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Help Wanted Online (HWOL) Data Shows Truck Drivers and Registered Nurses Continue to be the 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 5,700 ads placed for those occupations in January.

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 40,868 online ads this month. 19,034 were new ads.

"When we know what kinds of jobs are in demand, we're better able to advise jobseekers what types of skills are needed in today's economy," said Fitzgerald Washington, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Labor. "Then we can help jobseekers get educational or vocational training in order to be more competitive in the job market."

"Additionally, five of the top 10 most advertised jobs have average wages of more than \$20 an hour, so these are good paying jobs," Washington continued.

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: Community Health Systems, Inc. (362), St. Vincent's Health System (349), and Regions Financial (300).

Community Health Systems, Inc., this month's top employer, is a national operator of general acute care hospitals that owns, operates, or leases 10 hospitals in Alabama. Currently, hospitals in Birmingham, Fort Payne, and Gadsden have the most jobs posted online.

Forty seven percent of all online ads are less than 30 days old, and another 30% 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	\$19.23
Retail	
Salespersons	\$12.11
Customer Service Representatives	\$14.42
Industrial	
Engineers	\$40.02
Sales Representatives, Wholesale & Manufacturing	\$31.44
First-Line Supervisors of Office and Admin. