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Seeing Trends in the Data

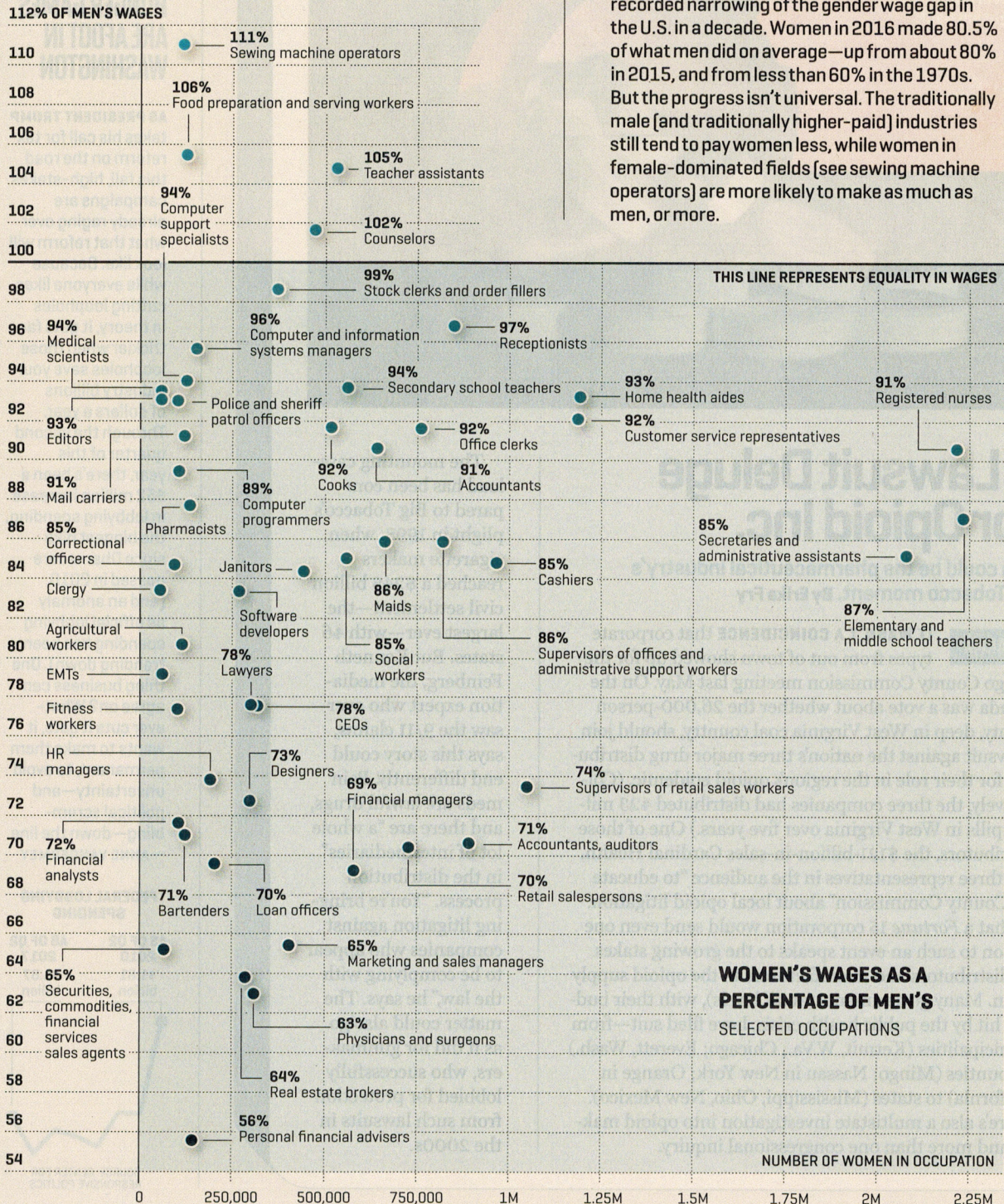
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WHITHER THE WAGE GAP?

New government data released in mid-September offered some good news: the largest recorded narrowing of the gender wage gap in the U.S. in a decade. Women in 2016 made 80.5% of what men did on average—up from about 80% in 2015, and from less than 60% in the 1970s. But the progress isn't universal. The traditionally male (and traditionally higher-paid) industries still tend to pay women less, while women in female-dominated fields (see sewing machine operators) are more likely to make as much as men, or more.



SOURCE: BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS, 2016 DATA