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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 28,000 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 9,000 ads placed for those occupations in May. Online ads were up 3.62% from May.

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 51,388 online ads this month, 28,349 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 \$16.45 per hour. (Full listing of comparable wages below.)

"Seven of the top 10 jobs advertised this month have average hourly wages of more than \$16," said Fitzgerald Washington, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Labor. "These are good jobs, with good wages. Additionally, 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. (789), St. Vincent's Health System (478), and Region's Financial (412).

The three industry groups posting the most online ads are:

Employment Services (Placement Agencies or Temporary Help)	5,613
General Freight Trucking	4,841

Fifty-five percent of all online ads are less than 30 days old, and another 28% 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	\$16.45
Retail	
Salespersons	\$12.81
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	\$17.99
Customer Service Representatives	\$14.57
Sales Representatives, Wholesale & Manufacturing	\$32.03
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation	\$14.69
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	\$16.55
Industrial	
Engineers	\$40.92

Source: Alabama Department of Labor

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