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

By type of occupation, United States, 2009

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	83%	14%	2%	1%
Druggists, pharmacists	66	29	5	1
Medical doctors	65	28	7	1
Police	63	26	10	(a)
Engineers	62	31	4	3
Dentists	57	35	7	1
College teachers	54	33	11	3
Clergy	50	36	10	4
Chiropractors	34	47	12	7
Psychiatrists	33	44	15	7
Journalists	23	45	31	1
Bankers	19	46	33	1
State governors	15	48	35	1
Lawyers	13	45	40	1
Business executives	12	48	38	2
Advertising practitioners	11	46	38	5
Senators	11	38	49	1
Insurance salespeople	10	47	42	1
Stockbrokers	9	40	46	5
Congress members	9	35	55	1
HMO managers	8	40	43	8
Car salespeople	6	40	51	2

Note: These data are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,017 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Nov. 20-22, 2009. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

<sup>a</sup>Less than 0.5%.

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