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

By type of occupation, United States, 2007

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	83%	15%	1%
Grade-school teachers	74	20	4
Druggists, pharmacists	71	26	3
Military officers	65	28	5
Medical doctors	64	29	7
Clergy	53	33	10
Police	53	38	9
Judges	46	41	12
Day-care providers	44	43	7
Bankers	35	49	15
Auto mechanics	25	56	17
TV reporters	23	49	26
Newspaper reporters	22	52	26
Nursing home operators	21	50	25
Local officeholders	20	56	23
Lawyers	15	49	35
Business executives	14	54	30
State officeholders	12	55	33
Congress members	9	45	45
Advertising practitioners	6	46	42
Car sales people	5	39	53
Lobbyists	5	33	58

Note: These data are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,006 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Nov. 30-Dec. 2, 2007. 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](#).

Source: The Gallup Organization, Inc., *The Gallup Poll* [Online]. Available: <http://www.gallup.com/poll/103123/Lobbyists-Debut-Bottom-Honesty-Ethics-List.aspx> [Mar. 18, 2008]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff. Reprinted by permission.