# Global Physical Activity Questionnaire (GPAQ)

**Analysis Guide** 

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## 1 Overview

### Introduction

The Global Physical Activity Questionnaire was developed by WHO for physical activity surveillance in countries. It collects information on physical activity participation in three settings (or domains) as well as sedentary behaviour, comprising 16 questions (P1-P16). The domains are:

- Activity at work
- Travel to and from places
- Recreational activities

### **Using GPAQ**

Prior to using GPAQ, you should review the question by question section. This section, which follows the actual questions, will guide the interviewer in asking the questions and recording responses.

When using GPAQ, all the questions must be asked. Skips of questions do ONLY apply to the corresponding day and time variables if P1, P4, P7, P10, or P13 have been answered negatively. Skipping any other questions or removing any of the domains will restrict the results that you will be able to calculate.

# GPAQ version 1 and 2

This document provides information on version 2 of GPAQ. It is advised that you use version 2 of GPAQ.

If you have already used GPAQ version 1 and need advise on analysing this information, please refer to GPAQ version 1 section of this document (p. 9).

# Calculating and cleaning physical activity data

This document includes information on how to clean and analyse GPAQ data in general as well as specifically with the statistical package EpiInfo.

The coding column of GPAQ version 2 is used as a reference for all the calculations. If you insert this questionnaire into another questionnaire, you may change the question numbers, but do not change the coding column.

### Metabolic Equivalent (MET)

METs (Metabolic Equivalents) are commonly used to express the intensity of physical activities, and are also used for the analysis of GPAQ data.

MET is the ratio of a person's working metabolic rate relative to the resting metabolic rate. One MET is defined as the energy cost of sitting quietly, and is equivalent to a caloric consumption of 1 kcal/kg/hour. For the analysis of GPAQ data, existing guidelines have been adopted: It is estimated that, compared to sitting quietly, a person's caloric consumption is four times as high when being moderately active, and eight times as high when being vigorously active.

Therefore, when calculating a person's overall energy expenditure using GPAQ data, 4 METs get assigned to the time spent in moderate activities, and 8 METs to the time spent in vigorous activities.

# 2 GPAQ version 2

## **Physical Activity**

Next I am going to ask you about the time you spend doing different types of physical activity in a typical week. Please answer these questions even if you do not consider yourself to be a physically active person.

Think first about the time you spend doing work. Think of work as the things that you have to do such as paid or unpaid work, study/training, household chores, harvesting food/crops, fishing or hunting for food, seeking employment. [Insert other examples if needed]. In answering the following questions 'vigorous-intensity activities' are activities that require hard physical effort and cause large increases in breathing or heart rate, 'moderate-intensity activities' are activities that require moderate physical effort and cause small increases in breathing or heart rate.

Ques			Response	Code
Activit	ty at work			
1	Does your work involve vigorous-intensity activity that causes large increases in breathing or heart rate like [carrying or lifting heavy loads, digging or construction work] for at least 10 minutes continuously?	Yes	1 2 If No, go to P 4	P1
	[INSERT EXAMPLES] (USE SHOWCARD)		-, <b>3</b>	
2	In a typical week, on how many days do you do vigorous- intensity activities as part of your work?	Number of days	Ш	P2
3	How much time do you spend doing vigorous-intensity activities at work on a typical day?	Hours : minutes	hrs mins	P3 (a-b)
4	Does your work involve moderate-intensity activity that causes small increases in breathing or heart rate such as brisk walking [or carrying light loads] for at least 10 minutes continuously?	Yes	1	P4
	[INSERT EXAMPLES] (USE SHOWCARD)	No	2 If No, go to P 7	
5	In a typical week, on how many days do you do moderate-intensity activities as part of your work?	Number of days	Ш	P5
6	How much time do you spend doing moderate-intensity activities at work on a typical day?	Hours : minutes	hrs mins	P6 (a-b)
Travel	to and from places			
Now I	ext questions exclude the physical activities at work that you would like to ask you about the usual way you travel to and f p. [insert other examples if needed]			ce of
7	Do you walk or use a bicycle ( <i>pedal cycle</i> ) for at least 10 minutes continuously to get to and from places?	Yes	1	P7
		No	2 If No, go to P 10	
8	In a typical week, on how many days do you walk or bicycle for at least 10 minutes continuously to get to and from places?	Number of days	Ш	P8
9	How much time do you spend walking or bicycling for travel on a typical day?	Hours : minutes	hrs mins	P9 (a-b)
Recre	ational activities			
	ext questions exclude the work and transport activities that yow would like to ask you about sports, fitness and recreational a	•		
10	Do you do any vigorous-intensity sports, fitness or recreational ( <i>leisure</i> ) activities that cause large increases in breathing or heart rate like [ <i>running or football</i> ,] for at least 10 minutes continuously?	Yes	1	P10
	[INSERT EXAMPLES] (USE SHOWCARD)	No	2 If No, go to P 13	
11	In a typical week, on how many days do you do vigorous- intensity sports, fitness or recreational ( <i>leisure</i> ) activities?	Number of days	Ш	P11
12	How much time do you spend doing vigorous-intensity sports, fitness or recreational activities on a typical day?	Hours : minutes	hrs mins	P12 (a-b)
			<del>-</del> <del>-</del>	

