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# Myers-Briggs Type Indicator® Career Report

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## Introduction

This report applies your results from the *Myers-Briggs Type Indicator*® (MBTI®) assessment to help you identify job families and occupations that are a good fit for your reported MBTI type. The MBTI tool was developed by Isabel Briggs Myers and Katharine Briggs and is based on Carl Jung's theory of psychological types. It has been used for more than 60 years to help people become more satisfied and successful in their careers.

### **This Report Can Help You**

- **Identify job families, or broad occupational categories, to help get you started in your career search**
- **Choose a specific job or career**
- **Select a college major or course of study**
- **Identify strengths and potential weaknesses of your type for the career search process**
- **Increase your job satisfaction**
- **Make a career transition or shift**
- **Plan your career development strategy and action steps**

The job families and specific occupations used in this report are adapted from the O\*NET™ system of occupational classification developed by the U.S. Department of Labor, which is the standard method for classifying occupations. The relationship between the O\*NET occupations and MBTI types has been established using information from a database of more than 92,000 working adults who recently took the MBTI assessment and reported that they were satisfied with their jobs.

This report is only one source of information. When choosing a career or contemplating a career change, you must also consider your abilities and skills, your occupational and leisure interests, and your values and goals. You will also need information about specific tasks involved in different occupations, as well as current career opportunities. Additional career information can be found online at <http://online.onetcenter.org>.

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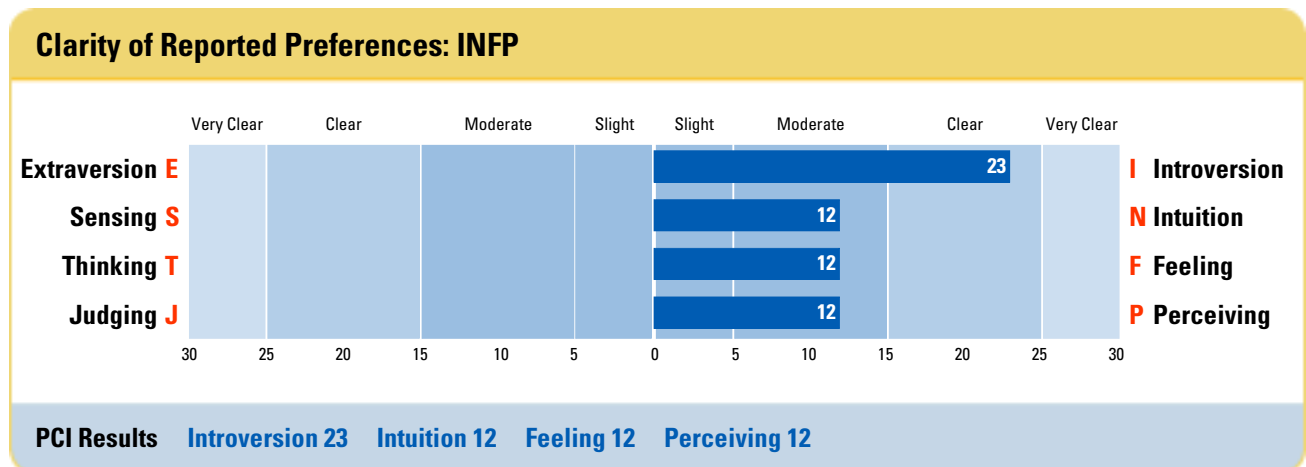
## Summary of Your MBTI® Results

Your responses on the MBTI instrument indicate that your reported type is: **INFP**

**Reported Type: INFP**

<b>Where you focus your attention</b>	<b>E Extraversion</b> People who prefer Extraversion tend to focus their attention on the outer world of people and things.	<b>I Introversion</b> People who prefer Introversion tend to focus their attention on the inner world of ideas and impressions.
<b>The way you take in information</b>	<b>S Sensing</b> People who prefer Sensing tend to take in information through the five senses and focus on the here and now.	<b>N Intuition</b> People who prefer Intuition tend to take in information from patterns and the big picture and focus on future possibilities.
<b>The way you make decisions</b>	<b>T Thinking</b> People who prefer Thinking tend to make decisions based primarily on logic and on objective analysis of cause and effect.	<b>F Feeling</b> People who prefer Feeling tend to make decisions based primarily on values and on subjective evaluation of person-centered concerns.
<b>How you deal with the outer world</b>	<b>J Judging</b> People who prefer Judging tend to like a planned and organized approach to life and prefer to have things settled.	<b>P Perceiving</b> People who prefer Perceiving tend to like a flexible and spontaneous approach to life and prefer to keep their options open.

