper East | SNA Activities | 413 | 331 | 368 | 0.80 |
|  |  | Extended SNA activities | 46 | 199 | 130 | 4.33 |
|  |  | Learning | 125 | 91 | 106 | 0.73 |
|  |  | Other non-productive activities | 845 | 803 | 822 | 0.95 |
|  | Upper West | SNA Activities | 414 | 339 | 370 | 0.82 |
|  |  | Extended SNA activities | 39 | 189 | 126 | 4.85 |
|  |  | Learning | 125 | 104 | 113 | 0.83 |
|  |  | Other non-productive activities | 856 | 803 | 826 | 0.94 |
| Total |  | SNA Activities | 322 | 257 | 286 | 0.80 |
|  |  | Extended SNA activities | 68 | 209 | 148 | 3.07 |
|  |  | Learning | 122 | 93 | 106 | 0.76 |
|  |  | Other non-productive activities | 919 | 872 | 893 | 0.95 |

## CHAPTER 12 CONCLUSION

All over the world the call for gender equity and equality has gained prominence. In Ghana this affirmative action has been trumpeted, though concrete action has been less visible. The allocation of time use between women and men in the household and in the economy is a major gender issue that has been recognized globally and should be incorporated in the growing discussion on human development. This makes time use data very important in explaining gender patterns.

Women's and girls' contributions are less recognized compared to those of men and boys. This is probably because of low consideration given to women's roles and time as a result of gender stereotypes. To help reverse the trend, the Beijing Platform of Action resulting from the Fourth United Nations World Conference on women, called for the development of suitable statistical means to recognize and make visible, the full extent of the work of women and all their contributions to the national economy, including their contributions in the unremunerated and domestic sectors.

The Platform for Action goes further to advocate for in-depth analysis of the type, extent and distribution of the unremunerated work, particularly care-giving to dependents. This is only possible if suitable statistical means were employed. Fortunately, the Platform for Action recommended the conduct of Time Use Surveys (TUS) as a starting point to realizing this objective. Indeed, TUS are emerging as a very useful statistical tool to generate data on how individuals spend their time. The time spent can then be used to estimate the value of unpaid work. (UN Beijing Declaration, Platform for Action, 1995).

The 2009 Ghana Time Use Survey conducted by the Ghana Statistical Service was intended to achieve this objective and contribute to the government's fulfillment of its international and national commitments. The survey revealed how different individuals - women, men, girls, and boys in Ghana spend their time in relation to all types of work and work-related activities. The survey also highlighted the extent of paid and unpaid labour in Ghana, which patterns were found to be not different from those undertaken in developed and developing countries. It was observed that women spend much more of their time on unpaid and unproductive types of work while their men counterparts were more likely to be engaged in paid work.

Reducing women's workload of household activities among others, can save time that could otherwise be allocated for other productive work, for purposes of reducing poverty and enabling girls to receive an education, a factor proven to lead to reduction in maternal and child mortality, and enable women to better claim their rights to participate in decision-making and in management of natural resources.

Women and girls’ ability to escape from poverty participate in decision making and educate themselves by going to school and engaging in productive and remunerated activities is often limited by their responsibility for everyday unpaid household and care activities. For poor women and girls this burden is even greater because of the underinvestment in public infrastructure and the effect of wars and conflicts on infrastructure. The time women and girls spend on routine tasks can be reduced dramatically if the appropriate infrastructure is in place; efficient sources of
energy (especially new forms of fuel for cooking and heating), transport systems, and water and sanitation systems are accessible to women. All over the world the call for gender equity and equality has been gaining prominence.

The results from the survey will be used as input in the development of satellite account Household production and then a gender-aware macroeconomic model for Ghana. The results have also highlighted gender imbalances in average time spent on productive and non-productive activities and on paid and unpaid work. This could feed into government's policy decisions in an effort to finding solutions that address gender issues in macroeconomics and poverty reduction.

GSS hopes researchers will be inspired by this report and to use the data and unearth more interesting analysis.

