

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

Year and Occupations of Females	Number	Year and Occupations of Males	Number
1900:		1900:	
Servant	29,375	Farmer	227,160
Teacher	19,562	Farm laborer (member of family)	67,177
Dressmaker	10,061	Farm laborer	64,476
Farmer	6,751	General laborer	55,655
Housekeeper	5,251	Merchant or dealer	25,221
Saleswoman	3,605	Carpenter or joiner	18,780
Laundress	3,437	Drayman, teamster, or expressman	12,329
Milliner	3,387	Salesman	12,260
Musician or teacher of music	2,200	Steam railroad laborer	11,902
Stenographer or typist	1,956	Miner or quarryman	11,078
1910:		1910:	
Servant	24,097	Farmer	204,349
Teacher	22,088	Farm laborer	124,653
Dressmaker or seamstress	11,325	Retail dealer	28,561
Saleswoman	5,916	Building or hand trade laborer	25,058
Housekeeper	5,230	Carpenter	19,143
Stenographer or typist	5,041	Railroad transportation laborer	17,299
Laundress	4,732	Coal mine operative	13,990
Farmer	4,546	Salesman	13,774
Farm laborer	4,005	Drayman, teamster, or expressman	8,800
Milliner or millinery dealer	3,498	Painter, glazier, varnisher, or enameller	7,619
1920:		1920:	
Teacher	23,550	Farmer	209,442
Servant	17,041	Farm laborer	100,208
Stenographer or typist	9,940	Retail proprietor	29,519
Saleswoman	9,045	Carpenter	21,232
Bookkeeper, cashier, or accountant	8,285	Building or general laborer	18,852
Housekeeper	6,515	Salesman	17,780
Dressmaker or seamstress	5,555	Railroad transportation laborer	12,819
Clerk (except in stores)	5,296	Coal mine operative	12,809
Telegraph or telephone operator	4,197	Clerk (except in stores)	11,931
Farmer	3,793	Machinist, millwright, or toolmaker	10,780
1930:		1930:	
Teacher	26,349	Farmer (owner or tenant)	207,348
Servant (except cook)	21,447	Farm laborer (wage)	88,336
Stenographer or typist	11,755	Retail dealer	31,653
Saleswoman	11,507	Salesman	28,124
Bookkeeper, cashier, or accountant	8,926	Farm laborer (unpaid family worker)	26,644
Clerk (except in stores)	7,331	Building or general laborer	26,072
Trained nurse	5,610	Carpenter	14,555
Housekeeper	5,276	Chauffeur, truck or tractor driver	14,349
Telegraph or telephone operator	4,911	Clerk (except in stores)	13,398
Farmer (owner or tenant)	4,760	Mechanic	11,532
1940:		1940:	
Teacher	22,003	Farmer (owner or tenant)	203,002
Servant (private family)	19,867	Farm laborer (wage)	62,955
Saleswomen	14,680	Salesman	40,332
Stenographer, typist, or secretary	13,865	Farm laborer (unpaid family worker)	33,026
Housekeeper (private family)	8,827	Retail trade manager, official, or proprietor	32,420
Bookkeeper, accountant, or cashier	8,739	Chauffeur, driver, or deliveryman	27,065
Manufacturing operative	3,364	Manufacturing operative	19,534
Waitress	7,304	Nonmanufacturing laborer	17,463
Trained nurse or student nurse	5,440	Mechanic or repairman	14,335
Telegraph or telephone operator	4,091	Manufacturing laborer	13,561
1950:		1950:	
Retail trade saleswoman or sales clerk	22,608	Farmer (owner or tenant)	196,249
Teacher	19,222	Farm laborer (wage)	41,835
Stenographer, typist, or secretary	18,856	Manufacturing operative	35,874
Manufacturing operative	14,940	Nonmanufacturing laborer	31,061
Farm laborer (unpaid family worker)	14,742	Retail trade manager, official, or proprietor	29,918
Private household worker	12,510	Mechanic or repairman	27,593
Bookkeeper	11,610	Truck or tractor driver	24,870
Waitress	11,146	Farm laborer (unpaid family worker)	22,918
Cook (except private household)	6,501	Retail trade salesman or sales clerk	22,747
Telegraph or telephone operator	6,475	Carpenter	16,736

