

Registered nurse remains the most common occupation for women

[Occupation](#) refers to the kind of work performed in a job, a job being all the tasks carried out by a particular worker to complete his or her duties. An occupation is a set of jobs that are sufficiently similar in work performed. The occupational data of the 2016 Census are produced using the [National Occupational Classification \(NOC\) 2016](#).

- New Brunswick women, aged 15 years and over, comprised just under half of the employed labour force (49.8%) in 2016.
- The 2016 Census provides the distribution of workers across 500 detailed occupations. The most common occupation for women was registered nurse and registered psychiatric nurse (accounting for 4.3% of all employed women), followed by cashier (4.1%) and retail salesperson (3.8%). Registered nurse was also the top occupation in 2011.
- Considering the 10 most common occupations for women, women accounted for more than 90% of workers in administrative assistants (96.7%) and registered nurses and registered psychiatric nurses (94.5%).

Top 10 detailed occupations for women in the employed labour force, N.B., 2016				
Occupation	Employed labour force		Distribution of women in the workforce (%)	Women's share of employed labour force (%)
	Total	Female		
Total Occupations - NOC 2016 (four-digit code)	339,045	169,000	100.0%	49.8%
Registered nurses and registered psychiatric nurses	7,670	7,245	4.3%	94.5%
Cashiers	8,470	6,925	4.1%	81.8%
Retail salespersons	12,090	6,500	3.8%	53.8%
Nurse aides, orderlies and patient service associates	6,610	5,820	3.4%	88.0%
Administrative assistants	5,405	5,225	3.1%	96.7%
Food counter attendants, kitchen helpers and related support occupations	7,250	5,155	3.1%	71.1%
Elementary school and kindergarten teachers	5,655	4,855	2.9%	85.9%
Other customer and information services representatives	7,375	4,655	2.8%	63.1%
General office support workers	4,630	3,970	2.3%	85.7%
Light duty cleaners	5,185	3,670	2.2%	70.8%

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