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

By type of occupation, United States, 2010

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	81%	16%	1%	1%
Military officers	73	23	3	1
Druggists, pharmacists	71	25	4	(a)
Grade school teachers	67	24	6	2
Medical doctors	66	28	5	1
Police	57	33	10	(a)
Clergy	53	35	8	4
Judges	47	37	14	2
Day care providers	47	41	7	5
Auto mechanics	28	55	16	2
Nursing home operators	26	48	24	3
Bankers	23	48	28	1
TV reporters	23	47	29	1
Newspaper reporters	22	49	27	2
Local officeholders	20	55	24	2
Lawyers	17	47	35	1
Business executives	15	52	32	2
State officeholders	12	49	37	2
Advertising practitioners	11	48	37	4
Congress members	9	32	57	1
Car salespeople	7	42	49	2
Lobbyists	7	29	61	4

Note: These data are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,037 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Nov. 19-21, 2010. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

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

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