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Respondents' ratings of the honesty and ethical standards of various occupations

By type of occupation, United States, 2004

Question: "Please tell me how you would rate the honesty and ethical standards of people in these different fields--very high, high, average, low, or very low: . . .?"^a

	Very high	High	Average	Low	Very low	Don't know/refused
Nurses	24%	55%	19%	2%	(a)	(a)
Grade school teachers	23	50	23	2	(a)	2%
Military officers	22	50	21	3	1%	3
Druggist, pharmacist	19	53	25	2	1	(a)
Police	17	43	31	7	2	(a)
Clergy	15	41	33	6	2	3
Judges	13	40	35	8	2	2
Medical doctors	15	52	27	4	1	1
Day care providers	10	39	41	4	1	5
Bankers	6	30	55	7	1	1
Auto mechanics	5	21	52	17	4	1
TV reporters	5	18	48	20	8	1
Newspaper reporters	5	16	50	21	7	1
Nursing home operators	4	20	47	19	5	5
Lawyers	4	14	45	24	11	2
Local officeholders	3	23	57	11	4	2
State officeholders	3	21	56	14	5	1
Business executives	3	17	53	18	6	3
Congress members	2	18	52	21	5	2
Advertising practitioners	2	8	51	27	8	4
Car sales people	2	7	42	34	13	2

Note: These data are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,015 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Nov. 19-21, 2004. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

^aLess than 0.5%.

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