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Census Data: Working for a Living 2 Answer Key



A census is a count of the number of people in a country, city, or town. The United States Census Bureau is responsible for collecting data on American citizens and the economy. The Census Bureau conducts a census every ten year. It conducts annual surveys during those ten-year periods.



Directions: Round the numbers in the table to the nearest hundred thousand.

Working for a Living 2017		
Selected jobs with more than one million full-time, year-round workers		
Female Workers		Rounded Numbers
Customer service representatives	1,196,513	1,200,000
Accountants and auditors	1,014,827	1,000,000
Registered nurses	2,092,489	2,100,000
Elementary and middle school teachers	1,933,074	1,900,000
Secretaries and assistants	2,060,289	2,100,000
Male Workers		Rounded Numbers
First-line supervisors of retail sales workers	1,515,173	1,500,000
Janitors and building cleaners	1,188,748	1,200,000
Retail salespersons	1,039,912	1,000,000
Drivers/sales workers and truck drivers	2,585,286	2,600,000
Construction laborers	1,242,848	1,200,000

How does rounding the numbers change the information? **Sample Answer**

Rounding the numbers gives a general idea, rather than a precise count. When I rounded the numbers, I either increased the number in the hundred thousands place or lowered the number. I then added zeros from the ten thousands place to the ones place. Rounding these job totals changed the number of the jobs by either increasing or decreasing them. That means that the numbers are no longer precise and some of the values represent more than the actual amount of workers in that occupation, or some occupations are underrepresented. That at being said, the numbers are easier to remember and describe given that there are more zeros in more places.