

# 1920s Job Profile: Housekeeper

**What is a housekeeper?** A housekeeper is a person who is paid to take care of a home. This can include cooking, cleaning, laundry, and child care.

**How do they do it?** Depending on where they worked, a housekeeper's duties were different. They could work in small households, large homes, or hotels. They did the work that kept these places running.

Housekeepers were usually women. Sometimes they had families and houses of their own. Sometimes they were single. Sometimes they lived where they worked. Housekeepers could work by themselves or with a group of others.

New technology like vacuum cleaners changed how housework was done in the 1920s. However, housekeeping was still an important job that many people had.

**Salary and Hours:** You work as first floor maid in a big house. You make \$1.05 per day and your room and board is provided for you.



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