# 2 GPAQ version 2, Continued

Phys	Physical Activity (recreational activities) contd.				
Ques	stions	Response	Code		
13	Do you do any moderate-intensity sports, fitness or recreational ( <i>leisure</i> ) activities that causes a small increase in breathing or heart rate such as brisk walking, (cycling, swimming, volleyball) for at least 10	Yes 1	P13		
	minutes continuously?  [INSERT EXAMPLES] (USE SHOWCARD)	No 2 If No, go to P16			
14	In a typical week, on how many days do you do moderate-intensity sports, fitness or recreational ( <i>leisure</i> ) activities?	Number of days	P14		
15	How much time do you spend doing moderate-intensity sports, fitness or recreational ( <i>leisure</i> ) activities on a typical day?	Hours : minutes ; hrs mins	P15 (a-b)		
Sede	ntary behaviour				
desk,	The following question is about sitting or reclining at work, at home, getting to and from places, or with friends including time spent [sitting a desk, sitting with friends, travelling in car, bus, train, reading, playing cards or watching television], but do not include time spent sleeping. [INSERT EXAMPLES] (USE SHOWCARD)				
16	How much time do you usually spend sitting or reclining on a typical day?	Hours : minutes : hrs min s	P16 (a-b)		

# 3 GPAQ Question by Question Guide

### **CORE: Physical Activity**

Next I am going to ask you about the time you spend doing different types of physical activity in a typical week. Please answer these questions even if you do not consider yourself to be a physically active person. There are various domains of activity which need to be included; work, activities in and around the home and garden, to get from place-to-place (transport-related) and recreation (discretionary or leisure-time) exercise or sports activities. This opening statement **should not** be omitted.

The respondent will have to think first about the time she/he spends doing work. Work includes things that he/she has to do such as paid or unpaid work, household chores, harvesting food, fishing or hunting for food, seeking employment. [Insert other examples if needed]

In answering the following questions 'vigorous-intensity activities' are activities that require hard physical effort and cause large increases in breathing or heart rate, 'moderate-intensity activities' are activities that require moderate physical effort and cause small increases in breathing or heart rate.

Quest	ions	Response		
Activit	y at work			
1	Does your work involve vigorous-intensity activity that causes large increases in breathing or heart rate like [carrying or lifting heavy loads, digging or construction work] for at least	Yes 1		
	10 minutes continuously?		P1	
	Activities are regarded as vigorous intensity if they cause a large increase in breathing and/or heart rate.	No 2 If No, go to P 4		
	[INSERT EXAMPLES] (USE SHOWCARD)			
2	In a typical week, on how many days do you do vigorous- intensity activities as part of your work?	Number of days	Do.	
	"Typical week" means a week when a person is doing vigorous intensity activities and not an average over a period	Number of days	P2	
	Valid responses range from 1-7.			
3	How much time do you spend doing vigorous-intensity activities at work on a typical day?		P3	
	Think of one day you can recall easily. Consider only those activities undertaken continuously for 10 minutes or more. Probe very high responses (over 4 hrs) to verify	Hours : minutes hrs mins	(a-b)	
4	Does your work involve moderate-intensity activity, that causes small increases in breathing or heart rate such as brisk walking <i>[or carrying light loads]</i> for at least 10 minutes continuously?	Yes 1	P4	
	Activities are regarded as moderate intensity if they cause a small increase in breathing and/or heart rate.	No 2 If No, go to P 7		
5	[INSERT EXAMPLES] (USE SHOWCARD)			
5	In a typical week, on how many days do you do moderate- intensity activities as part of your work?	Number of days ——	P5	
•	Valid responses range from 1-7			
6	How much time do you spend doing moderate-intensity activities at work on a typical day?		P6	
	Think of one day you can recall easily. Consider only those activities undertaken continuously for 10 minutes or more. Probe very high responses (over 4 hrs) to verify	Hours : minutes hrs mins	(a-b)	
Travel	to and from places			
The ne	xt questions exclude the physical activities at work that you	have already mentioned.	<u>'</u>	
Now I v		from places. For example to work, for shopping, to market, to pl	ace of	
The intr		physical activity is very important. It asks and helps the participant to n should not be omitted.	ow think	
7	Do you walk or use a bicycle ( <i>pedal cycle</i> ) for at least 10 minutes continuously to get to and from places?	Yes 1	P7	
	Circle the appropriate response	No 2 If No, go to P 10		
8	In a typical week, on how many days do you walk or bicycle for at least 10 minutes continuously to get to and from places? Valid responses range from 1-7	Number of days ———	P8	

