

**TABLE 1a**  
**PRESTIGE OF 30 PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS**  
**Summary Grid**

“Below is a list of occupations. For each how, if at all, prestigious do you find the occupation?”

Base: All adults

		<b>MORE PRESTIGE (NET)</b>	Has a great deal of prestige	Has prestige	<b>LESS PRESTIGE (NET)</b>	Has not that much prestige	Not at all prestigious
Doctor	%	<b>90</b>	51	39	<b>10</b>	6	4
Scientist	%	<b>83</b>	37	46	<b>17</b>	11	6
Firefighter	%	<b>80</b>	40	40	<b>20</b>	14	6
Military officer	%	<b>78</b>	38	40	<b>22</b>	15	7
Engineer	%	<b>76</b>	22	54	<b>24</b>	16	8
Nurse	%	<b>76</b>	31	44	<b>24</b>	18	6
Architect	%	<b>72</b>	20	52	<b>28</b>	19	9
Emergency medical technician (EMT)	%	<b>72</b>	29	43	<b>28</b>	21	7
Veterinarian	%	<b>71</b>	24	48	<b>29</b>	20	9
Police officer	%	<b>67</b>	28	39	<b>33</b>	24	10
Teacher	%	<b>65</b>	28	37	<b>35</b>	25	10
Entrepreneur	%	<b>65</b>	19	46	<b>35</b>	26	9
Chef	%	<b>62</b>	12	50	<b>38</b>	29	9
Athlete	%	<b>62</b>	23	39	<b>38</b>	23	15
Lawyer	%	<b>62</b>	20	42	<b>38</b>	24	15
Musician	%	<b>61</b>	16	45	<b>39</b>	29	10
Business executive	%	<b>59</b>	14	45	<b>41</b>	28	12
Actor	%	<b>59</b>	21	38	<b>41</b>	25	16
Religious vocation (e.g., Priest, Rabbi, Nun)	%	<b>59</b>	22	36	<b>41</b>	27	14
IT technician/consultant	%	<b>51</b>	9	42	<b>49</b>	34	15
Farmer	%	<b>50</b>	18	32	<b>50</b>	33	17
Journalist	%	<b>47</b>	9	38	<b>53</b>	36	17
Web developer/designer	%	<b>46</b>	9	38	<b>54</b>	38	15
Accountant	%	<b>45</b>	9	37	<b>55</b>	39	16
Banker	%	<b>44</b>	9	35	<b>56</b>	40	16
Politician	%	<b>40</b>	13	27	<b>60</b>	27	34
Stockbroker	%	<b>39</b>	8	30	<b>61</b>	40	21
Video game developer/designer	%	<b>37</b>	8	29	<b>63</b>	41	22
Real estate broker/agent	%	<b>32</b>	6	27	<b>68</b>	47	20
Public relations (PR) consultant	%	<b>31</b>	5	26	<b>69</b>	47	21

Note: Percentages may not add up exactly to 100% due to rounding

**TABLE 1b**  
**PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS SEEN AS “PRESTIGIOUS” (NET)**  
*By Generation*

“Below is a list of occupations. For each how, if at all, prestigious do you find the occupation?”

Base: All adults

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Millennials (18-35)</b>	<b>Gen X (36-50)</b>	<b>Baby Boomers (51-69)</b>	<b>Matures (70+)</b>
	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
Doctor	<b>90</b>	85	89	93	96
Scientist	<b>83</b>	80	80	85	92
Firefighter	<b>80</b>	75	76	86	86
Military officer	<b>78</b>	73	77	83	79
Engineer	<b>76</b>	77	70	77	82
Nurse	<b>76</b>	71	70	80	90
Architect	<b>72</b>	74	67	73	78
Emergency medical technician (EMT)	<b>72</b>	66	66	78	81
Veterinarian	<b>71</b>	67	65	76	84
Police officer	<b>67</b>	63	64	69	75
Teacher	<b>65</b>	66	58	66	73
Entrepreneur	<b>65</b>	64	63	67	64
Chef	<b>62</b>	67	59	62	60
Athlete	<b>62</b>	65	68	58	53
Lawyer	<b>62</b>	71	61	56	55
Musician	<b>61</b>	67	61	59	47
Business executive	<b>59</b>	64	60	57	54
Actor	<b>59</b>	65	65	55	45
Religious vocation (e.g., Priest, Rabbi, Nun)	<b>59</b>	52	55	63	73
IT technician/consultant	<b>51</b>	53	43	52	60
Farmer	<b>50</b>	54	42	50	60
Journalist	<b>47</b>	54	41	45	47
Web developer/designer	<b>46</b>	47	45	45	53
Accountant	<b>45</b>	48	40	44	56
Banker	<b>44</b>	50	40	41	42
Politician	<b>40</b>	57	43	28	21
Stockbroker	<b>39</b>	44	39	34	37
Video game developer/designer	<b>37</b>	44	40	31	27
Real estate broker/agent	<b>32</b>	42	34	25	24
Public relations (PR) consultant	<b>31</b>	42	32	25	22

**TABLE 2a**

**“WOULD/WOULDN’T ENCOURAGE A CHILD TO PURSUE” FOR 30 PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS**

“Now, thinking of the same list of occupations, which ones you would suggest a child think about as a future profession and which one you would discourage them from pursuing?”