Your responses on the MBTI assessment not only indicate your preferences; they also indicate the relative *clarity* of your preferences—that is, how clear you were in expressing your preference for a particular pole over its opposite. This is known as the *preference clarity index*, or pci. The bar graph below charts your pci results. Note that a longer bar suggests you are quite sure about your preference, while a shorter bar suggests you are less sure about that preference.





## How Your Type Affects Your Career Choice

The kinds of tasks and work environment that tend to be preferred by INFPs are shown in the charts below. Working at these kinds of tasks and in this kind of environment will help you feel more comfortable and satisfied in your day-to-day work because you will have opportunities to express your natural preferences.

### Preferred Work Tasks

- Helping others develop or learn
- Working on projects that are personally meaningful
- Expressing creativity through writing or visual arts
- Focusing on future possibilities for a person or a situation
- Working at tasks that allow you to step back and see the big picture and how all the pieces fit together

### Preferred Work Environment

- Offers private time and space to concentrate for long periods without interruption
- Emphasizes that the work has meaning beyond the paycheck
- Offers opportunities to work in harmony with others who share your values
- Fosters cooperation and helping
- Trusts people to work autonomously without close supervision

### Action Steps

- ▶ Identify a specific job you are considering.
- ▶ Using an occupational library or online source such as the O\*NET database (<http://online.onetcenter.org>), investigate the kinds of tasks you would be doing and the kind of environment you would be working in for this job.
- ▶ Compare these tasks and work environment to those identified for your type in the charts above.
- ▶ If there is considerable overlap, you may want to pursue this opportunity.
- ▶ If there is little overlap, you may want to rethink your plan. However, before you exclude any potential job, see the tips found on the last page of this report.



## How Your Type Affects Your Career Exploration

How you go about exploring career options will be influenced by your INFP preferences. Your type will help you in your career exploration activities in distinct ways, just as it may present some distinct challenges for you.

### Your type strengths will help you:

- Reflect carefully on what is really important to you in a career
- Think about the long-term prospects and opportunities associated with a particular job, and not just specific current tasks
- Come across as personable and friendly in interviews
- Remain open to new opportunities as they come along
- Consider how others may be affected by your decision

### Challenges

### Suggested Strategies

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| • You may miss opportunities because you are reluctant to do the necessary networking         | • Start with close friends, then gradually expand your networking list; remember, people will enjoy helping you      |
| • You may hesitate to "sell" your potential contributions strongly enough during an interview | • Role-play interviews with a friend or career professional; use a checklist to make sure you cover important points |
| • You may not appear sufficiently task oriented to Thinking interviewers                      | • Think about and then communicate how your people skills can help the bottom line                                   |
| • You may put off making a decision, always waiting for a better opportunity to come along    | • Set a deadline for making a decision and post it or announce it to friends   |
| • You may overwhelm yourself with possibilities   | • Prioritize the possibilities and identify what information you really need to make the decision                    |

### Action Steps

- ▶ Review the list of strengths that are a natural part of your type. Make sure to rely on them as much as possible throughout your career exploration process, especially when you are feeling anxious.
- ▶ Review the challenges related to your type. The strategies suggested for dealing with these challenges require you to move beyond your natural comfort zone. So don't try to overcome all these challenges at once. Pick one or two to start with and work at them until you feel more comfortable.



## How Your Type Affects Your Career Development

Your career development process will be influenced by your INFP preferences. Career development almost always involves coping with new demands that do not come naturally to you and often requires working and communicating with people with different preferences. At times, career change can be a beneficial stimulus to further development of your type. Type development means knowing and accepting your natural preferences and then consciously choosing to use nonpreferred preferences in certain situations when appropriate. Listed below are some typical strengths of and challenges faced by INFPs, as well as some suggestions for development.

### Your style has probably helped you develop strengths in:

- Having insight about what is really important to others
- Devising creative solutions to problems
- Working autonomously to realize your ideal or vision
- Communicating your thoughts and values in writing
- Helping others develop and reach their full potential

### Challenges

- You may have a difficult time speaking up in meetings, leading others to believe you have nothing to contribute or you don't care
- You may be too perfectionistic in accomplishing your tasks
- You may fail to influence others or convince them of the merit of your ideas

### Suggested Strategies

- Make your views known in writing, through memos or e-mails
- Ask to be put on the agenda before the meeting and prepare your remarks ahead of time
- Identify the pros and cons of completing a less-than-perfect project vs. not doing the project at all because it can't be done perfectly
- Think about the people who might benefit even though the project can't be done perfectly
- Collect facts to support your intuitions, especially when trying to "sell" your ideas to others
- Practice debating issues with a Thinking type you trust

### Action Steps

- ▶ Identify a career or job you are considering.
- ▶ Review the list of strengths and challenges above.
- ▶ Evaluate how much the job you have in mind will allow you to use your natural strengths and challenge you to use other preferences. You will probably be most satisfied with a job that allows you to use your strengths most of the time but also provides a manageable degree of challenge.