# 3 GPAQ Question by Question Guide, Continued

9	How much time do you spend walking or bicycling for travel on a typical day?		P9
	Think of one day you can recall easily. Consider the total amount of time walking or bicycling for trips of 10 minutes or	Hours : minutes  hrs mins	(a-b)
	more. Probe very high responses (over 4 hrs) to verify.		
Recrea	ational activities		
Now I v This inta and exe		activities (leisure),[insert relevant terms]. nal activities. This can also be called discretionary or leisure time. It in orted should be done regularly and not just occasionally. It is importan	
10	Do you do any vigorous-intensity sports, fitness or recreational ( <i>leisure</i> ) activities that cause large increases in breathing or heart rate like [ <i>running or football</i> , ] for at least 10 minutes continuously?	Yes 1	P10
	[INSERT EXAMPLES] (USE SHOWCARD)?  Activities are regarded as vigorous intensity if they cause a large increase in breathing and/or heart rate.	No 2 If No, go to P 13	
11	In a typical week, on how many days do you do vigorous- intensity sports, fitness or recreational ( <i>leisure</i> ) activities? <i>Valid responses range from 1-7</i>	Number of days ——	P11
12	How much time do you spend doing vigorous-intensity sports, fitness or recreational activities on a typical day?		D40
	Think of one day you can recall easily. Consider the total amount of time doing vigorous recreational activities for periods of 10 minutes or more. Probe very high responses (over 4 hrs).	Hours : minutes hrs mins	P12 (a-b)
13	Do you do any moderate-intensity sports, fitness or recreational ( <i>leisure</i> ) activities that causes a small increase in breathing or heart rate such as brisk walking,( <i>cycling</i> , <i>swimming</i> , <i>volleyball</i> )for at least 10 minutes continuously?	Yes 1	P13
	Activities are regarded as moderate intensity if they cause a small increase in breathing and/or heart rate.  [INSERT EXAMPLES] (USE SHOWCARD)	No 2 If No, go to P16	1 10
14	In a typical week, on how many days do you do moderate- intensity sports, fitness or recreational ( <i>leisure</i> ) activities? <i>Valid responses range from 1-7</i>	Number of days	P14
15	How much time do you spend doing moderate-intensity sports, fitness or recreational ( <i>leisure</i> ) activities on a typical day?  Think of one day you can recall easily. Consider the total amount of time doing moderate recreational activities for periods of 10 minutes or more. Probe very high responses (over 4 hrs).	Hours : minutes LLL : LLL hrs mins	P15 (a-b)
Seden	tary behaviour		
desk, s		e, getting to and from places, or with friends including time spen ng cards or watching television], but do not include time spent s	
16	How much time do you usually spend sitting or reclining on a typical day?  Consider total time spent at work sitting, in an office, reading, watching television, using a computer, doing hand craft like	Hours : minutes hrs min s	P16 (a-b)

# 4 Cleaning GPAQ data

### Introduction

It is important to standardize the way in which the data collected are cleaned and analysed. Please use the guidelines below when cleaning and analysing your data.

The cleaning and analysis guidelines use the coding column in the questionnaire as an identifier.

### Cleaning

You should clean all domains as a combined set. While some of the calculations of results use all the domains and others use only one of the domains, it is necessary that each respondent has an overall "clean" response to all physical activity questions. To be included in the analyses, each participant must have a valid response for at least one domain and have no invalid responses for any domains.

Check for the following for all the domains.

If	Then
Values in the hours column are 15,	move them into the corresponding
30, 45, or 60	minutes variable, if the
	corresponding minutes variable is
	empty or zero (most likely a data
	recording error).
Maximum values: If for at least one	remove the case from all analyses.
"sub-domain" (vigorous work,	
moderate work, transport, vigorous	
recreation, or moderate recreation	
activity) the value of hours+minutes	
>16 hours	
If a respondent reports implausible	remove the case from all analyses.
values (eg., >7 days in any days	
column)	
If a respondent has inconsistent	remove the case from all analyses.
answers (eg., 0 days, but values >0	
in the corresponding time variables)	
If one whole "sub-domain"	include the case in the analysis,
(vigorous work, moderate work,	assuming no activity (0 days, 0 time)
transport, vigorous recreation,	for this "sub-domain". That means
or moderate recreation activity)	that, as long as at least one "sub-
has missing values, but the other	domain" has valid answers, and all
"sub-domains" are valid	others are missing, this person will
	be included in analyses.

### **Notes**

Overall, this cleaning method should result in the same denominator across all domains and all analyses.

For information on how to create P3, P6, P9, P12, and P15 see the Cleaning GPAQ with EpiInfo section at the end of this document (p. 12).

# 4 Cleaning GPAQ data, Continued

Detailed cleaning instructions

There are detailed cleaning instructions on how to clean each variable in the Cleaning GPAQ with EpiInfo section of this document (p. 12). This section includes details on how to clean the variables and the associated EpiInfo code.

# 5 Cleaning data derived from GPAQ version 1

### Introduction

GPAQ 1 is the first version of the Global Physical Activity Questionnaire. A reliability and validity study was conducted on GPAQ 1. The questionnaire was modified according to the results of this study, and resulted in GPAQ 2.

GPAQ 1 can be analysed in the same manner as GPAQ 2. Prior to using the analysis guidelines or the STEPS generic analysis syntax, most of the variables from GPAQ 1 need to be recoded.

# Changes from GPAQ 2

For GPAQ 2, three questions have been removed from GPAQ 1. Two of these questions were filtering questions. The other one looked at the length of workdays. These three questions were:

- GPAQ1P1: Does your work involve mostly sitting or standing, with walking for no more than 10 minutes at a time?
- GPAQ1P6: How long is your typical work day?
- GPAQ1P9: Does your [recreation, sport or leisure time] involve mostly sitting, reclining, or standing, with no physical activity lasting more than 10 minutes at a time?

### Recode GPAQ 1 to GPAQ 2

Please use the table below to recode your GPAQ 1 variables. Specific instructions for updating GPAQ 2 variables P1, P4, P10 and P13 using GPAQ1P1 and GPAQ1P6 follow.

