



## Alabama Department of Labor

### News Release

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### Truck Drivers and Registered Nurses Continue to be the Most Sought After Employees According to HWOL (Help Wanted Online) Data *Most Online Ads Placed in History; Over 30,000 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 10,000 ads placed for those occupations in July. Online ads were up 4.75% from June.

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](http://www.joblink.alabama.gov), and other sources; such as traditional job boards, corporate boards, and social media sites. There were 54,844 online ads this month, 30,626 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.)

"Ads are up this month, to a record breaking 54,844, which is the most online ads posted since we began tracking them in 2005. This is showing us that employers are continuing to hire in Alabama," said Fitzgerald Washington, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Labor. "Four of the 10 top jobs have hourly wages of \$20 or more. It's important to know what kinds of jobs are in demand so that agencies, including the Department of Labor, can work together to help provide qualified employees and put Alabamians back to work."

The top employers with the most online ads placed in Alabama are: Community Health Systems, Inc. (731), UAB Medicine (675), and Celadon (611).

The three industry groups posting the most online ads are:

**General Freight Trucking**

**Employment Services (Placement Agencies or Temporary Help)**

**Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools**

Fifty-six percent of all online ads are less than 30 days old, and another 27% 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](http://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**

<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Wages (per hour)</b>
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
Receptionists and Information Clerks	\$11.80
Customer Service Representatives	\$14.57
Maintenance and Repair Workers	\$17.99
First-Line Supervisors of Office and Admin. Support	\$24.41
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation	\$14.69
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	\$27.25

*Source: Alabama Department of Labor*

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