

Selected Occupations in the United States

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Learning Objective: 11.1

VOCABULARY FLASHCARDS

Key terms in module. Students can use the flashcards to assess what they have learned. They have the ability to show/hide definitions or terms.

REVEL offers a 5-question end-of-module quiz, focused on the distribution of income and wealth in the United States, that allows students to practice their content mastery.

Table 11-1 The Relative Social Prestige of Selected Occupations in the United States

White-Collar Occupations	Prestige Score	Blue-Collar Occupations
Physician	86	
Lawyer	75	
College/university professor	74	
Physicist, astronomer	73	
Architect	73	
Dentist	72	
Member of the clergy	69	
Psychologist	69	
Pharmacist	68	
Optometrist	67	
Registered nurse	66	
Secondary school teacher	66	
Elementary school teacher	66	
Accountant	65	
Athlete	65	
Electrical engineer	64	
Economist	63	
Veterinarian	62	
Airplane pilot	61	
Computer programmer	61	
Sociologist	61	
Editor, reporter	60	
	60	Police officer
Actor	58	
Radio or TV announcer	55	
Librarian	54	
	53	Aircraft mechanic
	53	Firefighter
Dental hygienist	52	
Painter, sculptor	52	
Social worker	52	
	51	Electrician
Real estate agent	49	
Bookkeeper	47	
	47	Machinist
Musician, composer	47	
	47	Mail carrier
	46	Secretary
Photographer	45	
Bank teller	43	
	42	Tailor
	40	Farmer
	39	Carpenter
	36	Bricklayer, stonemason
	36	Hairdresser
	36	Child care worker
	35	Baker
	34	Bulldozer operator
	31	Auto body repairer
	30	Truck driver
Retail apparel salesperson	30	
Cashier	29	
	28	Garbage collector
	28	Taxi driver
	28	Waiter, waitress
	27	Bellhop
	25	Bartender
	23	Household laborer
	22	Door-to-door salesperson
	22	Janitor
	9	Shoe shiner

SOURCE: Adapted from *General Social Surveys, 1972–2012: Cumulative Codebook* (Chicago: National Opinion Research Center, 2013:2993–3000).

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