GPAQ 1	GPAQ 2
P1	GPAQ1P1
P2	P1
P3a	P2
P3b	P3a (hrs) and P3b (min)
P4	P4
P5a	P5
P5b (hrs and mins)	P6a (hrs) and P6b (min)
P6	GPAQ1P6
P7	P7
P8a	P8
P8b	P9a (hrs) and P9b (min)
P9	GPAQ1P9
P10	P10
P11a	P11
P11b	P12a (hrs) and P12b (min)
P12	P13
P13a	P14
P13b	P15a (hrs) and P15b (min)
P14	P16a (hrs) and P16b (min)

# 5 Cleaning data derived from GPAQ version 1, Continued

**GPAQ1P1** Follow the instructions in the table below to update P1 and P4 using GPAQ1P1.

Step	Action			
1	Confirm that the	following recode	es have been comp	leted:
		GPAQ 1 Code	<b>GPAQ 2 Code</b>	
		P1	GPAQ1P1	
		P2	P1	
2	Create the follow	wing variables to	store the original v	alues:
	• P1orig			
	• P4orig			
3	Make Plorig and	d P4orig equal to	the original P1 and	l P4 in your
	dataset (P1orig=	P1 , P4orig=P4).		
4	Update P1 and F	24 with the follow	ing rule.	
	P1 Update		P4 Update	
	If GPAQ1P1=1 (yes) then		If GPAQ1P1=1 (yes) then	
	P1=2 (no), other	erwise P1	P4=2 (no), otherwise P4	
	remains P1		remains P4	
	In EpiInfo:		In EpiInfo:	
	IF GPAQ1P1=1 THEN		IF GPAQ1P1=1	ΓHEN
	P1=2		P4=2	
	ELSE		ELSE	
	P1=P1		P4=P4	
	END		END	

### GPAQ1P6

The variable for the question, "How long is your typical work day?", does not need to be coded into the dataset for the analysis of the GPAQ data.

Recode the variable to GPAQ1P6 and keep it in the original dataset.

# 5 Cleaning data derived from GPAQ version 1, Continued

# **GPAQ1P9** Follow the instructions in the table below to update P10 and P13 using GPAQ1P9.

Step	Action			
1	Confirm that the following recodes have been completed:			leted:
		GPAQ 1 Code	GPAQ 2 Code	
		P9	GPAQ1P9	
		P12	P13	
2	Create variable	s:		
	• P10orig			
	• P13orig			
3	Make P10orig	and P13orig equal	to the original P10	and P13 in
	your dataset (P	10orig=P10 , P13c	orig=P13).	
4	Update P10 and	d P13 with the foll	owing rule.	
	P10 Update		P13 Update	
	If GPAQ1P9=1 (yes) then		If GPAQ1P9=1 (	• '
	P10=2 (no), o	therwise P10	P13=2 (no), otherwise P13	
	remains P10		remains P13	
	In EpiInfo:		In EpiInfo:	
	IC CDA O1DO	1 /17111731	IC CD A O 1 DO 1 7	PITENT
	If GPAQ1P9=	I IHEN	If GPAQ1P9=1 THEN	
	P10=2		P13=2	
	ELSE		ELSE	
	P10=P10		P13=P13	
	END		END	

# Producing tables

Once you have completed the GPAQ 1 recode and saved the results to your dataset, you will be able to produce all the results in the analysis section. Follow the instructions provided for each table to produce the results.

# 6 Cleaning GPAQ data with Epilnfo

### Introduction

GPAQ collects information on three domains. These domains are:

- Activity at work
- Travel to and from places
- Recreational activities.

For analysis purposes these domains can be further broken down into six different "sub-domains". These "sub-domains" are:

- Work vigorous (codes P1-P3)
- Work moderate (codes P4-P6)
- Travel (codes P7-P9)
- Recreational vigorous (codes P10-P12)
- Recreational moderate (codes P13-P15)
- Sitting (code P16)

### Grouping the GPAQ sections

The GPAQ data are cleaned as a whole. Thus is a participant gave an invalid answer to any domain, then their entire response is not included in any analyses. However, a participant needs only to give a valid response to a minimum of one domain, leaving the remaining domains blank, to be included in the analyses.

# Cleaning Programs

A "CleanRecode" program exists for each subset of physical activity questions. These are: CleanRecode P1-P3, CleanRecode P4-P6, CleanRecode P7-P9, CleanRecode P10-P12, CleanRecode P13-P15, and CleanRecode P16. The first 5 of these programs are identical with the only exception being that the question codes

of these programs are identical with the only exception being that the question codes are changed.

All programs can be downloaded from

http://www.who.int/chp/steps/resources/database/en/index.html by clicking on "EpiInfo Analysis Programs".

CleanRecode P1-P3 is described in the following table. This same description applies to CleanRecode P4-P6, CleanRecode P7-P9, CleanRecode P10-P12, and CleanRecode P13-P15. Since the program CleanRecode P16 differs from the other 5 CleanRecode programs, its description is provided in the second table below.

