

United States
ISSP 2007 – Leisure Time and Sports
Questionnaire

GENERAL SOCIAL SURVEY 2008 (GSS) QUESTIONNAIRE
Section H – ISSP Sports & Leisure

IF CROSS-SECTION, SKIP TO NEXT SECTION. PANEL CASES ONLY:

The following questions are related to your free time, that is, time you are not occupied with work or household duties or other activities that you are obliged to do.

1a. How often do you do each of the following activities in your free time?

TVDVDVCR

HANDCARD H1

Watch TV, DVD, videos?

Would you say...

1. Daily
2. Several times a week
3. Several times a month
4. Several times a year or less often, or
5. Never?

1b. (How often do you do each of the following activities in your free time?)

GOMOVIES

HANDCARD H1

Go to the movies?

(Would you say...)

1. Daily
2. Several times a week
3. Several times a month
4. Several times a year or less often, or
5. Never?

1c. (How often do you do each of the following activities in your free time?)

GOSHOP

HANDCARD H1

Go out shopping for pleasure?

(Would you say...)

1. Daily
2. Several times a week
3. Several times a month
4. Several times a year or less often, or
5. Never?

1d. (How often do you do each of the following activities in your free time?)

READBOOK

HANDCARD H1

Read books?

(Would you say...)

1. Daily
2. Several times a week
3. Several times a month
4. Several times a year or less often, or
5. Never?

1e. (How often do you do each of the following activities in your free time?)

ATTCULT

HANDCARD H1

Attend cultural events such as concerts, live theatre, exhibitions?

(Would you say...)

1. Daily
2. Several times a week
3. Several times a month
4. Several times a year or less often, or
5. Never?

1f. (How often do you do each of the following activities in your free time?)

SEERELS

HANDCARD H1

Get together with relatives?

(Would you say...)

1. Daily
2. Several times a week
3. Several times a month
4. Several times a year or less often, or
5. Never?

1g. (How often do you do each of the following activities in your free time?)

SEEFRNDS

HANDCARD H1

Get together with friends?

(Would you say...)

1. Daily
2. Several times a week
3. Several times a month
4. Several times a year or less often, or
5. Never?

1h. (How often do you do each of the following activities in your free time?)

PLAYGAME

HANDCARD H1

Play cards or board games?

(Would you say...)

1. Daily
2. Several times a week
3. Several times a month
4. Several times a year or less often, or
5. Never?

1i. (How often do you do each of the following activities in your free time?)

LSTMUSIC

HANDCARD H1

Listen to music?

(Would you say...)

1. Daily
2. Several times a week
3. Several times a month
4. Several times a year or less often, or
5. Never?

1j. (How often do you do each of the following activities in your free time?)

PHYSACTS

HANDCARD H1

Take part in physical activities such as sports, going to the gym, going for a walk?

(Would you say...)

1. Daily
2. Several times a week
3. Several times a month
4. Several times a year or less often, or
5. Never?

1k. (How often do you do each of the following activities in your free time?)

ATTSPRT

HANDCARD H1

Attend sporting events as a spectator?

(Would you say...)

1. Daily
2. Several times a week
3. Several times a month
4. Several times a year or less often, or
5. Never?

11. (How often do you do each of the following activities in your free time?)

DOCRAFTS

HANDCARD H1

Do handicrafts such as needle work, wood work, etc.?

(Would you say...)

1. Daily
2. Several times a week
3. Several times a month
4. Several times a year or less often, or
5. Never?

1m. (How often do you do each of the following activities in your free time?)

TIMECOMP

HANDCARD H1

Spend time on the Internet or PC?

(Would you say...)

1. Daily
2. Several times a week
3. Several times a month
4. Several times a year or less often, or
5. Never?

2a. When you are involved in free time activities to what extent do they enable you to be the kind of person you really are? Would you say...

BETRUSLF

1. Very much
2. A lot
3. Somewhat
4. A little, or
5. Not at all?

2b. When you are involved in free time activities to what extent do they enable you to strengthen your relationships with other people? (Would you say...)

