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Help Wanted Online (HWOL) Data Shows Truck Drivers and Registered Nurses Most Sought After Employees

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 5,800 ads placed for those occupations in December.

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 41,407 online ads this month.

"It's important to track the types of employees employers are looking for, so that we are better able to prepare jobseekers for employment, via vocational or educational training," said Fitzgerald Washington, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Labor. "The types of jobs being advertised for this month are jobs with good salaries. Six of the top ten jobs have hourly wages above \$20."

Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers earn a mean wage of \$19.40 per hour, registered nurses earn a mean wage of \$27.49 per hour, and first-line supervisors of retail sales workers earn a mean wage of \$19.23 per hour. (Full listing of comparable wages below.)

The top employers with the most online ads placed in Alabama are: Regions Financial (396), UAB Medicine (382), and St. Vincent's Health System (304).

Forty nine percent of all online ads are less than 30 days old, and another 21% 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>. 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	\$19.40
Registered Nurses	\$27.49
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers Retail	\$19.23
Salespersons	\$12.11
Customer Service Representatives Industrial	\$14.42
Engineers	\$40.02
First-Line Supervisors of Office and Admin. Support Workers	\$24.45
Sales Representatives, Wholesale & Manufacturing	\$31.44
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	\$27.47
Computer User Support Specialists	\$22.22

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