

Table 2.14 Most prevalent occupations of the self-employed in the UK, July 2007 to June 2008

	Men	Thousands	Women	Thousands
1	Construction trades n.e.c. (5319) ^{1,2}	178 (6%)	Childminders and related occupations (6122)	80 (7%)
2	Taxi cab drivers and chauffeurs (8214)	153 (5%)	Teaching professionals n.e.c. (2319) ³	55 (5%)
3	Carpenters and joiners (5315)	140 (5%)	Cleaners, domestics (9233)	52 (4%)
4	Painters and decorators (5323)	90 (3%)	Shopkeepers, wholesale & retail dealers (1234)	50 (4%)
5	Plumbing, heating & ventilating engineers (5314)	81 (3%)	Hairdressers / barbers (6221)	46 (4%)
6	Farmers (5111)	81 (3%)	Accounts, wages clerks & bookkeepers (4122)	40 (3%)
7	Shopkeepers, wholesale & retail dealers (1234)	76 (2%)	Therapists n.e.c. (3229) ⁴	36 (4%)
8	Gardeners and grounds(wo)men (5113)	74 (2%)	Beauticians and related occupations (6222)	30 (2%)
9	Electricians, electrical fitters (5241)	68 (2%)	General office assistants or clerks (4150)	27 (2%)
10	Managers in construction (1122)	60 (2%)	Medical practitioners (2211)	23 (2%)
11	Retail and wholesale managers (1163)	56 (2%)	Hotel and accommodation (1221)	20 (2%)
12	Bricklayers, masons (5312)	47 (2%)	Managers and proprietors in other services (1239)	20 (2%)
13	Labourers, building & woodworking trades (9121)	47 (2%)	Authors, writers (3412)	20 (2%)
	Total self-employed men	2,987	Total self-employed women	1,220

1 Four digit codes from Standard Occupational Classification 2000 (SOC 2000) are included in brackets after description. n.e.c. means not elsewhere classified.

2 This code includes: Builder (building and contracting), Builder and decorator, Building contractor, General builder, Steel fi xer, Steeplejack.

3 This code includes: Examiner (examination board), Nursery manager (day nursery), Owner (children's nursery), Principal (dancing school/evening institute), Private tutor, Teacher of English as a foreign language, TEFL.

4 This code includes: Acupuncturist, Dietician, Masseur, Orthoptist, Osteopath, Psychotherapist.

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