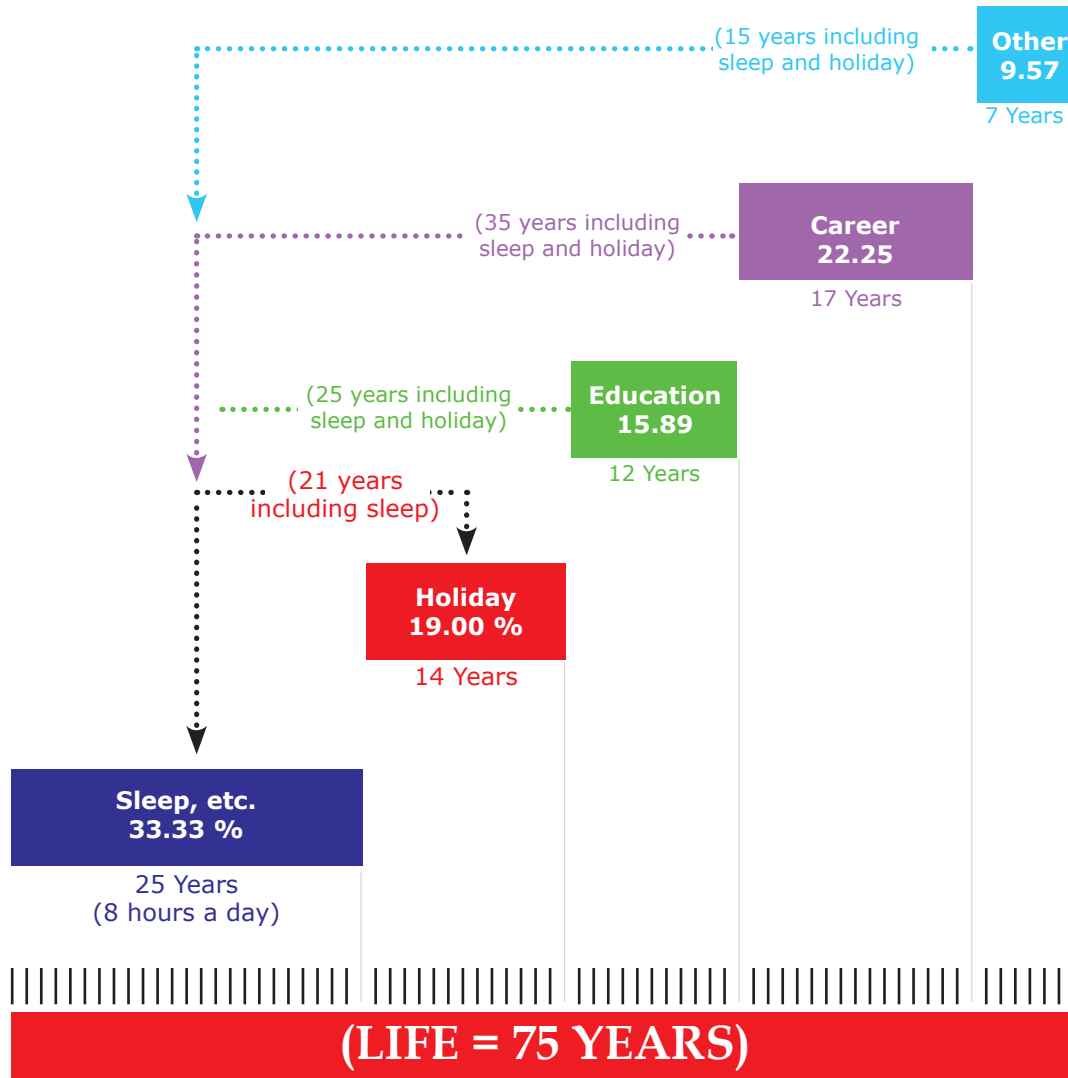


Life Fractions



We spend 25 years in education in preparation to build a career that lasts only 35 years. That is like digging a 5 feet foundation for a house that is 7 feet high.

One third of our life is gone sleeping and doing other regular chores like using the restroom, taking shower, brushing teeth, eating, etc. If we expect to live 75 years, then that is our precious 25 years taken from life.

Similarly, 2 days holiday every week is equivalent to 21 years in 75 years, out of which, we still spend one third in sleeping. So that is 14 years of life. These two account for more than half of our life (52%).

The whole childhood and adolescence that we spend in education and training accounts for 25 years of our life. Cutting out sleeping time and holidays, that is effectively 12 years (16%). All these years, we are taught how and what to write in exam. How to build a successful career is a very little discussed topic, and how to lead a good life is almost never mentioned.

Then we start our professional career at the age of 25 to 30 years, and it lasts for around 35 years. Subtracting sleeping time and holidays, effectively, our career time covers 17 years of our life (22%). The remaining 10% is accounted for socializing, retirement, dressing, cooking, organizing, etc.

Spending so much of time in education and training in hope for a good career is ridiculous. The time, effort and money invested in education is totally unjustifiable. Moreover, education doesn't give us much of the career skills.

Therefore, the schooling time should be shortened and the curriculum must include career skills as well as life skills. Education should not be taken as a means for seeking a job, but for leading a better life.