

**Ten Leading Occupations of Employed Women in the United States: 1870 to 2000**

1870	1890	1910	1930	1950	1970	1990	2000
Domestic Servants	Servants	Other Servants	Other Servants	Stenographers, Typists & Secretaries	Secretaries	Secretaries	Secretaries & Administrative Assistants
Agricultural Laborers	Agricultural Laborers	Home Farm Laborers	School Teachers	Other Clerical Workers	Sales Clerks, retail trade	Cashiers	Elementary & Middle School Teachers
Tailoresses & Seamstresses	Dressmakers	Laundresses (not in laundry)	Stenographers & Typists	Saleswomen	Bookkeepers	Bookkeepers, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	Registered Nurses
Milliners, Dress & Mantua Makers	Teachers	School Teachers	Other Clerks (except clerks in stores)	Private Household Workers	Elementary School Teachers	Registered Nurses	Cashiers
Teachers (not specified)	Farmers, Planters & Overseers	Dressmakers & Seamstresses (not in factory)	Saleswomen	Teachers (elementary school)	Typists	Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	Retail Salespersons
Cotton-Mill Operatives	Laundresses	Farm Laborers (working out)	Farm Laborers (unpaid family workers)	Waitresses	Waitresses	Elementary School Teachers	Bookkeeping, Accounting, & Auditing Clerks
Laundresses	Seamstresses	Cooks	Bookkeepers & Cashiers	Bookkeepers	Sewers & Stitches	Waiters & Waitresses	Nursing, Psychiatric, & Home Health Aides
Woolen-Mill Operatives	Cotton-Mill Operatives	Stenographers & Typewriters	Laundresses (not in laundry)	Sewers & Stitches	Registered Nurses	Sales Workers, other commodities	Customer Service Representatives
Farmers & Planters	Housekeepers	Farmers	Trained Nurses	Nurses, Registered	Cashiers	Child Care Workers	Child Care Workers
Nurses	Clerks & Copyists	Saleswomen (stores)	Other Cooks	Telephone Operators	Private Household Cleaners & Servants	Cooks, except short order	Waiters & Waitresses

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