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

Online Ads up 19.47% from January

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 7,400 ads placed for those occupations in February.

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 48,826 online ads this month, up 19.47% from January. 26,509 were new ads.

“By keeping up with in-demand jobs, we're better able to prepare jobseekers who come in to the Career Centers for help,” said Fitzgerald Washington, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Labor. “We know that truck drivers and registered nurses continue to be in demand, so we can help people get the right training and education for those fields.”

Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers earn a mean wage of \$19.58 per hour, registered nurses earn a mean wage of \$27.15 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: Community Health Systems, Inc. (797), St. Vincent's Health System (386), and Lowe's (371).

The three industry groups posting the most online ads are:

Employment Services (Placement Agencies or Temporary Help)	1,631
Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools	1,218
General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	1,181

Fifty-four percent of all online ads are less than 30 days old, and another 25% 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	\$19.58
Registered Nurses	\$27.15
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	\$19.36
Retail Salespersons	\$12.23
Sales Representatives, Wholesale & Manufacturing	\$30.57
Customer Service Representatives	\$14.36
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	\$17.74
First Line Supervisors of Food Preparation Industrial Engineers	\$14.38
First-Line Supervisors of Office and Admin. Support Workers	\$40.36
	\$24.05

Source: Alabama Department of Labor

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