RELATPEO

1. Very much
2. A lot
3. Somewhat
4. A little, or
5. Not at all?

3a. Please, indicate how much enjoyment you get from the following free time activities:

ENJYBKS

HANDCARD H2

Reading books?

Would you say...

1. No enjoyment
2. Not much enjoyment
3. Some enjoyment
4. A fair amount of enjoyment
5. A great amount of enjoyment, or
6. I never do that?

3b. (Please, indicate how much enjoyment you get from the following free time activities:)

ENJYFRND

HANDCARD H2

Getting together with friends?

(Would you say...)

1. No enjoyment
2. Not much enjoyment
3. Some enjoyment
4. A fair amount of enjoyment
5. A great amount of enjoyment, or
6. I never do that?

3c. (Please, indicate how much enjoyment you get from the following free time activities:)

ENJYPHYS

HANDCARD H2

Taking part in physical activities such as sports, going to the gym, going for a walk?

(Would you say...)

1. No enjoyment
2. Not much enjoyment
3. Some enjoyment
4. A fair amount of enjoyment
5. A great amount of enjoyment, or
6. I never do that?

3d. (Please, indicate how much enjoyment you get from the following free time activities:)

ENJYTV

HANDCARD H2

Watching TV, DVD, videos?

(Would you say...)

1. No enjoyment
2. Not much enjoyment
3. Some enjoyment
4. A fair amount of enjoyment
5. A great amount of enjoyment, or
6. I never do that?

4a. People do different things during their free time. For each of the following, please indicate how often you use your free time to establish useful contacts? Would you say...

ESTCNTCT

HANDCARD H3

1. Very often
2. Often
3. Sometimes
4. Seldom, or
5. Never?

4b. (People do different things during their free time. For each of the following, please indicate how often you use your free time to...)

RELAX

HANDCARD H3

... relax and recover?

(Would you say...)

1. Very often
2. Often
3. Sometimes
4. Seldom, or
5. Never?

4c. (People do different things during their free time. For each of the following, please indicate how often you use your free time to...)

LEARNSKL

HANDCARD H3

... try to learn or develop skills?

(Would you say...)

1. Very often
2. Often
3. Sometimes
4. Seldom, or
5. Never?

5a. In your free time, how often do you feel bored? Would you say...

FRBORED

HANDCARD H3

1. Very often
2. Often
3. Sometimes
4. Seldom, or
5. Never?

5b. In your free time, how often do you feel rushed?

FRRUSHED

HANDCARD H3

(Would you say...)

1. Very often
2. Often
3. Sometimes
4. Seldom, or
5. Never?

5c. In your free time, how often do you find yourself thinking about work?

FRTHNKWK

HANDCARD H3

(Would you say...)

1. Very often
2. Often
3. Sometimes
4. Seldom, or
5. Never?

5d. In your free time, do you prefer to be with other people or do you prefer to be by yourself? Would you say you prefer...

PEOALONE

HANDCARD H4

1. Most of time with other people
2. More with other people than alone
3. More alone than with other people, or
4. Most of time alone?

6a. Suppose you could change the way you spend your time, spending more time on some things and less time on others. Which of the things on the following list would you like to spend more time on, which you would like to spend less time on and which would you like to spend the same amount of time on as now?

TIMEPDWK

HANDCARD H5

Time in a paid job?

Would you say...

1. Much more time
2. A bit more time
3. Same time as now
4. A bit less time, or
5. Much less time?
6. DOESN'T APPLY

6b. (Suppose you could change the way you spend your time, spending more time on some things and less time on others. Which of the things on the following list would you like to spend more time on, which you would you like to spend less time on and which would you like to spend the same amount of time on as now?)

TIMEHHWK

HANDCARD H5

Time doing household work?

(Would you say...)

1. Much more time
2. A bit more time
3. Same time as now
4. A bit less time, or
5. Much less time?
6. DOESN'T APPLY

6c. (Suppose you could change the way you spend your time, spending more time on some things and less time on others. Which of the things on the following list would you like to spend more time on, which you would you like to spend less time on and which would you like to spend the same amount of time on as now?)

TIMEFAM

HANDCARD H5

Time with your family?

(Would you say...)

1. Much more time
2. A bit more time
3. Same time as now
4. A bit less time, or
5. Much less time?
6. DOESN'T APPLY

6d. (Suppose you could change the way you spend your time, spending more time on some things and less time on others. Which of the things on the following list would you like to spend more time on, which you would you like to spend less time on and which would you like to spend the same amount of time on as now?)

TIMELEIS

HANDCARD H5

Time in leisure activities?

(Would you say...)

1. Much more time
2. A bit more time
3. Same time as now
4. A bit less time, or
5. Much less time?
6. DOESN'T APPLY

7a. In the last 12 months, how many nights altogether did you stay away from home for vacations or social visits? Would you say...

AWAYHOME

1. I was not away
2. 1-5 nights
3. 6-10 nights
4. 11-20 nights
5. 21-30 nights, or
6. More than 30 nights?

7b. In the last 12 months, how many days of leave from your work, if any, did you take altogether (do not include maternity or sick leaves or similar types of leave)? (Would you say...)

OFFWORK

1. I was not away
2. 1-5 days
3. 6-10 days
4. 11-20 days
5. 21-30 days, or
6. More than 30 days?

8a. What sport or physical activity do you take part in most frequently?

SPORTPLY

1. R DOES NOT TAKE PART IN ANY SPORT OR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY *Skip to 8b*
2. CODE SPORT OR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

8a_1. CODE SPORT OR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY:

TPSPORT

SPORT

TEAM SPORTS	100
American football	101
Baseball, softball.....	102
Basketball	103
Cricket	104
Ice hockey	105
Field hockey	106
Football, soccer.....	107
Handball.....	108
Netball	109
Polo, water polo	110
Rugby... ..	111
Volleyball	112
Other team sport (SPECIFY).....	199
SPORTSPC	
RACKET SPORTS	200
Badminton	201
Squash.. ..	202
Table tennis.....	203
Tennis	204
Other racket or bat sport (SPECIFY).....	299
SPORTSPC	
ATHLETICS AND FITNESS SPORTS	300
Athletics (athletic disciplines, e.g. 100m-running, long-jumping, high-jumping), marathon.. ..	301
(competitive) body training (e.g. weight-training, body-building, artistic gymnastics).....	302
Fitness (aerobics, exercise machine-training, work out, non-competitive gymnastics).....	303
Jogging, (non-competitive) running.....	304
Walking, Nordic-walking, hiking, trekking, climbing.	305
Other fitness sport (SPECIFY).....	399
SPORTSPC	
OTHER SPORTS.....	400
Adrenaline sports (e.g. bungee-jumping, paragliding).	401
Billiards, pool, snooker.....	402
Biathlon, triathlon	403
Bowling, curling, boccee	404
Boat sports (e.g. sailing, rowing, yachting, canoeing, kayaking)	405
Bullfight.....	406
Cockfighting	407
Cycling, mountain-biking	408
Dancing (e.g. ballroom dancing, Latin dances, Hip Hop, Jazz-dance, ballet)	409
Darts	410
Fencing	411
Fishing, hunting	412
Golf, minigolf	413
Horse riding, horse racing.	414
Ice skating.....	415
Inline skating, skateboarding, roller skating	416
Martial arts (e.g. boxing, wrestling, Judo, Karate).....	417
Motor sports (motor racing, go carting).....	418
Rodeo... ..	419
Shooting (pistols, rifle, archery)	420
Swimming, diving, snorkeling.....	421
Surfing, water-skiing	422
Snow-sports (skiing, snowboarding, cross-country-skiing, snow-biking bobsleigh, toboggan.....	423

8b. Thinking about **games** rather than sports or physical activities, what type of game do you play most frequently?

