

Table 2.17.2006

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

By type of occupation, United States, 2006

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	84%	14%	2%
Druggist, pharmacists	73	23	4
Veterinarians	71	23	2
Medical doctors	69	26	6
Dentists	62	34	4
Engineers	61	33	3
Clergy	58	29	9
College teachers	58	32	7
Police	54	34	11
Psychiatrists	38	42	12
Bankers	37	52	10
Chiropractors	36	48	10
Journalists	26	48	25
State governors	22	52	26
Business executives	18	53	27
Lawyers	18	42	38
Stockbrokers	17	56	23
Senators	15	49	35
Congress members	14	45	40
Insurance sales people	13	51	34
HMO managers	12	45	37
Advertising practitioners	11	49	35
Car sales people	7	36	55

Note: These data are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,009 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Dec. 8-10, 2006. 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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