## APPENDICES

## Appendix A: Appendix Tables

Table A 1.1. Distribution of respondents by selected characteristics (unweighted sample)

| Characteristics | Male |  | Female |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Count | \% | Count | \% | Count | \% |
| Total | 4,227 | 45.9 | 4,976 | 54.1 | 9,203 | 100 |
| Age group |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10-17 | 1,078 | 25.5 | 1,096 | 22.0 | 2,174 | 23.6 |
| 18-24 | 635 | 15.0 | 721 | 14.5 | 1,356 | 14.7 |
| 25-64 | 2,147 | 50.8 | 2,746 | 55.2 | 4,893 | 53.2 |
| 65+ | 367 | 8.7 | 413 | 8.3 | 780 | 8.5 |
| 18-64 | 2,782 | 65.8 | 3,467 | 69.7 | 6,249 | 67.9 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single/Never married | 1,708 | 42.9 | 1,451 | 30.7 | 3,159 | 36.3 |
| Married | 1,921 | 48.3 | 2,228 | 47.2 | 4,149 | 47.7 |
| Widowed/Divorced/Separated | 215 | 5.4 | 816 | 17.3 | 1,031 | 11.8 |
| Informal/Loose union | 133 | 3.3 | 229 | 4.8 | 362 | 4.2 |
| Household composition |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| At least one child under 6 | 1,923 | 45.5 | 2,522 | 50.7 | 4,445 | 48.3 |
| No child under 6 but at least one child under 18 | 1,379 | 32.6 | 1,706 | 34.3 | 3,085 | 33.5 |
| No children | 925 | 21.9 | 748 | 15.0 | 1,673 | 18.2 |
| Area of residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 1,550 | 36.7 | 1,962 | 39.4 | 3,512 | 38.2 |
| Rural | 2,677 | 63.3 | 3,014 | 60.6 | 5,691 | 61.8 |
| Level of educational attainment |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No Education | 832 | 19.7 | 1,615 | 32.5 | 2,447 | 26.6 |
| Pre \& primary school | 1,158 | 27.4 | 1,322 | 26.6 | 2,480 | 26.9 |
| Middle \& JSS | 1,414 | 33.5 | 1,452 | 29.2 | 2,866 | 31.1 |
| Senior Secondary School | 823 | 19.5 | 587 | 11.8 | 1,410 | 15.3 |
| Higher education | 832 | 19.7 | 1,615 | 32.5 | 2,447 | 26.6 |
| Employment status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employed | 3,001 | 71.0 | 3,391 | 68.1 | 6,392 | 69.5 |
| Unemployed | 125 | 3.0 | 242 | 4.9 | 367 | 4.0 |
| Not economically active | 1,101 | 26.0 | 1,343 | 27.0 | 2,444 | 26.6 |
| Household monthly expenditure |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <= 100 Gh Cedis | 1,221 | 29.0 | 1,501 | 30.3 | 2,722 | 29.7 |
| 101-200 Gh Cedis | 1,358 | 32.2 | 1,574 | 31.7 | 2,932 | 32.0 |
| 201-300 Gh Cedis | 780 | 18.5 | 867 | 17.5 | 1,647 | 18.0 |
| 301+ Gh Cedis | 853 | 20.3 | 1,016 | 20.5 | 1,869 | 20.4 |

Table A 1.2: Distribution of respondents by selected characteristics (unweighted sample)

