

TABLE 8-3 PRESTIGE RANKINGS OF OCCUPATIONS

Occupation	Score	Occupation	Score
Physician	86	Bank teller	50
College professor	78	Electrician	49
Lawyer	76	Farm manager	48
Dentist	74	Insurance agent	47
Banker	72	Secretary	46
Architect	71	Mail carrier	42
Airline pilot	70	Farmer	41
Clergy	69	Correctional officer	40
Registered nurse	66	Carpenter	40
High school teacher	63	Barber	38
Legislator	61	Child care worker	36
Pharmacist	61	Hotel clerk	32
Elementary school teacher	60	Bus driver	32
Veterinarian	60	Truck driver	30
Police officer or detective	60	Salesworker (shoes)	28
Prekindergarten teacher	60	Waiter and waitress	28
Accountant	57	Cook (short-order)	28
Librarian	55	Bartender	25
Firefighter	53	Garbage collector	17
Funeral director	52	Janitor	16
Social worker	52	Newspaper vendor	15

Think about It Can you name what you think are two more high-prestige occupations? Two more low-prestige occupations? Explain why you consider those jobs to be of high or low prestige.

Note: 100 is the highest and 0 the lowest possible prestige score.

Source: General Social Surveys 1972–2016 in T.Smith et al. 2017: 3260–3266.