

"Ten Most Frequently Listed Occupations by Sex, Iowa, 1900-2000," 2008

Table 11.9 Ten Most Frequently Listed Occupations by Sex, Iowa, 1900-2000

Year and Occupations of Females		Number
1900	Servant	29,375
	Teacher	19,562
	Dressmaker	10,061
	Farmer	6,751
	Housekeeper	5,251
	Saleswoman	3,605
	Laundress	3,437
	Milliner	3,387
	Musician or Teacher of Music	2,200
	Stenographer or Typist	1,956

Year and Occupations of Males		Number
1900	Farmer	227,160
	Farm Laborer (Member of Family)	67,177
	Farm Laborer	64,476
	General Laborer	55,655
	Merchant or Dealer	25,221
	Carpenter or Joiner	18,780
	Drayman, Teamster or Expressman	12,329
	Salesman	12,260
	Steam Railroad Laborer	11,902
	Miner or Quarryman	11,078

Year and Occupations of Females		Number
1910	Servant	24,097
	Teacher	22,088
	Dressmaker or Seamstress	11,325
	Saleswoman	5,916
	Housekeeper	5,230
	Stenographer or Typist	5,041
	Laundress	4,732
	Farmer	4,546
	Farm Laborer	4,005
	Milliner or Millinery Dealer	3,498

Year and Occupations of Males		Number
1910	Farmer	204,349
	Farm Laborer	124,653
	Retail Dealer	28,561
	Building or Hand Trade Laborer	25,058
	Carpenter	19,143
	Railroad Transportation Laborer	17,299
	Coal Mine Operative	13,990
	Salesman	13,774
	Drayman, Teamster or Expressman	8,800
	Painter, Glazier, Varnisher or Enameller	7,619

Year and Occupations of Females		Number
1920	Teacher	23,550
	Servant	17,041
	Stenographer or Typist	9,940
	Saleswoman	9,045
	Bookkeeper, Cashier or Accountant	8,285
	Housekeeper	6,515
	Dressmaker or Seamstress	5,555
	Clerk (Except in Stores)	5,296
	Telegraph or Telephone Operator	4,197
	Farmer	3,793

Year and Occupations of Males		Number
1920	Farmer	209,442
	Farm Laborer	100,208
	Retail Proprietor	29,519
	Carpenter or Joiner	21,232
	Building or general laborer	18,852
	Salesman	17,780
	Railroad Transportation Laborer	12,819
	Coal Mine Operative	12,809
	Clerk (Except in Stores)	11,931
	Machinist, Millwright or Toolmaker	10,780

Year and Occupations of Females		Number
1930	Teacher	26,349
	Servant (Except Cook)	21,447
	Stenographer or Typist	11,755
	Saleswoman	11,507
	Bookkeeper, Cashier or Accountant	8,926
	Clerk (Except in Stores)	7,331
	Trained Nurse	5,610
	Housekeeper	5,276
	Telegraph or Telephone Operator	4,911
	Farmer (Owner or Tenant)	4,760

Year and Occupations of Males		Number
1930	Farmer (Owner or tenant)	207,248
	Farm Laborer (Wage)	88,336
	Retail Dealer	31,653
	Salesman	28,124
	Farm Laborer (Unpaid Family Worker)	26,644
	Building or General Laborer	26,072
	Carpenter	14,555
	Chauffer, Truck or Tractor Driver	14,349
	Clerk (Except in Stores)	13,398
	Mechanic	11,532

Year and Occupations of Females		Number
1940	Teacher	22,003
	Servant (Private Family)	19,867
	Saleswomen	14,680
	Stenographer, Typist or Secretary	13,865
	Housekeeper (Private Family)	8,827
	Bookkeeper, Accountant or Cashier	8,739
	Manufacturing Operative	8,364
	Waitress	7,304
	Trained Nurse or Student Nurse	5,440
	Telegraph or Telephone Operator	4,091

Year and Occupations of Males		Number
1940	Farmer (Owner or Tenant)	203,002
	Farm Laborer (Wage)	62,955
	Salesman	40,332
	Farm Laborer (Unpaid Family Worker)	33,026
	Retail Trade Manager, Official or Proprietor	32,420
	Chauffer, Truck or Tractor Driver	27,065
	Manufacturing Operative	19,534
	Nonmanufacturing Laborer	17,463
	Mechanic or Repairman	14,335
	Manufacturing Laborer	13,561

Year and Occupations of Females		Number
1950	Retail Trade Saleswoman or Sales Clerk	22,608
	Teacher	19,222
	Stenographer, Typist or Secretary	18,856
	Manufacturing Operative	14,940
	Farm Laborer (Unpaid Family Worker)	14,742
	Private Household Worker	12,510
	Bookkeeper	11,610
	Waitress	11,146
	Cook (Except Private Household)	6,501
	Telegraph or Telephone Operator	6,475

Year and Occupations of Males		Number
1950	Farmer (Owner or Tenant)	196,249
	Farm Laborer (Wage)	41,835
	Manufacturing Operative	35,874
	Nonmanufacturing Laborer	31,061
	Retail Trade Manager, Official or Proprietor	29,918
	Mechanic or Repairman	27,593
	Truck or Tractor Driver	24,870
	Farm Laborer (Unpaid Family Worker)	22,918
	Retail Trade Salesman or Sales Clerk	22,747
	Carpenter	16,736