| Characteristics | Male |  | Female |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |  | Percent |
| Total | 4,227 | 45.9 | 4,976 | 54.1 | 9,203 | 100 |
| Age group |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10-17 | 1,078 | 25.5 | 1,096 | 22.0 | 2,174 | 23.6 |
| 18-24 | 635 | 15.0 | 721 | 14.5 | 1,356 | 14.7 |
| 25-64 | 2,147 | 50.8 | 2,746 | 55.2 | 4,893 | 53.2 |
| 65+ | 367 | 8.7 | 413 | 8.3 | 780 | 8.5 |
| 18-64 | 2,782 | 65.8 | 3,467 | 69.7 | 6,249 | 67.9 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Single/Never married | 1,708 | 42.9 | 1,451 | 30.7 | 3,159 | 36.3 |
| Married | 1,921 | 48.3 | 2,228 | 47.2 | 4,149 | 47.7 |
| Widowed/Divorced/Separated | 215 | 5.4 | 816 | 17.3 | 1,031 | 11.8 |
| Informal/Loose union | 133 | 3.3 | 229 | 4.8 | 362 | 4.2 |
| Household composition |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| At least one child under 6 | 1,923 | 45.5 | 2,522 | 50.7 | 4,445 | 48.3 |
| No child under 6 but at least one child under 18 | 1,379 | 32.6 | 1,706 | 34.3 | 3,085 | 33.5 |
| No children | 925 | 21.9 | 748 | 15.0 | 1,673 | 18.2 |
| Area of residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 1,550 | 36.7 | 1,962 | 39.4 | 3,512 | 38.2 |
| Rural | 2,677 | 63.3 | 3,014 | 60.6 | 5,691 | 61.8 |
| Level of educational attainment |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No Education | 832 | 19.7 | 1,615 | 32.5 | 2,447 | 26.6 |
| Pre \& primary school | 1,158 | 27.4 | 1,322 | 26.6 | 2,480 | 26.9 |
| Middle \& JSS | 1,414 | 33.5 | 1,452 | 29.2 | 2,866 | 31.1 |
| Senior Secondary School | 823 | 19.5 | 587 | 11.8 | 1,410 | 15.3 |
| Higher education | 832 | 19.7 | 1,615 | 32.5 | 2,447 | 26.6 |
| Employment status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employed | 3,001 | 71.0 | 3,391 | 68.1 | 6,392 | 69.5 |
| Unemployed | 125 | 3.0 | 242 | 4.9 | 367 | 4.0 |
| Not economically active | 1,101 | 26.0 | 1,343 | 27.0 | 2,444 | 26.6 |
| Household monthly expenditure |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <= 100 Gh Cedis | 1,221 | 29.0 | 1,501 | 30.3 | 2,722 | 29.7 |
| 101-200 Gh Cedis | 1,358 | 32.2 | 1,574 | 31.7 | 2,932 | 32.0 |
| 201-300 Gh Cedis | 780 | 18.5 | 867 | 17.5 | 1,647 | 18.0 |
| 301+ Gh Cedis | 853 | 20.3 | 1,016 | 20.5 | 1,869 | 20.4 |

Table A 1.3: Age distribution of population by residence and sex (\%)

| Age Group | Urban |  |  | Rural |  |  | Total |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| <5 | 14.8 | 12.1 | 13.4 | 15.7 | 15.2 | 15.4 | 15.2 | 13.6 | 14.4 |
| 5-9 | 14.3 | 12.3 | 13.2 | 18.7 | 17.1 | 17.9 | 16.5 | 14.6 | 15.5 |
| 10-14 | 9.7 | 9.5 | 9.6 | 10.9 | 9.7 | 10.3 | 10.3 | 9.6 | 9.9 |
| 15-19 | 10.5 | 10.1 | 10.3 | 9.1 | 8.1 | 8.6 | 9.8 | 9.2 | 9.5 |
| 20-24 | 8.1 | 8.8 | 8.5 | 5.2 | 6.6 | 5.9 | 6.7 | 7.7 | 7.2 |
| 25-29 | 7.1 | 9.7 | 8.5 | 5.8 | 7.5 | 6.7 | 6.4 | 8.6 | 7.6 |
| 30-34 | 6.7 | 8.2 | 7.5 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 7.2 | 6.8 |
| 35-39 | 6.6 | 6.7 | 6.6 | 5.2 | 6.3 | 5.7 | 5.9 | 6.5 | 6.2 |
| 40-44 | 5.6 | 5 | 5.3 | 4.4 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 5 | 5.1 | 5.1 |
| 45-49 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.5 |
| 50-54 | 2.5 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 3.3 |
| 55-59 | 2.9 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 3 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 3 | 2.4 | 2.7 |
| 60-64 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 2 | 2.1 | 2 | 2.1 | 2 |
| 65-69 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| 70-74 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 1.6 |
| 75-79 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| 80+ | 0.8 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1 | 1.4 | 1.2 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