# 6 Cleaning GPAQ data with EpiInfo, Continued

CleanRecode P1	-P3				
<b>Questions Used</b>	P1, P2, P3a	, P3b			
General Information	Before checking for valid responses to P1 through P3a&b, P3a and P3b are checked for possible data entry errors (i.e. minutes entered where hours are expected). To have a "clean" response, respondents must have answered all 3 questions correctly and consistently (P1t3CLN=1).				
Modified Variables	Before any new variables are created, P3a and P3b are modified using the following logical tests. To summarize, these tests try to correct obvious data entry errors where minute values of 15, 30, 45, or 60 were entered as hour values in P3a. These changes are only saved to the temporary dataset used for analysis, the actual dataset is left unchanged.				
	Condition	lataset used for analysis, the actual datas	et is left unch	New P3a Value	New P3b Value
	P3a=15 AN P3b=88 OR	D (P3b=(.) OR P3b=0 OR P3b=15 OR I P3b=99)	P3b=77 OR	0	15
	P3b=88 OR			0	30
	P3b=88 OR			0	45
	P3b=88 OR	D (P3b=(.) OR P3b=0 OR P3b=60 OR I P3b=99) D P3b=77) OR (P3a=8 AND P3b=88) O		0	0
	AND P3b=	, ,	N (F 3a=9	0	(leave as is)
		P3b=88 OR P3b=99		(leave as is)	0
Created	Name	Purpose	Value	Condition	_
Variables	P3amin	Computes min value for P3a.	0	P3a=(.)	
			P3a*60	ELSE	
	P3bmin	Set equal to P3b, with 0's replacing	0	P3b=(.)	
		missing values.	P3b	ELSE	
	P3	Total time in mins.	P3amin+P 3bmin		
	P2CLN	Checks for a valid response to P2	2	OR	2=0 OR P2=(.)
	P3CLN	Checks for a valid response to P3: P2 must have a valid response with nr. of days = 1 through 7, and P3 must be at least 10 mins. and at most 960 mins. (max. of 16 hrs. per day)	1	P2CLN=1 AND P2>0 AND P2<8 AND P3>9 AND P3<961 OR P2CLN=1 AND (P2=0 OR P2=(.) OR P2=99) AND P3=0	
	P1t3CLN	Checks for valid response to P1 through P3a&b. Allows for respondents to skip entire section but a check in the physical activity programs that use these cleaning programs ensures that at least one section of all physical activity sections has a response.	2	ELSE  P3CLN=1 AN  OR  P1=(.) AND (I  P2=(.) OR P2= P3=0 AND Va  ELSE	P2=0 OR =99) AND

# 6 Cleaning GPAQ data with Epilnfo, Continued

CleanRecode	P16				
Questions Used	P16a, P16b				
General Information	hours are	s are first checked for possible expected). To have a "clear o P16 (P16CLN=1).			
<b>Modified</b> Variables  Before any new variables are created, P16a and P16b are modified using the logical tests. To summarize, these tests try to correct obvious data entry entitle minute values of 15, 30, 45, or 60 were entered as hour values in P16a. The			rrors where		
		aved to the temporary datase			
	Condition			New P16a Value	New P16b Value
		AND (P16b=(.) OR P16b=0 OR P16b=88 OR P16b=99)	OR P16b=15 OR	0	15
		P16a=30 AND (P16b=(.) OR P16b=0 OR P16b=30 OR P16b=77 OR P16b=88 OR P16b=99)			30
		P16a=45 AND (P16b=(.) OR P16b=0 OR P16b=45 OR P16b=77 OR P16b=88 OR P16b=99)			45
		AND (P16b=(.) OR P16b=0 OR P16b=88 OR P16b=99)	1	0	
	(P16a=7 AND P16b=77) OR (P16a=8 AND P16b=88) OR (P16a=9 AND P16b=99)			0	0
		OR P16a=88 OR P16a=99		0	(leave as is)
		OR P16b=88 OR P16b=99	1	(leave as is)	0
Created	Name	Purpose	Value	Condition	
Variables	P16amin	Computes min value for P16a	0 P16a*60	P16a=(.) ELSE	
	P16bmin	Set equal to P16b, with	0		
	FTOOIIII	0's replacing missing values	P16b	P16b=(.) ELSE	
	P16	Total time in mins	P16amin+P16bmin		
	P16CLN	Checks for a valid	1	P16<1441 A	ND Valid=1
response to P16 (can be from 0 mins. to 1440 mins. (24 hrs.))		2	ELSE		

# 7 Analysis Guidelines and Calculations

### Introduction

A population's physical activity (or inactivity) can be described in different ways. The two most common ways are

(1) to estimate a population's mean or median physical activity using a continuous indicator such as MET-minutes per week or time spent in physical activity, and (2) to classify a certain percentage of a population as 'inactive' by setting up a cutpoint for a specific amount of physical activity.

The following guidelines describe both how to derive at continuous as well as categorical indicators when analysing GPAQ data.

# Continuous indicator

As described in the overview (p. 2), MET values are applied to the time variables according to the intensity (moderate or vigorous) of the activity. Applying MET values to activity levels allows us to calculate total physical activity.

For the calculation of a person's overall energy expenditure using GPAQ data, the following MET values are used:

Domain	MET value	
Work	• Moderate MET value = 4.0	
	• Vigorous MET value = 8.0	
Transport	Cycling and walking MET value = 4.0	
Recreation	• Moderate MET value = 4.0	
	• Vigorous MET value = 8.0	

# Categorical indicator

For the calculation of a categorical indicator, the total time spent in physical activity during a typical week, the number of days as well as the intensity of the physical activity are taken into account.

