

Table 2.17

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

By type of occupation, United States, 2003

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	Don't know/refused
Nurses	25%	58%	16%	1%	(a)	(a)
Clergy	17	39	34	6	2%	2%
Druggist, pharmacists	17	50	29	2	1	1
Medical doctors	16	52	27	4	1	(a)
Veterinarians	16	52	27	2	(a)	3
Police	14	45	35	4	2	(a)
College teachers	12	47	33	5	1	2
Engineers	12	47	36	2	(a)	3
Dentists	11	50	34	3	1	1
Psychiatrists	8	30	44	11	2	5
Bankers	5	30	53	9	2	1
Chiropractors	5	26	49	13	2	5
Journalists	4	21	49	18	7	1
State governors	4	22	52	18	3	1
Congress members	3	14	52	25	5	1
Lawyers	3	13	47	25	11	1
Business executives	2	16	56	20	5	1
Car sales people	2	5	39	39	14	1
HMO managers	2	9	45	28	11	5
Insurance sales people	2	10	56	24	7	1
Senators	2	18	53	21	6	(a)
Stockbrokers	2	13	54	23	6	2
Advertising practitioners	1	11	48	29	7	4

Note: These data are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,004 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Nov. 14-16, 2003. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

^aLess than 0.5%.

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