

**Nontraditional Occupations for Women in 2006<sup>1</sup>**  
(Numbers in thousands)

<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Employed Both Sexes</u>	<u>Employed Female</u>	<u>Percent Female</u>
Farmers and ranchers	784	196	25.0
Cutting workers	78	19	24.8
Administrative services managers	87	21	24.4
Chefs and head cooks	313	75	23.9
Dishwashers	279	67	23.9
Chief executives	1,689	395	23.4
Chiropractors	69	16	23.1
Security guards and gaming surveillance officers	835	192	23.0
Dentists	196	44	22.6
Industrial engineers, including health and safety	174	39	22.6
Architects, except naval	221	49	22.2
Printing machine operators	208	46	22.2
Environmental scientists and geoscientists	101	22	22.0
Computer software engineers	846	184	21.8
Farm, ranch, and other agricultural managers	242	53	21.8
Drafters	181	39	21.8
Engineering technicians, except drafters	396	82	20.6
Baggage porters, bellhops, and concierges	78	16	20.6
Parking lot attendants	65	13	19.5
First-line supervisors/managers of production and operating workers	868	168	19.4
Couriers and messengers	273	49	17.9
Cutting, punching, and press machine setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic	119	21	17.9
Barbers	100	18	17.7
Chemical engineers	70	12	17.1
Molders and molding machine setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic	70	14	17.1
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	1,899	321	16.9
Supervisors, transportation and material moving workers	228	38	16.7
Network and computer systems administrators	180	30	16.6
Painting workers	173	29	16.6
Industrial production managers	298	49	16.4
Parts salespersons	149	24	16.3
Helpers—production workers	58	9	16.2
Computer hardware engineers	80	13	16.2
Taxi driver and chauffeurs	282	45	16.0
Broadcast and sound engineering technicians and radio operators	89	14	15.6
First-line supervisors/managers of police and detectives	103	16	15.5
Radio and telecommunications equipment and installers repairers	205	31	15.2
Cleaners of vehicles and equipment	401	60	15.0

Transportation, storage, and distribution managers	249	36	14.6
Coin, vending, and amusement machine servicers and repairers	62	9	14.3
Upholsterers	54	8	14.0
Precision instrument and equipment repairers	73	10	13.9
Aerospace engineers	110	14	13.1
Chemical processing machine setters, operators, tenders	57	7	13.0
Police and sheriff's patrol officers	655	84	12.8
Clergy	416	53	12.8
Cost estimators	114	14	12.7
Civil engineers	304	36	11.9
Crushing, grinding, polishing, mixing, and blending workers	105	12	11.2
Sawing machine setters, operators, and tenders, wood	58	6	10.5
Surveying and mapping technicians	96	10	9.9
Service station attendants	96	9	9.8
Computer, automated teller, and office machine repairers	371	36	9.7
Construction and building inspectors	102	9	8.8
Telecommunications line installers and repairers	210	18	8.6
First-line supervisors/managers of mechanics, installers, and repairers	357	30	8.5
Computer control programmers and operators	54	4	8.2
First-line supervisors/managers of landscaping, lawn service, and grounds keeping workers	235	19	8.0
Construction managers	1,010	79	7.8
Painters, construction and maintenance	713	55	7.7
Electrical and electronics engineers	382	29	7.7
Engineering managers	103	8	7.3
Industrial truck and tractor operators	574	41	7.2
Machinists	415	28	6.7
Railroad conductors and yardmasters	50	3	6.5
Grounds maintenance workers	1,259	78	6.2
Helpers, construction trades	132	8	6.2
Refuse and recyclable material collectors	91	6	6.1
Welding, soldering, and brazing workers	546	32	5.9
Mechanical engineers	322	19	5.8
Grinding, lapping, polishing, and buffing machine tool setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic	62	3	5.6
Aircraft mechanics and service technicians	141	7	5.3
Driver/sales workers and truck drivers	3,475	181	5.2
Cabinetmakers and bench carpenters	113	5	4.4
Maintenance and repair workers, general	435	17	4.0
Water and liquid waste treatment plant and system operators	95	4	4.0
Industrial and refractory machinery mechanics	436	17	3.8
Highway maintenance workers	103	4	3.8
Construction laborers	1,693	63	3.7
Fire fighters	253	9	3.5
Small engine mechanics	61	2	3.4

Sheet metal workers	125	4	3.1
Drywall installers, ceiling tile installers, and tapers	295	9	2.9
Millwrights	67	2	2.9
Operating engineers and other construction equipment	414	11	2.7
Heating, air conditioning, refrigeration mechanics and installers	405	11	2.7
Surveying and mapping technicians	95	3	2.7
First-line supervisors/managers of construction trades and extraction workers	976	25	2.6
Carpenters	1,843	44	2.4
Carpet, floor, and tile installer and finishers	279	7	2.4
Security and fire alarm systems installers	69	2	2.4
Stationary engineers and boiler operators	94	2	2.3
Aircraft pilots and flight engineers	115	3	2.2
Pest control workers	78	2	2.2
Structural iron and steel workers	59	1	2.2
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Electricians	882	17	1.9
Pipelayers, plumbers, pipefitters, and steamfitters	662	12	1.8
Operating engineers and other construction equipment operators	451	8	1.7
Automotive service technicians and mechanics	875	14	1.6
Brickmasons, blockmasons, and stonemasons	244	4	1.6
Crane and tower operators	54	1	1.5
Dredge, excavating, and loading machine operators	63	1	1.5
Home appliance repairers	56	1	1.5
Locomotive engineers and operators	51	7	1.4
Roofers	242	3	1.4
Heavy vehicle and mobile equipment service technicians and mechanics	237	3	1.4
Electrical power-line installers and repairers	109	1	.9
Tool and die makers	105	1	.9
Bus and truck mechanics and diesel engine specialists	367	3	.9
Farmers and ranchers	784	6	.8
Cement masons, concrete finishers, and terrazzo workers	107	1	.7
Automotive body and related repairers	162	1	.6
Logging workers	78	2	.2

<sup>1</sup>Nontraditional occupations are those in which women comprise 25 percent or less of total employed.  
Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Annual Averages 2006.

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