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The main objectives of this study are to examine how Thai youths use leisure time in recreational activities and factors affecting recreational activities differences of Thai youths. The data are drawn from a survey conducted by the National Statistical Office called "The Cultural Activity Participation and Time Use Survey 1990." The sample population for this study covers 15,579 persons, 15-24 years of age.

This study found that in their leisure time, Thai youths participate to different extents in each of the recreational activities asked in the survey with the majority of them viewing television, listening to radio and cassette tapes, reading newspaper, books and magazines, meeting friends or relatives, doing sports and exercise. Only a minority of them like to window shop, view cinema and video tapes, do a hobby and stroll in the park. The analysis also revealed that different recreational activities patterns were affected by many independent variables, with the level of statistical significance at 0.05. There are 1) Listening to radio and tape recorder depended on gender, household size, level of education, work status, place of residence (rural/urban) and region. 2) Viewing television depended on gender, household size, work status and region. 3) Viewing video recorder depended on level of education, place of residence and region. 4) Viewing cinema and shows depended on gender, level of education, place of residence and region. 5) Reading newspaper depended on age, level of education and region. 6) Reading books and magazines depended on level of education, work status, religious, place of residence and region. 7) Doing sports and exercise depended on gender and region. 8) Meeting friends or relatives depended on gender, household size, level of education, place of residence and region. 9) Window shopping depended on household size and region. 10) Strolling in the park depended on work status. 11) Having a hobby depended on level of education, place of residence and region.