GAMESPLY

1. R DOES NOT TAKE PLAY GAMES *Skip to 9a*

2. CODE GAME

8b_1. CODE GAME:

GAMES

Board games	
Backgammon	1
Checkers	2
Chess.....	3
Go	4
Other board games (e.g. Monopoly, Scrabble)	5
Card games (e.g. bridge, rummy, patience, solitaire)..	6
Dominoes	7
Mah-jongg.....	8
Jigsaw puzzles.....	9
Word or number games (e.g. crosswords, sudoku)	10
Video games, computer games, Play Station, pinball, etc.....	11
Gambling games (e.g. casino games, slot machine, lottery, sports betting).....	12
Other games	13

9a. Please indicate how important the following reasons are for you to take part in sports or games. For physical or mental health? Would you say...

PHYSMNTL

1. Very important
2. Somewhat important
3. Not very important, or
4. Not important?
5. DOESN'T APPLY

9b. (Please indicate how important the following reasons are for you to take part in sports or games.)

MEETPEO

To meet other people?

(Would you say...)

1. Very important
2. Somewhat important
3. Not very important, or
4. Not important?
5. DOESN'T APPLY

9c. (Please indicate how important the following reasons are for you to take part in sports or games.)

COMPETE

To compete against others?

(Would you say...)

- 1. Very important
- 2. Somewhat important
- 3. Not very important, or
- 4. Not important?
- 5. DOESN'T APPLY

9d. (Please indicate how important the following reasons are for you to take part in sports or games.)

LOOKGOOD

To look good?

(Would you say...)

- 1. Very important
- 2. Somewhat important
- 3. Not very important, or
- 4. Not important?
- 5. DOESN'T APPLY

10a. What sport do you watch on TV most frequently?

WTTVSPTI

- 1. R DOES NOT WATCH ANY SPORTS ON TV *Skip to q11*
- 2. CODE SPORT WATCHED ON TV

10a_1. CODE SPORT WATCHED ON TV:

TPTVSPTI

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Cockfighting	407
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Fencing	411
Fishing, hunting.....	412
Golf, minigolf	413
Horse riding, horse racing.	414
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Motor sports (motor racing, go carting).....	418
Rodeo.....	419
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Swimming, diving, snorkeling.....	421
Surfing, water-skiing	422
Snow-sports (skiing, snowboarding, cross-country-skiing, snow-biking bobsleigh, toboggan).....	423
Other sport (SPECIFY).....	499
TVSPT1SP	

10b. What sport is the second most frequent that you watch on TV?

WTTVSPT2

1. R DOES NOT WATCH ANY SPORTS ON TV **Skip to q11**

2. CODE SPORT WATCHED ON TV

10b_1. CODE SPORT WATCHED ON TV:

TPTVSPT2

TVSPORT2

TEAM SPORTS	100
American football	101
Baseball, softball.....	102
Basketball	103
Cricket	104
Ice hockey	105
Field hockey	106
Football, soccer.....	107
Handball.....	108
Netball	109
Polo, water polo.....	110
Rugby.....	111
Volleyball	112
Other team sport (SPECIFY).....	199
TVSPT2SP	
RACKET SPORTS	200
Badminton	201
Squash.....	202
Table tennis.....	203
Tennis	204
Other racket or bat sport (SPECIFY).....	299
TVSPT2SP	
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11. How proud are you when America does well at an international sports or games competition?

Would you say...

PRDSPRTS

1. I am very proud
2. I am somewhat proud
3. I am not very proud, or
4. I am not proud at all?

12a. People have different opinions about sports. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

SPRTSDEV

HANDCARD H6

Taking part in sports develops children's character

Would you say...

1. Agree strongly
2. Agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Disagree, or
5. Disagree strongly?

12b. (People have different opinions about sports. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?)

SPORTSTV

HANDCARD H6

There is too much sports on TV

(Would you say...)

1. Agree strongly
2. Agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Disagree, or
5. Disagree strongly?

12c. (People have different opinions about sports. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?)

