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

By type of occupation, United States, 2012

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	85%	12%	3%
Druggists, pharmacists	75	21	3
Medical doctors	70	26	4
Dentists	62	33	4
Police officers	58	32	10
Clergy	52	33	9
Psychiatrists	41	43	11
Journalists	24	45	30
Bankers	28	48	24
Business executives	21	50	27
State governors	20	48	31
Lawyers	19	42	38
Insurance salespeople	15	49	36
Senators	14	39	45
HMO managers	12	52	27
Stockbrokers	11	48	39
Advertising practitioners	11	50	36
Members of Congress	10	34	54
Car salespeople	8	43	49

Note: These data are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,015 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Nov. 26-29, 2012. 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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