## Job Families and Occupations for INFPs

The following pages of your Career Report present 22 broad occupational categories, or "job families," and a number of specific occupations and show how they rank in popularity among INFPs. This ranking is based on information from a sample of more than 92,000 people in 282 jobs who said they were satisfied with their jobs. There were 4,267 INFPs in this sample.

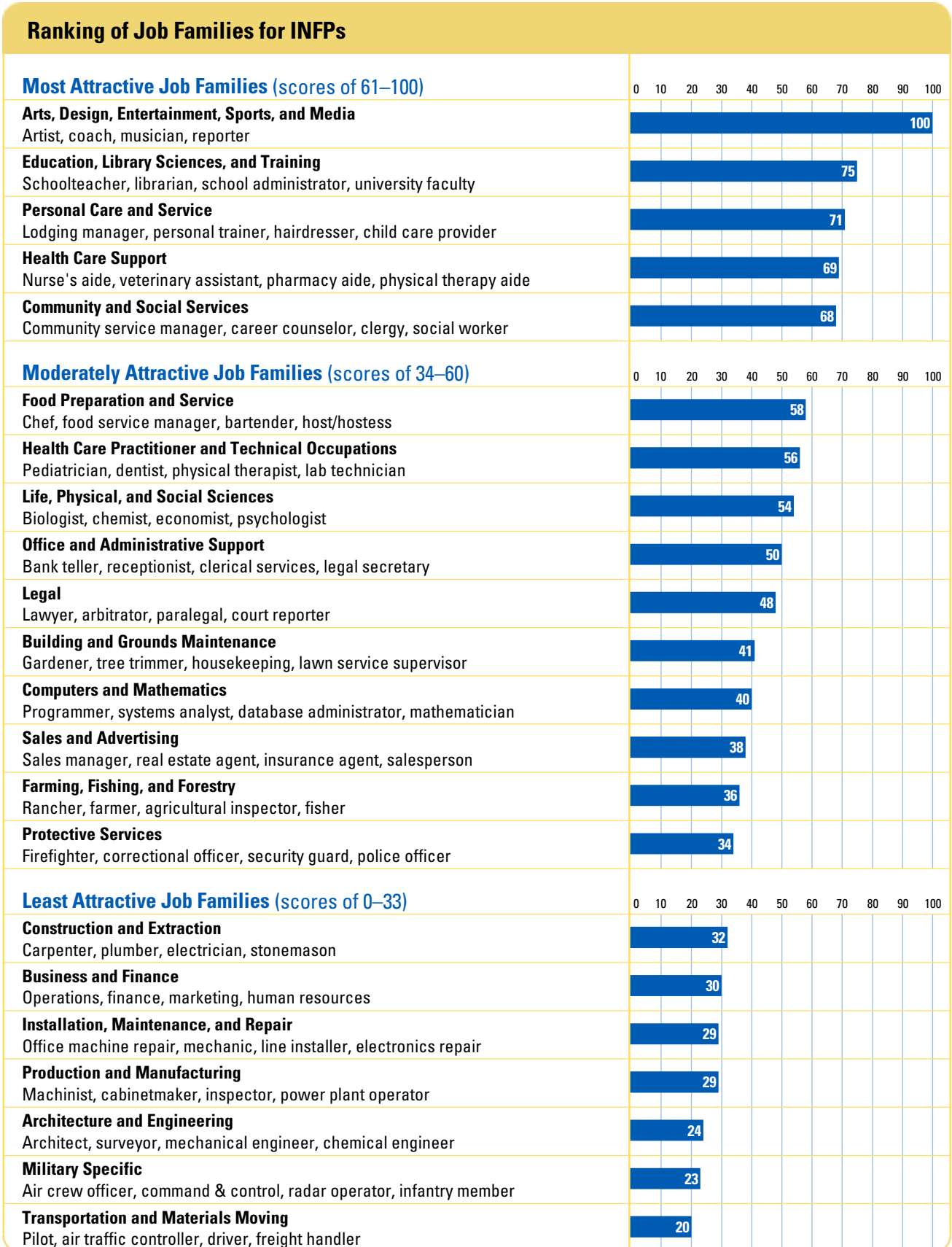
The chart on the next page shows the popularity of 22 job families among INFPs divided into three groups: those most attractive to INFPs, those moderately attractive, and those least attractive. The longer the bar on the chart, the more attractive the job family. Those job families listed as most attractive to INFPs offer the best opportunity for you to find an occupation in which you can use your natural preferences and be satisfied. Those listed as moderately attractive are dependent on how well the tasks and work environment for specific occupations fit with your preferences. Those least attractive are associated with occupations in which you are least likely to express your preferences. These may require you to work "against the grain" of your preferences.

