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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 15,000 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 7,775 ads placed for those occupations in December. Overall ads were up over the year by 103%.

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 42,135 online ads this month, 15,899 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.

Occupation	Average Hourly Wage
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$20.15
Registered Nurses	\$27.82
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	\$19.97
Retail Salespersons	\$12.62
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	\$14.77
Customer Service Representatives	\$14.75
First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	\$24.70
Industrial Engineers	\$41.35

Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	\$31.54
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	\$27.54

Source: This information is provided by the Alabama Department of Labor, Labor Market Information Division in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The data is based on the May 2014 Occupation Employment Survey employment and wage estimate file. The wages have been aged using the most current

Employment Cost Index (ECI) factors reflecting wages as of October 2015. 'NA' indicates data that is not publishable or occupation does not work the traditional 2,080 hours per year.

The industry categories with the highest annual increase in online ads were General Freight Trucking (+261%), Management, Scientific, and Technical Consulting Services (+228%), and Limited Service Eating Places (+211%).

“More than half of this month’s in-demand jobs pay wages of more than \$20 an hour,” said Fitzgerald Washington, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Labor. “We continue to see a huge need for truck drivers and nurses. If these careers are 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 or educational programs at no cost.”

The top three employers posting ads in were: Community Health Systems, Inc. (899), Pizza Hut (778), and UAB Medicine (648).

Thirty-eight percent of all online ads are less than 30 days old, and another 36% 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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Members of the media seeking more information should contact Communications Director Tara Hutchison at (334) 242-8616.