The three levels of physical activity suggested for classifying populations are low, moderate, and high. The criteria for these levels are shown below.

### • High

A person reaching any of the following criteria is classified in this category:

- Vigorous-intensity activity on at least 3 days achieving a minimum of at least 1,500 MET-minutes/week OR
- 7 or more days of any combination of walking, moderate- or vigorous-intensity activities achieving a minimum of at least 3,000 MET-minutes per week.

### Moderate

A person not meeting the criteria for the "high" category, but meeting any of the following criteria is classified in this category:

- 3 or more days of vigorous-intensity activity of at least 20 minutes per day OR
- 5 or more days of moderate-intensity activity or walking of at least 30 minutes per day OR
- 5 or more days of any combination of walking, moderate- or vigorous-intensity activities achieving a minimum of at least 600 MET-minutes per week.

### • Low

A person not meeting any of the above mentioned criteria falls in this category.

# 7 Analysis Guidelines and Calculations, Continued

Levels of total physical activity Description: Percentage of respondents classified into three categories of total physical activity.

Instrument questions:

• P1-P6a&b: activity at work

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Age Group —	Gender										
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	110	work activity per week	(.)	ELSE
	P4t6	MET value of moderate	P5*P6*4	P4t6CLN=1
		work activity per week	(.)	ELSE
	P7t9	MET value of transport	P8*P9*4	P7t9CLN=1
		activity per week	(.)	ELSE
	P10t12	MET value of vigorous recreational activity per week	P11*P12*8	P10t12CLN=1
		Week	(.)	ELSE
	P13t15	MET value of moderate	P14*P15*4	P13t15CLN=1
		recreational activity per week	(.)	ELSE
	Ptotal	Sum of all activity per week	p1t3+p4t6+p7t9+p10t1 2+p13t15	
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		responses must have a response (not missing)	2	ELSE
	С	Output table values: places respondents into 1 of 3 physical activity categories; the checks	"High"	(P2+P5+P8+P11+P14)>6 AND Ptotal>2999 <b>OR</b> (P2+P11)>2 AND Ptotal>1499
		proceed in the order presented here, thus, for example, if a person does not meet "High" requirements, C will still be missing and	"Moderate"	C=(.) AND (P2+P5+P8+P11+P14)≥5 AND Ptotal≥600 <b>OR</b> C=(.) AND ((P2+P11)=3 OR (P2+P11)=4) AND P12≥20
		thus C=(.) will be true for the checks for the "Moderate" category		AND P3≥20 <b>OR</b> C=(.) AND P2≥3 AND P11≥3 AND (P12≥20 OR P3≥20)
				OR C=(.) AND ((P2≥3 AND P11<3 AND P3≥20) OR (P11≥3 AND P2<3 AND P12≥20)) OR
				C=(.) AND (P5+P8+P14)≥5 AND ((p5*P6)+(p8*P9)+(P14*P15))≥ 150
			"Low"	C=(.)

Total physical activity

Description: Mean / median time of total physical activity on average per day.

Instrument questions

• P1-P6a&b: activity at work

	Mean/Median minutes of total physical activity on average per day										
Age Men				Women			<b>Both Sexes</b>				
Group (years)	n	# minutes	95% CI	n	# minutes	95% CI		n	# minutes	95% CI	

Questions	P1-P15a8	zb											
Used													
Program	Ptotal (un	nweighted mean & me	edian values), <b>I</b>	PtotalWT (weighted mean									
	values), P	<b>'totalmedianWT</b> (we	ighted median	values)									
Program	Reports th	ne mean or median an	nount of physic	al activity per day in minutes.									
Information	Before an	y of the below variab	les are created	ALL CleanRecode programs are									
	called. To	o be included in the o	utput, the respo	ondent must have either left blank									
	or given a	valid response to eac	ch subset of the	physical activity questions AND									
	have give	n a valid response to	at least one sub	set of the physical activity									
	questions (CLN=1).												
Created	Name	<u> </u>											
Variables	P1t3	Vigorous work	P2*P3	P1t3CLN=1									
		activity in minutes per week	(.)	ELSE									
	P4t6	Moderate work	P5*P6	P4t6CLN=1									
		activity in minutes per week	(.)	ELSE									
	P7t9	Transport activity in	P8*P9	P7t9CLN=1									
		minutes per week	(.)	ELSE									
	P10t12	Vigorous	P11*P12	P10t12CLN=1									
		recreational activity	(.)	ELSE									
		in minutes per week											
	P13t15	Moderate	P14*P15	P13t15CLN=1									
		recreational activity in minutes per week	(.)	ELSE									
	Ptotalday	Sum of all activity per week divided by	(p1t3+p4t6+ p7t9+p10t12										
		7 to get avg. per day	+p13t15)/7										
	CLN	Checks to see if all	1	Valid=1 AND P1t3CLN=1 AND									
		physical activity		P4t6CLN=1 AND P7t9CLN=1									
		responses, as a		AND P10t12CLN=1 AND									
		combined set, are		P13t15CLN=1									
		valid: all subsets of		AND									
		responses must be clean and at least		P1\(\neq(.)\) OR P4\(\neq(.)\) OR P7\(\neq(.)\) OR P10\(\neq(.)\) OR P13\(\neq(.)\)									
		one subset of	2	ELSE									
		responses must have	2	LLGL									
		a response (not											
		missing)											
	1		<u> </u>										

Settingspecific physical activitymean /

median

Description: Mean / median number of minutes spent on average per day, in work-, transport- and recreation-related physical activity.