A 1.4: Average time spent on unpaid care work to household members by educational level, sex and locality- urban

| Activity category | Highest Educational Level |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never been to school |  |  | Pre-School |  |  | Primary |  |  | Middle/JSS/JHS |  |  |
|  | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| Caring for children / physical care | 61,7 | 117,8 | 113,5 | . | 145,0 | 145,0 | 54,3 | 98,7 | 93,5 | 59,1 | 119,5 | 111,1 |
| Teaching, training helping children | 25,0 | 21,6 | 22,8 | . | . | . | 37,4 | 35,3 | 36,0 | 54,0 | 30,9 | 38,2 |
| Accompanying children to places | 5,0 | 38,2 | 36,6 | . | . | . | 29,1 | 31,4 | 30,7 | 86,0 | 36,8 | 42,4 |
| Minding children (passive care) | 43,3 | 54,4 | 53,6 | - | . | . | 65,1 | 137,4 | 115,0 | 59,9 | 115,8 | 106,9 |
| Caring for adults / physical care | 28,6 | 92,0 | 82,7 | . | . | . | 100,0 | 56,0 | 70,2 | 23,9 | 130,5 | 120,1 |
| Caring for adults / emotional support | . | 137,4 | 137,4 | . | . | . | . | 35,8 | 35,8 | 38,2 | 51,9 | 49,5 |
| Accompanying adults to places | . | 560,0 | 560,0 | . | . | . | 70,0 | 51,1 | 59,9 | 67,9 | 60,0 | 66,9 |
| Travel related to unpaid care giving services | . | 63,9 | 63,9 | . | . | . | 28,6 | 39,1 | 36,3 | 47,7 | 42,1 | 43,3 |
| Providing unpaid care giving services n.e.c | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | - | 51,5 | 48,1 | 49,8 |
| Total | 51,1 | 102,0 | 98,0 | . | 145,0 | 145,0 | 53,7 | 89,3 | 83,2 | 57,9 | 105,3 | 97,5 |

A 1.4: Average time spent on unpaid care work to household members by educational level, sex and locality- urban, (Cont'd)

| Activity category | Highest Educational Level |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Secondary/SSS/SHS |  |  | Training College |  |  | Polytechnic |  |  | University |  |  |
|  | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| Caring for children / physical care | 63,1 | 124,3 | 108,6 | 50,8 | 77,4 | 74,4 | 68,9 | 84,6 | 74,5 | 118,6 | 156,2 | 140,7 |
| Teaching, training helping children | 90,6 | 42,4 | 55,2 | . | 42,9 | 42,9 | 55,0 | 30,0 | 49,2 | 51,6 | 120,0 | 64,7 |
| Accompanying children to places | 60,0 | 43,9 | 45,2 | . | . | . | 20,0 | . | 20,0 | 184,0 | 20,0 | 64,6 |
| Minding children (passive care) | 130,8 | 122,7 | 125,7 | . | 95,0 | 95,0 | 50,0 | 40,0 | 48,4 | 60,0 | 70,0 | 64,9 |
| Caring for adults / physical care | 189,0 | 92,1 | 117,0 | 30,0 | . | 30,0 | 27,7 | . | 27,7 | . | 49,0 | 49,0 |
| Caring for adults / emotional support | 67,1 | 120,0 | 84,8 | . | 30,0 | 30,0 | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Accompanying adults to places | 16,0 | 30,0 | 17,6 | . | . | . | . | 10,0 | 10,0 | 60,0 | . | 60,0 |
| Travel related to unpaid care giving services | 16,8 | 38,2 | 29,7 | 5,0 | 25,0 | 16,0 | 43,9 | 30,0 | 39,3 | 34,1 | 30,0 | 32,3 |
| Providing unpaid care giving services n.e.c | 35,0 | 87,9 | 63,8 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 62,9 | . | 62,9 |
| Total | 68,3 | 102,0 | 91,6 | 37,2 | 69,9 | 65,2 | 57,6 | 66,1 | 60,3 | 88,3 | 111,9 | 100,9 |

