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Truck Drivers and Registered Nurses Continue to be the Most Sought After Employees According to HWOL (Help Wanted Online) Data *Over 27,000 New Ads Placed Online*

MONTGOMERY - Data collected and analyzed by the Alabama Department of Labor's Labor Market Information Division shows that the most online wanted ads were for heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers, registered nurses, and first-line supervisors of retail sales workers, with more than 10,235 ads placed for those occupations in November. Overall ads were up over the year by 13.57%.

The Help Wanted Online (HWOL) data is compiled from all online job postings in the state, including those posted on the state's free online jobs database, www.joblink.alabama.gov, and other sources; such as traditional job boards, corporate boards, and social media sites. There were 54,723 online ads this month, 27,208 of those were new ads.

Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers earn a mean wage of \$20.15 per hour, registered nurses earn a mean wage of \$27.82 per hour, and first-line retail salespersons earn a mean wage of \$19.97 per hour.

<u>TOP OCCUPATIONS WITH MOST ONLINE ADS</u>	Online Ads Nov-2015	Online Ads Nov-2014	Annual Change (Percent)	AVG Hourly Wage
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	6,883	3,959	73.9%	\$ 20.15
Registered Nurses	1,687	1,430	18.0%	\$ 27.82
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	1,665	1,546	7.7%	\$ 19.97
Retail Salespersons	1,664	1,324	25.7%	\$ 12.62
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	1,139	620	83.7%	\$ 14.77
Customer Service Representatives	942	1,072	-12.1%	\$ 14.75
First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	902	778	15.9%	\$ 24.70
Industrial Engineers	744	748	-0.5%	\$ 41.35
Computer User Support Specialists	738	669	10.3%	\$ 22.49
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	724	740	-2.2%	\$ 18.23

*Source: Alabama Department of Labor, Labor Market Information Division

The industry categories with the highest annual increase in online ads were traveler accommodation (+296%), generalized freight trucking (+261%), and electronics and appliance stores (+235%).

“Truck driving jobs continue to dominate this list,” said Fitzgerald Washington, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Labor. “The demand for these jobs outpaces any other by leaps and bounds. Truck driving has an hourly wage of more than \$20 an hour. If this career is something you’d like to consider, I’d encourage you to come by your local Career Center to find out if you are eligible for training at no cost.”

The top three employers posting ads in were: Community Health Systems, Inc. (896), Pizza Hut (802), and UAB Medicine (631).

Fifty percent of all online ads are less than 30 days old, and another 29% of all ads are less than 90 days old.

A listing of Career Centers can be found at www.joblink.alabama.gov.

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