

Six percent of U.S. employment was found in two sales-related occupations, retail salespersons and cashiers.

Figure 1 Largest occupations in the United States, May 2006

- One quarter of the employment in the United States was found in the 14 occupations in the adjacent table.
- Two of these occupations, registered nurses and general and operations managers, paid above the U.S. mean annual wage of \$39,190.

Occupation	Employment	Percent of U.S. employment	Mean wage	
			Hourly	Annual
Retail salespersons	4,374,230	3.30	\$ 11.51	\$ 23,940
Cashiers	3,479,390	2.62	8.62	17,930
Office clerks, general	3,026,710	2.28	12.12	25,200
Combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food	2,461,890	1.86	7.66	15,930
Registered nurses	2,417,150	1.82	28.71	59,730
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	2,372,130	1.79	11.08	23,050
Waiters and waitresses	2,312,930	1.74	8.27	17,190
Customer service representatives	2,147,770	1.62	14.61	30,400
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners	2,124,860	1.60	10.45	21,730
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks	1,856,890	1.40	15.28	31,780
Secretaries, except legal, medical, and executive	1,750,600	1.32	13.68	28,460
Stock clerks and order fillers	1,705,450	1.29	10.79	22,440
Truck drivers, heavy and tractor-trailer	1,673,950	1.26	17.46	36,320
General and operations managers	1,663,280	1.25	47.73	99,280