Base: All adults

		<b>Would encourage a child to pursue</b>	<b>Would discourage a child from pursuing</b>
Doctor	%	90	10
Engineer	%	89	11
Nurse	%	88	12
Scientist	%	88	12
Architect	%	87	13
Veterinarian	%	86	14
Emergency medical technician (EMT)	%	79	21
IT technician/consultant	%	78	22
Teacher	%	78	22
Accountant	%	75	25
Chef	%	75	25
Web developer/designer	%	74	26
Entrepreneur	%	74	26
Firefighter	%	73	27
Business executive	%	73	27
Lawyer	%	70	30
Military officer	%	64	36
Video game developer/designer	%	62	38
Musician	%	59	41
Banker	%	58	42
Journalist	%	57	43
Police officer	%	57	43
Athlete	%	56	44
Farmer	%	54	46
Real estate broker/agent	%	53	47
Public relations (PR) consultant	%	50	50
Religious vocation (e.g., Priest, Rabbi, Nun)	%	50	50
Actor	%	47	53
Stockbroker	%	47	53
Politician	%	30	70

Note: Percentages may not add up exactly to 100% due to rounding

**TABLE 2b**  
**“WOULD ENCOURAGE” SUMMARY**  
*By Generation*

“Now, thinking of the same list of occupations, which ones you would suggest a child think about as a future profession and which one you would discourage them from pursuing?”

Base: All adults

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Millennials (18-35)</b>	<b>Gen X (36-50)</b>	<b>Baby Boomers (51-69)</b>	<b>Matures (70+)</b>
	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
Doctor	<b>90</b>	91	89	89	94
Engineer	<b>89</b>	89	89	87	93
Nurse	<b>88</b>	89	87	88	92
Scientist	<b>88</b>	88	86	89	93
Architect	<b>87</b>	85	87	87	85
Veterinarian	<b>86</b>	84	86	87	89
Emergency medical technician (EMT)	<b>79</b>	83	77	75	84
IT technician/consultant	<b>78</b>	76	80	78	80
Teacher	<b>78</b>	81	78	75	79
Accountant	<b>75</b>	77	77	70	81
Chef	<b>75</b>	78	77	72	70
Web developer/designer	<b>74</b>	76	79	72	64
Entrepreneur	<b>74</b>	80	73	74	60
Firefighter	<b>73</b>	80	72	70	68
Business executive	<b>73</b>	78	77	66	72
Lawyer	<b>70</b>	82	69	61	61
Military officer	<b>64</b>	69	60	64	64
Video game developer/designer	<b>62</b>	67	72	55	44
Musician	<b>59</b>	68	61	54	50
Banker	<b>58</b>	67	62	51	48
Journalist	<b>57</b>	64	59	52	52
Police officer	<b>57</b>	65	56	51	54
Athlete	<b>56</b>	68	63	45	43
Farmer	<b>54</b>	58	56	49	51
Real estate broker/agent	<b>53</b>	64	58	45	38
Public relations (PR) consultant	<b>50</b>	59	55	41	39
Religious vocation (e.g., Priest, Rabbi, Nun)	<b>50</b>	50	49	50	49
Actor	<b>47</b>	60	53	38	26
Stockbroker	<b>47</b>	57	54	36	36
Politician	<b>30</b>	46	31	21	14

**TABLE 3**  
**PRESTIGE VS. WOULD ENCOURAGE A CHILD TO PURSUE**

“Now, thinking of the same list of occupations, which ones you would suggest a child think about as a future profession and which one you would discourage them from pursuing?”

Base: All adults

		<b>Prestigious (NET)</b>	<b>Would Encourage a Child to Pursue</b>	<b>% Points Difference</b>
Doctor	%	90	90	=
Scientist	%	83	88	<5>
Firefighter	%	80	73	<7>
Military officer	%	78	64	<14>
Engineer	%	76	89	<13>
Nurse	%	76	88	<12>
Architect	%	72	87	<15>
Emergency medical technician (EMT)	%	72	79	<7>
Veterinarian	%	71	86	<15>
Police officer	%	67	57	<10>
Teacher	%	65	78	<13>
Entrepreneur	%	65	74	<9>
Chef	%	62	75	<13>
Athlete	%	62	56	<6>
Lawyer	%	62	70	<8>
Musician	%	61	59	<2>
Business executive	%	59	73	<14>
Actor	%	59	47	<12>
Religious vocation (e.g., Priest, Rabbi, Nun)	%	59	50	<9>
IT technician/consultant	%	51	78	<27>
Farmer	%	50	54	<4>
Journalist	%	47	57	<10>
Web developer/designer	%	46	74	<28>
Accountant	%	45	75	<30>
Banker	%	44	58	<14>
Politician	%	40	30	<10>
Stockbroker	%	39	47	<8>
Video game developer/designer	%	37	62	<25>
Real estate broker/agent	%	32	53	<21>
Public relations (PR) consultant	%	31	50	<19>

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**TABLE 4a**  
**SOME OCCUPATIONS FOR ONE GENDER AND NOT THE OTHER?**  
**Summary Grid**

“How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?”

Base: All adults

		<b>Agree (NET)</b>	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	<b>Disagree (NET)</b>	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
There are some occupations that I would encourage a boy to pursue but not a girl.	%	<b>46</b>	15	31	<b>54</b>	19	34
There are some occupations that I would encourage a girl to pursue but not a boy.	%	<b>43</b>	15	29	<b>57</b>	21	35

Note: Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.

**TABLE 4b**  
**AGREE THAT SOME OCCUPATIONS FOR ONE GENDER AND NOT THE OTHER**  
**“Agree” Summary By Generation & Gender**

“How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?”

Base: All adults

		<b>Generation</b>				<b>Gender</b>		<b>Political Party</b>			
		<b>Total</b>	Millennials (18-35)	Gen X (36-50)	Baby Boomers (51-69)	Matures (70+)	Men	Women	Rep	Dem	Ind
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
There are some occupations that I would encourage a boy to pursue but not a girl.	<b>46</b>	43	46	47	58	55	39	58	40	47	
There are some occupations that I would encourage a girl to pursue but not a boy.	<b>43</b>	38	44	44	54	50	37	51	40	43	

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