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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 26,000 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 truck drivers, registered nurses, and retail supervisors, with more than 8,200 ads placed for those occupations in April. Online ads were up 8.65% from March.

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 49,592 online ads this month, 26,723 of those were new ads.

Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers earn a mean wage of \$19.91 per hour, registered nurses earn a mean wage of \$27.53 per hour, and first-line supervisors of retail sales workers earn a mean wage of \$20.29 per hour. (Full listing of comparable wages below.)

"Half of our top ten advertised jobs this month have average wages of more than \$20 an hour," said Fitzgerald Washington, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Labor. "These are good jobs, with good wages. More jobs were posted this month than last month, letting us know that employers are hiring."

The top employers with the most online ads placed in Alabama are: Community Health Systems, Inc. (687), UAB Medicine (432), and Lowe's (410).

The three industry groups posting the most online ads are:

Employment Services (Placement Agencies or Temporary Help) 5,613

Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools 6,113

General Medical and Surgical Hospitals

6,221

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

“We’d like to encourage anyone who needs a job, or wants a different job, to come into one of our Career Centers for assistance,” continued Washington. “Our trained staff can assist you in obtaining the career you want.”

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

HWOL data for metropolitan areas and regions can be found at <http://www2.labor.alabama.gov/workforcedev/default.aspx> under the Reports and Surveys section. Select the region under the “HWOL” drop-down menu.

Wages for Top 10 Occupations with Most Online Ads Posted					
Occupation					Wages (per hour)
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers					\$19.91
Registered Nurses					\$27.53
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers					\$20.29
Retail Salespersons					\$12.81
Customer Service Representatives					\$14.57
Sales Representatives, Wholesale & Manufacturing					\$32.03
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General					\$17.99
First-Line Supervisors of Food Prep and Serving					\$14.69
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers					\$27.25
Industrial Engineers					\$40.92
<i>Source: Alabama Department of Labor</i>					

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