

### Registered Nurse Most Common Occupation for Women

[Occupation](#) refers to the kind of work persons were doing and the description of the main activities in their job. The occupational data of the 2011 National Household Survey (NHS) are produced using the [National Occupational Classification \(NOC\) 2011](#).

- In 2011, New Brunswick women comprised just under half of the employed labour force (49.2%).
- Among the 10 broad occupational categories, women aged 15 years and over were most likely to be employed in sales and service occupations (30.0%); business, finance and administration occupations (22.2%); occupations in education, law and social, community and government services (17.7%); and health occupations (13.4%).
- In addition to the broad categories, the 2011 NHS provides the distribution of workers across 500 detailed occupations. Among the detailed occupations, the most common occupation for women was registered nurse and registered psychiatric nurse (accounting for 4.4% of all employed women), followed by administrative assistant (4.3%), cashier (4.3%) and retail salesperson (4.2%).
- Considering the 10 most common occupations for women, women accounted for more than 90% of workers in: registered nurses and registered psychiatric nurses; administrative assistants; and home support workers, housekeepers and related occupations.

Top 10 detailed occupations for women in the employed labour force, N.B., 2011				
Occupation	Employed labour force		Distribution of women in the workforce (%)	Women's share of employed labour force (%)
	Total	Female		
<b>Total Occupations - NOC 2011 (four-digit code)</b>	<b>351,935</b>	<b>173,040</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>49.2%</b>
Registered nurses and registered psychiatric nurses	8,070	7,595	4.4%	94.1%
Administrative assistants	7,695	7,450	4.3%	96.8%
Cashiers	8,925	7,370	4.3%	82.6%
Retail salespersons	13,110	7,185	4.2%	54.8%
Elementary school and kindergarten teachers	6,305	5,565	3.2%	88.3%
Other customer and information services representatives	8,425	5,535	3.2%	65.7%
Nurse aides, orderlies and patient service associates	5,740	4,990	2.9%	86.9%
Food counter attendants, kitchen helpers and related support occupations	6,835	4,920	2.8%	72.0%
General office support workers	4,825	4,265	2.5%	88.4%
Home support workers, housekeepers and related occupations	4,145	3,940	2.3%	95.1%

Source: Statistics Canada, National Household Survey, 2011.