A 1.5: Average time spent on unpaid care work to household members by educational level, sex and locality- rural

| Activity category | Highest Educational Level |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never been to school |  |  | Pre-School |  |  | Primary |  |  | Middle/JSS/JHS |  |  |
|  | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| Caring for children / physical care | 53,1 | 112,5 | 105,0 | 38,7 | 130,0 | 75,1 | 75,4 | 95,9 | 91,7 | 61,0 | 119,5 | 105,5 |
| Teaching, training helping children | 151,0 | 43,1 | 90,3 | . |  |  | 43,8 | 36,4 | 39,3 | 51,0 | 55,2 | 52,6 |
| Accompanying children to places | . | 58,4 | 58,4 | . | . | . | 23,7 | 121,6 | 93,0 | 45,2 | 39,3 | 40,3 |
| Minding children (passive care) | 66,7 | 75,2 | 72,9 | 42,1 | . | 42,1 | 71,5 | 106,9 | 94,3 | 106,7 | 127,4 | 120,8 |
| Caring for adults / physical care | 32,2 | 48,8 | 45,5 | . | . | . | 105,4 | 55,3 | 70,7 | 49,0 | 48,4 | 48,5 |
| Caring for adults / emotional support | 60,0 | 143,3 | 117,2 | . | . | . | 134,1 | . | 134,1 | 410,0 | 191,1 | 239,2 |
| Accompanying adults to places | 60,0 | 20,0 | 25,5 | . | . | . | . | 30,0 | 30,0 | 140,0 | 28,1 | 58,2 |
| Travel related to unpaid care giving services | . | 54,0 | 54,0 | . | . | . | 40,6 | 34,4 | 37,6 | 99,0 | 33,1 | 38,1 |
| Providing unpaid care giving services n.e.c | 49,2 | . | 49,2 | . | . | . | 35,5 | 40,7 | 37,9 | 51,6 | 109,3 | 101,3 |
| Total | 60,5 | 101,3 | 94,9 | 39,9 | 130,0 | 66,4 | 72,7 | 92,7 | 87,6 | 65,8 | 107,2 | 96,8 |

## A 1.5: Average time spent on unpaid care work to household members by educational level, sex and locality- rural (Cont'd)

| Activity category | Highest Educational Level |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Secondary/SSS/SHS |  |  | Training College |  |  | Polytechnic |  |  | University |  |  |
|  | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| Caring for children / physical care | 79,9 | 114,3 | 103,1 | 60,9 | 188,6 | 161,5 | 36,4 | . | 36,4 | 152,4 | 33,8 | 89,6 |
| Teaching, training helping children | 40,0 | 53,2 | 51,4 | 92,1 | . | 92,1 | 80,0 | 40,0 | 48,4 | 77,0 | . | 77,0 |
| Accompanying children to places | 26,7 | 60,1 | 43,9 | . | . | . | 60,0 | . | 60,0 | . | 20,0 | 20,0 |
| Minding children (passive care) | 42,1 | 134,9 | 91,8 | 35,0 | 450,0 | 242,5 | . | 60,0 | 60,0 | . | 90,0 | 90,0 |
| Caring for adults / physical care | 141,3 | 71,0 | 123,5 | 10,0 | 30,0 | 24,8 | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Caring for adults / emotional support | 199,9 | 60,0 | 175,4 | - | . | . | - | . | - | - | . | . |
| Accompanying adults to places | - | - | - | - | - | . | - | - | - | . | - | . |
| Travel related to unpaid care giving services | 80,6 | 57,0 | 65,9 | 85,0 | . | 85,0 | . | . | . | 155,0 | . | 155,0 |
| Providing unpaid care giving services n.e.c | 41,5 | 20,0 | 34,6 | . | . | . | . | . | - | . | . | . |
| Total | 76,8 | 99,6 | 91,1 | 68,1 | 193,5 | 151,6 | 41,5 | 45,5 | 42,6 | 120,1 | 35,9 | 78,2 |

## Appendix B: Household Questionnaire









## Appendix C: Individual Questionnaire










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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ JSS/JHS refers to Junior Secondary / High School in Ghana that intermediate between primary and Senior Secondary/High School
    ${ }^{2}$ SSS/SHS refers to Senior Secondary / High School attended after JSS / JHS

[^1]:    *See Concepts and definitions (1.3) on the calculation of unemployment rate

[^2]:    ${ }^{3}$ A good appreciation of simultaneous activities should take the form of a matrix in which the rows would represent primary activities and columns, the simultaneous activities. The statistics would be the number of persons involved in simultaneous activities.

