

Occupations of Gainfully Employed Irish Immigrants in New York, 1855

Occupation	# Irish-born and % of total
Skilled	
Bakers	861 (23%)
Blacksmiths	1,339 (50)
Brewers\distillers	52 (14)
Carpenters	2,230 (30)
Dressmaker\seamstress	4,559 (46)
Ironworkers	150 (56)
Machinists	398 (23)
Masons\bricklayers	2,203 (61)
Merchants	278 (4)
Policemen	292 (25)
Printers	519 (25)
Retail shopkeepers	916 (35)
Shoemakers	2,121 (31)
Tailors	4,171 (33)
Wine and liquor dealers	891 (55)
Professional	
Doctors	113 (8)
Lawyers	40 (4)
Unskilled	
Domestic servants	23,386 (74)
Laundresses	1,758 (69)
Laborers	17,426 (86)
Driver\hackmen\coach men	805 (46)

Source: Robert Ernst, *Immigrant Life in New York City, 1825-1863* and NY State Census of 1855