Since 1976, a Roy Morgan annual survey has asked Australians to rate 30 professions for ethics and honesty. This year, the rating for school teachers hit an all-time high. The graph below shows the percentage of survey participants who rated school teachers as 'very high' or 'high', from 1989 to 2017.

Top five ranked professions in 2017*

- Nurses 94%
- Doctors 89%
- Pharmacists 84%
- School teachers 81%
- Engineers 80%

Bottom five professions in 2017*

- Car salesmen 4%
- Advertising people 5%
- Real estate agents 7%
- Insurance brokers 10%
- Stock brokers 11%

* Percentage of survey participants rating the profession 'very high' or 'high' for ethics and honesty. Source: ‘Roy Morgan Image of Professions surveys of Australians 14+ between 1976-2017’ Retrieved from https://www.roymorgan.com/findings (finding no. 7244), June 2017.