Instrument questions

• P1-P6a&b: activity at work

	Mean/Median minutes of [insert domain]-related physical activity on average per day										
Age Men					Women			Both Sexes			
Group (years)	n	# minutes	95% CI	n	# minutes	95% CI		n	# minutes	95% CI	

Questions	P1-P15a&	zb											
Used													
Program	Psetspeci	fic (unweighted mean &	median values), I	PsetspecificWT (weighted									
	mean valu	ies), Psetspecificmedian	WT (weighted m	edian values)									
General	Reports th	ne mean or median amou	nt of physical acti	vity in minutes. Before any									
Information	of the belo	ow variables are created.	ALL CleanRecod	e programs are called. To									
	be include	ed in the output, the respo	ondent must have	either left blank or given a									
	valid resp	onse to each subset of the	e physical activity	questions AND have given									
	a valid response to at least one subset of the physical activity questions												
	(CLN=1).	•		, ,									
Created	Name												
Variables	P1t3	Vigorous work activity	P2*P3	P1t3CLN=1									
		in minutes per week	(.)	ELSE									
	P4t6	Moderate work activity	P5*P6	P4t6CLN=1									
		in minutes per week	(.)	ELSE									
	P7t9	Transport activity in	P8*P9	P7t9CLN=1									
		minutes per week	(.)	ELSE									
	P10t12	Vigorous recreational	P11*P12	P10t12CLN=1									
		activity in minutes per	(.)	ELSE									
		week											
	P13t15	Moderate recreational	P14*P15	P13t15CLN=1									
		activity in minutes per	(.)	ELSE									
	Pwork-	week Average work-related	(p1t3+p4t6)/7										
	day	activity per day	(p1t3+p4t0)//										
	Ptravel-	Average transport-	p7t9/7										
	day	related activity per day	prestr										
	Precday	Average recreation-	(p10t12+p13t15)										
		related activity per day	17										
	CLN	Checks to see if all	1	Valid=1 AND P1t3CLN=1									
		physical activity		AND P4t6CLN=1 AND									
		responses, as a		P7t9CLN=1 AND									
		combined set, are valid:		P10t12CLN=1 AND									
		all subsets of responses		P13t15CLN=1									
		must be clean and at		AND									
		least one subset of		P1\(\neq(.)\) OR P4\(\neq(.)\) OR P7\(\neq(.)\)									
		responses must have a	2	OR P10≠(.) OR P13≠(.)									
		response (not missing)	2	ELSE									

No physical activity by

setting

Description: Percentage of respondents classified as doing no work-, transport-, or recreation-related physical activity.

Instrument questions

• P1-P6a&b: activity at work

	No [insert domain]-related physical activity										
Age Group Men					Women				Both Sexes		
(years)	n	%	95% CI		n	%	95% CI		n	%	95% CI

Questions Used	P1-P15	a&b									
Program	Pnoacti	ivitybyset (unweighted	l), Pnoactivit	tybysetWT (weighted)							
General	Reports recreation created respond the physic	the percentage of respon-related physical act ALL CleanRecode product must have either le	ondents who ivity. Before ograms are ca oft blank or gi AND have g	reported no work-, transport-, or any of the below variables are lled. To be included in the output, the iven a valid response to each subset of given a valid response to at least one							
Created	Name	Name Purpose Values Condition									
Work Indicates v		Indicates whether or not respondent did any work-related activity	"did work activity" "did no work activity"	P1=1 OR P4=1 ELSE							
Tra	Trans	Indicates whether or not respondent did any transport-related activity	"did transport activity" "did no transport activity"	P7=1 ELSE							
	Rec	Indicates whether or not respondent did any recreation- related activity	"did recreation activity" "did no recreation	P10=1 OR P13=1  ELSE							
	CLN	Checks to see if all physical activity responses, as a combined set, are valid: all subsets of responses must be clean and at least one subset of responses must have a response (not missing)	activity"  1  2	Valid=1 AND P1t3CLN=1 AND P4t6CLN=1 AND P7t9CLN=1 AND P10t12CLN=1 AND P13t15CLN=1 <b>AND</b> P1≠(.) OR P4≠(.) OR P7≠(.) OR P10≠(.) OR P13≠(.) ELSE							

of total physical activity

**Composition** Description: Percentage of total physical activity on average per day that comes from each of the 3 types of activity: work-, transport-, or recreation-related. Instrument questions

• P1-P6a&b: activity at work

Composition of total physical activity										
Age Group —				Gender						
(years)	n	% Work	95% CI	% Transport	95% CI	% Recreation	95% CI			

