

Table 1: Top 20 Occupations for Women Workers, 2005 (Employment in thousands)

	Total employed women	Total employed (men & women)	Percent women	Women's median weekly earnings*	Union density (all workers)
Total	65,762	141,730	46.4	\$585	12.5
Secretaries & admin. assistants	3,405	3,499	97.3	559	7.4
Cashiers	2,334	3,075	75.9	322	6.2
Registered nurses	2,230	2,416	92.3	930	16.6
Elementary & middle school teachers	2,150	2,616	82.2	813	52.5
Retail salespersons	1,686	3,248	51.9	401	1.2
Nursing, psychiatric, & home health aides	1,685	1,900	88.7	385	12.2
First-line supervisors/mngrs. of retail sales workers	1,462	3,523	41.5	525	4.0
Waiters & waitresses	1,384	1,927	71.8	332	1.7
Bookkeeping, accounting, & auditing clerks	1,329	1,456	91.3	551	4.7
Receptionists & information clerks	1,271	1,376	92.4	463	3.8
Child care workers	1,260	1,329	94.8	330	5.0
Customer service representatives	1,259	1,833	68.7	505	7.7
Maids & housekeeping cleaners	1,237	1,382	89.5	328	6.2
First-line supervisors/mngrs. of office & admin. support workers	1,115	1,598	69.8	656	7.3
Accountants & auditors	1,042	1,683	61.9	784	5.0
Teacher assistants	861	947	90.9	398	32.8
Office clerks, general	815	965	84.5	509	7.5
Cooks	777	1,838	42.3	314	4.6
Preschool & kindergarten teachers	702	719	97.7	520	18.9

*Weekly earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2005; Barry T. Hirsch & David A. Macpherson, Union Membership & Coverage Database from the CPS (Unionstats.com).