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

Year and Occupations of Females		Number	Year and Occupations of Males		Number
1960:			1960:		
Retail trade saleswoman or sales clerk		22,487	Farmer (owner or tenant)		153,043
Teacher		21,889	Manufacturing operative		33,490
Secretary		17,586	Mechanic or repairman		31,870
Waitress		15,324	Truck or tractor driver		26,949
Bookkeeper		14,960	Farm laborer (wage)		24,974
Cook (except private household)		9,814	Retail trade manager, official, or proprietor		23,436
Private household worker		9,790	Nonmanufacturing laborer		22,793
Manufacturing operative		9,770	Retail trade salesman or sales clerk		20,257
Farm laborer (unpaid family worker)		9,104	Foreman		13,443
Professional nurse		8,821	Carpenter		12,917
1970:			1970:		
Teacher (except college or university)		30,450	Farmer (owner or tenant)		100,635
Secretary		30,362	Mechanic or repairman		30,250
Bookkeeper		20,789	Truck driver		24,624
Retail trade sales clerk		19,605	Retail trade manager or administrator		19,152
Waitress		18,150	Foreman		17,981
Nursing aide, orderly, or attendant		14,318	Farm laborer (wage)		17,901
Cook (except private household)		12,317	Janitor or sexton		15,580
Registered nurse		11,730	Teacher (except college or university)		12,447
Cashier		9,043	Carpenter		12,206
Typist		7,272	Retail trade sales clerk		10,612
1980:			1980:		
Secretary		45,736	Farm operator		79,464
Teacher (except postsecondary)		34,678	Machine operator or tender		46,438
Retail or personal service sales (except cashier)		30,046	Truck driver		34,649
Bookkeeper, audit or account clerk		26,637	Vehicle or mobile equipment mechanic or repairer		24,386
Machine operator or tender		22,241	Fabricator or assembler		22,976
Nursing aide, orderly, or attendant		21,320	Janitor or cleaner		21,108
Waitress		19,818	Farm worker		20,246
Registered nurse		17,735	Precision production supervisor		18,267
General office clerk		17,565	Retail or personal service sales (except cashier)		17,706
Cashier		16,707	Teacher (except postsecondary)		15,633
1990:			1990:		
Secretary, stenographer, or typist		49,482	Farm operator or manager		61,633
Teacher (except postsecondary)		37,709	Mechanic or repairer		43,957
Retail or personal services sales worker		25,092	Machine operator or tender (except precision)		37,362
Nursing aide, orderly, or attendant		23,801	Truck driver		36,035
Registered nurse		23,414	Sales worker supervisor or proprietor		25,830
Bookkeeper, accounting or auditing clerk		23,177	Fabricator, assembler, hand-working occupation		22,219
Cashier		22,373	Cleaning or building service occupation (except household)		22,019
Machine operator or tender (except precision)		20,363	Retail or personal services sales worker		18,014
Child care worker		18,293	Freight, stock, or material handler		15,382
Cook		16,529	Finance or business services sales representative		15,056
2000:			2000:		
Secretary or administrative assistant		41,429	Driver/sales or truck driver		41,577
Teacher (except postsecondary)		38,516	Farmer or farm manager		39,034
Registered nurse		27,795	Metal or plastic production worker		32,515
Information or record clerk (except customer service representative)		24,790	Electrical equipment mechanic or other installation, maintenance, and repair worker		31,564
Cashier		22,594	Material moving laborer		29,301
Child care worker		21,421	Building/grounds cleaning or maintenance worker		25,540
Nursing, psychiatric, or home health aide		21,181	Vehicle or mobile equipment mechanic, installer, or repairer		24,166
Retail sales (except cashier)		20,682	Material recording, scheduling, dispatching, or distributing worker		24,071
Bookkeeping, accounting, or auditing clerk		19,905	Services, wholesale, or manufacturing sales representative		21,828
Building/grounds cleaning or maintenance worker		17,945	Retail sales (except cashier)		19,613

### Occupation by Race and Ethnicity

Distributions on general occupational groups have not differed greatly across the racial categories and

those of Hispanic origin, although the percentage of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the management/professional group of occupations was at least 10 percentage points greater than any of the other