Qu. Used	P1-P15a	&b					
Program	Pcompo	sition (unweighted), Pcomposition	itionWT (weighted	(h			
General	Reports	the percentage of activity that of	comes from each of	f the three types of			
Infor-	activity	(work, transport, or recreation).	Before any of the	below variables are			
mation	created A	ALL CleanRecode programs are	e called. To be inc	luded in the output, the			
	responde	ent must have either left blank o	or given a valid res	ponse to each subset of			
		ical activity questions AND har		sponse to <u>at least one</u>			
	subset of	f the physical activity questions	s (CLN=1).				
Created	Name	Purpose	Values	Condition			
Variables	P1t3	Vigorous work activity in	P2*P3	P1t3CLN=1			
		minutes per week	(.)	ELSE			
	P4t6	Moderate work activity in	P5*P6	P4t6CLN=1			
		minutes per week	(.)	ELSE			
	P7t9	Transport activity in minutes	P8*P9	P7t9CLN=1			
		per week	(.)	ELSE			
	P10t12	Vigorous recreational activity	P11*P12	P10t12CLN=1			
		in minutes per week	(.)	ELSE			
	P13t15	Moderate recreational activity	P14*P15	P13t15CLN=1			
		in minutes per week	(.)	ELSE			
	Ptotal	Sum of all activity per week	p1t3+p4t6+p7t9+				
			p10t12+p13t15				
	Percent-	Percent of all activity from	(p1t3+p4t6)/Ptota				
	Work	work-related activities	1*100				
	Percent- Trans	Percent of all activity from transportation-related activities	p7t9/Ptotal*100				
	Percent-	Percent of all activity from	(p10t12+p13t15)/				
	Rec	recreational activities	Ptotal*100				
	CLN	Checks to see if all physical	1	Valid=1 AND			
		activity responses, as a		P1t3CLN=1 AND			
		combined set, are valid: all		P4t6CLN=1 AND			
		subsets of responses must be		P7t9CLN=1 AND			
		clean and at least one subset of		P10t12CLN=1 AND			
		responses must have a response (not missing)		P13t15CLN=1 <b>AND</b>			
		response (not missing)		AND   P1≠(.) OR P4≠(.) OR			
				P7≠(.) OR P10≠(.) OR			
				P13#(.)			
			2	ELSE			
		l .					

No vigorous physical activity Description: Percentage of respondents not engaging in vigorous physical activity.

Instrument questions

• P1-P6a&b: activity at work

	No vigorous physical activity										
Age Group Men				Women				Both Sexes			
(years)	n	%	95% CI		n	%	95% CI		n	%	95% CI

Qu. Used	P1-P15a&b						
Program	Pnovigorous (unweighted), PnovigorousWT (weighted values)						
General	Reports percentage of respondents who did no vigorous physical activity. Before						
	any of the below variables are created ALL CleanRecode programs are called.						
	To be included in the output, the respondent must have either left blank or given						
	a valid response to each subset of the physical activity questions AND have						
	given a valid response to at least one subset of the physical activity questions						
	(CLN=	-		7 1			
Created	Name	Purpose	Values	Condition			
Variables	С	Output table values	"did vigorous	P1=1 OR P10=1			
			physical				
			activity"				
			"did no vigorous	ELSE			
			physical				
			activity"				
	CLN	Checks to see if all	1	Valid=1 AND P1t3CLN=1 AND			
		physical activity		P4t6CLN=1 AND P7t9CLN=1			
		responses, as a		AND P10t12CLN=1 AND			
		combined set, are		P13t15CLN=1			
		valid: all subsets of		AND			
		responses must be		P1≠(.) OR P4≠(.) OR P7≠(.) OR			
		clean and at least		P10≠(.) OR P13≠(.)			
		one subset of	2	ELSE			
		responses must have					
		a response (not					
		missing)					

**Sedentary** Description: Minutes spent in sedentary activities on average per day.

# Instrument questions

• P16: sedentary behaviour

Mean/Median minutes spent in sedentary activities on average per day										
Age		Men				Women			<b>Both Sex</b>	es
Group (years)	n	# minutes	95% CI		n	# minutes	95% CI	n	# minutes	95% CI

<b>Questions Used</b>	P16a&b						
Program	Psedentary (unweighted mean & median values), PsedentaryWT						
	(weighted mean values), <b>PsedentarymedianWT</b> (weighted median values)						
General	Reports the	mean or median amou	int of seder	ntary activity in minutes.			
	Before any of the below variables are created ALL CleanRecode programs						
	are called. To be included in the output, the respondent must have either						
	left blank or given a valid response to each subset of the physical activity						
				to at least one subset of the			
	-	ivity questions (CLN=		<del>-</del>			
	CleanRecodeP16 from P16a and P16b. It contains the total sedentary time						
	in mins.			•			
Created	Name	Purpose	Values	Condition			
Created Variables	Name CLN	Purpose Checks to see if all	Values 1	Condition Valid=1 AND P16CLN=1			
		Checks to see if all physical activity responses, as a					
		Checks to see if all physical activity responses, as a combined set, are					
		Checks to see if all physical activity responses, as a combined set, are valid: all subsets of					
		Checks to see if all physical activity responses, as a combined set, are valid: all subsets of responses must be					
		Checks to see if all physical activity responses, as a combined set, are valid: all subsets of responses must be clean and at least	1	Valid=1 AND P16CLN=1			
		Checks to see if all physical activity responses, as a combined set, are valid: all subsets of responses must be clean and at least one subset of					
		Checks to see if all physical activity responses, as a combined set, are valid: all subsets of responses must be clean and at least one subset of responses must have	1	Valid=1 AND P16CLN=1			
		Checks to see if all physical activity responses, as a combined set, are valid: all subsets of responses must be clean and at least one subset of	1	Valid=1 AND P16CLN=1			