RACSPRTS

HANDCARD H6

Sports bring different groups and races inside the United States closer together

(Would you say...)

1. Agree strongly
2. Agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Disagree, or
5. Disagree strongly?

12d. (People have different opinions about sports. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?)

INTLSPRT

HANDCARD H6

International sports competitions create more tension between countries than good feelings

(Would you say...)

1. Agree strongly
2. Agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Disagree, or
5. Disagree strongly?

12e. (People have different opinions about sports. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?)

GOVSPRTS

HANDCARD H6

The United States government should spend more money on sports

(Would you say...)

1. Agree strongly
2. Agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Disagree, or
5. Disagree strongly?

13a. Now, some questions about your social involvement.

In the last 12 months, how often have you participated in the activities of one of the following associations or groups?

PARTSPRT

HANDCARD H7

A sports association

Would you say...

1. At least once a week
2. At least once a month
3. Several times
4. Once or twice, or
5. Never?

13b. (In the last 12 months, how often have you participated in the activities of one of the following associations or groups?)

PARTCULT

HANDCARD H7

A cultural association

(Would you say...)

1. At least once a week
2. At least once a month
3. Several times
4. Once or twice, or
5. Never?

13c. (In the last 12 months, how often have you participated in the activities of one of the following associations or groups?)

PARTREL

HANDCARD H7

A church or other religious organization

(Would you say...)

1. At least once a week
2. At least once a month
3. Several times
4. Once or twice, or
5. Never?

13d. (In the last 12 months, how often have you participated in the activities of one of the following associations or groups?)

PARTCOM

HANDCARD H7

A community-service or civic association

(Would you say...)

1. At least once a week
2. At least once a month
3. Several times
4. Once or twice, or
5. Never?

13e. (In the last 12 months, how often have you participated in the activities of one of the following associations or groups?)

PARTPOL

HANDCARD H7

A political party or organization

(Would you say...)

1. At least once a week
2. At least once a month
3. Several times
4. Once or twice, or
5. Never?

14a. Generally speaking, would you say that people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people? Would you say...

CANTRUST

1. People can almost always be trusted
2. People can usually be trusted
3. You usually can't be too careful in dealing with people, or
4. You almost always can't be too careful in dealing with people?

14b How interested would you say you personally are in politics? Would you say...

POLINTI

1. Very interested
2. Fairly interested
3. Not very interested, or
4. Not at all interested?

15a. Now, some questions about your personal situation.

To what extent do the following conditions prevent you from doing the free time activities you would like to do?

LACKFACS

HANDCARD H8

Lack of facilities nearby

Would you say...

1. Very much
2. To a large extent
3. To some extent, or
4. Not at all?

15b. (To what extent do the following conditions prevent you from doing the free time activities you would like to do?)

LACKMONY

HANDCARD H8

Lack of money

(Would you say...)

1. Very much
2. To a large extent
3. To some extent, or
4. Not at all?

15c. (To what extent do the following conditions prevent you from doing the free time activities you would like to do?)

HLTHAGE

HANDCARD H8

Personal health, age or disability

(Would you say...)

1. Very much
2. To a large extent
3. To some extent, or
4. Not at all?

15d. (To what extent do the following conditions prevent you from doing the free time activities you would like to do?)

CAREOTH

HANDCARD H8

Need to take care of someone (elderly, children, ...)

(Would you say...)

1. Very much
2. To a large extent
3. To some extent, or
4. Not at all?

15e. (To what extent do the following conditions prevent you from doing the free time activities you would like to do?)

LACKTIME

HANDCARD H8

Lack of time

(Would you say...)

1. Very much
2. To a large extent
3. To some extent, or
4. Not at all?

16. If you were to consider your life in general these days, how happy or unhappy would you say you are, on the whole? Would you say...

HAPUNHAP

1. Very happy
2. Fairly happy
3. Not very happy, or
4. Not at all happy?

17. In general, would you say your health is excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor?

HEALTHI

1. Excellent
2. Very good
3. Good
4. Fair
5. Poor

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