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

By type of occupation, United States, 2005

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: . . .?"

	Very high/ high	Average	Low/ very low
Nurses	82%	15%	3%
Druggist, pharmacists	67	28	4
Medical doctors	65	31	4
High school teachers	64	27	7
Police	61	31	8
Clergy	54	35	8
Funeral directors	44	42	8
Bankers	41	48	10
Accountants	39	51	7
Journalists	28	44	27
Real estate agents	20	58	20
Building contractors	20	58	19
Lawyers	18	46	35
Stockbrokers	16	56	23
Business executives	16	52	30
Senators	16	48	35
Labor union leaders	16	43	35
Congress members	14	44	41
Advertising practitioners	11	50	35
Car sales people	8	41	49
Telemarketers	7	31	60

Note: These data are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,002 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Nov. 17-20, 2005. The "don't know/refused" category has been omitted; therefore percents may not sum to 100. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

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