When reviewing the chart, it is important not to overemphasize the differences between any two adjacent categories. In your career exploration process, consider all the job families in the "most attractive" section, especially if the bars in the graph are about the same length. You should also explore job families in the "moderately" and "least" attractive sections if they appeal to you or you would like to learn more about them.

The following pages list specific occupations ranked by their popularity among INFPs. The most popular occupations are shown first, followed by the least popular.

### Working with Your Job Families and Occupational Lists

- When comparing job families and the two occupational lists, it may not be entirely clear which occupations fit within which job families. For example, does a particular health care occupation belong in Health Care Support or in Health Care Practitioner and Technical? To help you see the relationship, a "Career Trends" summary is provided with your most popular occupations list.
- If you would like more information about how job families and specific occupations are related, you can go online to <http://online.onetcenter.org> and click on "Find Occupations." On the Find Occupations page, go to the pull-down menu "By Job Family or All Occupations." When you select one of these categories, you will be provided with a list of all specific occupations within that category, each of which is further explained.
- You may notice what appear to be differences between your general and specific lists. You may find a specific occupation ranked higher or lower than you might predict based on the ranking of the corresponding job family. This can occur because the number of specific occupations in an O\*NET category ranges from 14 to 237! And not all the specific occupations found on the O\*NET database are used in your Career Report. Only those that had a large enough sample of satisfied workers could be used. Think of the job families as an average. There will likely be specific jobs that are a good fit for your particular preferences, even though the job family may not be all that appealing to most INFPs.
- The use of job family and occupation lists should be only a first step in your career exploration process.





## Most Popular Occupations for INFPs

The occupations listed below in rank order are a sampling of those that are most attractive to INFPs. Individuals of this type are found in these occupations in much greater proportion than would be expected based on the frequency of this type in the general U.S. population. You are likely to find these occupations most satisfying because you will:

- Have opportunities to express your preferences
- Be recognized and rewarded for using your natural gifts and strengths
- Face tasks and problems you find interesting and challenging

### Career Trends for INFPs

There are two major trends in the occupations that appeal to INFPs. The largest group of similar occupations is found in the arts, allowing INFPs to exercise their creativity through jobs in language and the visual and performing arts. The other major trend is that 10 of the 24 most popular occupations involve some kind of service to others, either helping them with physical or emotional problems or teaching.

### Most Popular Occupations for INFPs

1	Commercial art director	13	Medical records technician
2	Social science research assistant	14	Interior designer
3	Psychiatrist	15	School counselor
4	Veterinary assistant	16	Landscape architect
5	Musician, singer, music director, composer	17	Recreational service worker
6	Technical writer	18	Desktop publisher
7	Writer	19	Pharmacy aide
8	Artist/visual artist	20	Vocational rehabilitation counselor
9	Craft artist	21	Clinical/counseling/educational psychologist
10	Graphic designer	22	Mental health counselor
11	Multimedia artist/ animator	23	Reporter
12	Home health aide	24	Continuing/community education teacher

### Action Steps

- ▶ Visit a career library and search for careers in the fields highlighted in the Career Trends box above. Write down job titles that seem to match these trends. Then proceed to the next step to look up detailed information about these careers.
- ▶ Go to <http://online.onetcenter.org> and click on "Find Occupations". Enter the name of any of the specific occupations listed above, or any other occupation that interests you, in the "By Keyword" box. This will lead you to comprehensive and detailed information about that occupation, including the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to perform the job, the educational and training requirements, and the employment outlook for that occupation by state.



### Least Popular Occupations for INFPs

Listed below are 10 occupations in which INFPs are not likely to be found. If you enter one of these occupations:

- You may experience difficulty communicating or agreeing with your co-workers
- The particular gifts associated with your preferences may not be recognized or rewarded
- You may eventually experience stress or dissatisfaction if you are required to work against the grain of your natural preferences for too long

**Least Popular Occupations for INFPs**

Cost estimator	Petroleum engineer
Electrical power installer/repairer	Supervisor/manager of weapons specialists
Infantry member	Top executive, Food preparation and service
Materials engineer	Top executive, Military specific
Mechanical engineering technician	Urban/regional planner

**Tips for Succeeding in an "Atypical" Occupation**

You should not automatically discount any occupation just because it is not popular among those of your type. In an occupation that is atypical for people of your type, you may find that your different approach is valued and rewarded and you are seen as an innovator or leader. You may very well succeed and be satisfied in such an occupation if you:

- Can use your preferences productively by creating a special role in which you do a certain set of tasks or by finding a niche for yourself in a particular environment or with a select group of co-workers you enjoy working with
- Work at understanding or communicating with others whose preferences are different from yours
- Find other opportunities, such as in your leisure activities, to express your preferences