Year and Occupations of Females		Number
1960	Retail Trade Saleswoman or Sales Clerk	22,487
	Teacher	21,889
	Secretary	17,586
	Waitress	15,324
	Bookkeeper	14,960
	Cook (Except Private Household)	9,814
	Private Household Worker	9,790
	Manufacturing Operative	9,770
	Farm Laborer (Unpaid Family Worker)	9,104
	Professional Nurse	8,824

Year and Occupations of Males		Number
1960	Farmer (Owner or Tenant)	153,043
	Manufacturing Operative	33,490
	Mechanic or Repairman	31,870
	Truck or Tractor Driver	26,949
	Farm Laborer (Wage)	24,974
	Retail Trade Manager, Official or Proprietor	23,436
	Nonmanufacturing Laborer	22,793
	Retail Trade Salesman or Sales Clerk	20,257
	Foreman	13,443
	Carpenter	12,917

Year and Occupations of Females		Number
1970	Teacher (Except College or University)	30,450
	Secretary	30,362
	Bookkeeper	20,789
	Retail Trade Sales Clerk	19,605
	Waitress	18,150
	Nursing Aide, Orderly or Attendant	14,318
	Cook (Except Private Household)	12,317
	Registered Nurse	11,730
	Cashier	9,043
	Typist	7,272

Year and Occupations of Males		Number
1970	Farmer (Owner or Tenant)	100,635
	Mechanic or Repairman	30,250
	Truck Driver	24,624
	Retail Trade Manager or Administrator	19,152
	Foreman	17,981
	Farm Laborer (Wage)	17,901
	Janitor or Sexton	15,580
	Teacher (Except College or University)	12,447
	Carpenter	12,206
	Retail Trade Sales Clerk	10,612

Year and Occupations of Females		Number
1980	Secretary	45,736
	Teacher (Except Postsecondary)	34,678
	Retail or Personal Service Sales (Except Cashier)	30,046
	Bookkeeper, Audit or Account Clerk	26,637
	Machine Operator or Tender	22,241
	Nursing Aide, Orderly or Attendant	21,320
	Waitress	19,818
	Registered Nurse	17,735
	General Office Clerk	17,565
	Cashier	16,707

Year and Occupations of Males		Number
1980	Farm Operator	79,464
	Machine Operator or Tender	46,438
	Truck Driver	34,649
	Vehicle or Mobile Equipment Mechanic	24,386
	Fabricator or Assembler	22,976
	Janitor or Cleaner	21,108
	Farm Worker	20,246
	Precision Production Supervisor	18,267
	Retail or Personal Service Sales (Except Cashier)	17,706
	Teacher (Except Postsecondary)	15,633

Year and Occupations of Females		Number
1990	Secretary, Stenographer or Typist	49
	Teacher (Except Postsecondary)	37,709
	Retail or Personal Service Sales Worker	25,092
	Nursing Aide, Orderly or Attendant	23,801
	Registered Nurse	23,414
	Bookkeeper, Accounting or Auditing Clerk	23,177
	Cashier	22,373
	Machine Operator or Tender (Except Precision)	20,363
	Child care worker	18,293
	Cook	16,529

Year and Occupations of Males		Number
1990	Farm Operator or Manager	61,633
	Mechanic Repairer	43,957
	Machine Operator or Tender (Except Precision)	37,362
	Truck Driver	36,035
	Sales Worker Supervisor or Proprietor	25,830
	Fabricator, Assembler, Hand-Working Occupation	22,219
	Clean or Building Service Occupation (Except Household)	22,019
	Retail or Personal Services Sales Worker	18,014
	Freight, Stock or Material Handler	15,382
	Finance or Business Services Sales Representative	15,056

Year and Occupations of Females		Number
2000	Secretary or Administrative assistant	41,429
	Teacher (Except Postsecondary)	38,516
	Registered nurse	27,795
	Information or Record Clerk (Except Customer Service Representative)	24,790
	Cashier	22,594
	Child Care Worker	21,421
	Nursing, Psychiatric or Home Health Aide	21,181
	Retail Sales (Except Cashier)	20,682
	Bookkeeping, Accounting or Auditing Clerk	19,905
	Building/Grounds Cleaning or Maintenance Worker	17,945

Year and Occupations of Males		Number
2000	Driver/Sales or Truck Driver	41,577
	Farmer or Farm Manager	39,034
	Metal or Plastic Production Worker	32,515
	Electrical Equipment Mechanic or Other Installation Maintenance, A Repair Worker	31,564
	Material Moving Laborer	29,301
	Building/Grounds Cleaning or Maintenance Worker	25,540
	Vehicle or Mobile Equipment Mechanic, Installer or Repairer	24,166
	Material Recording Scheduling Dispatching, or Distributing Worker	24,071
	Services, Wholesale or Manufacturing Sales Representative	21,828
	Retail Sales (Except Cashier)	19,613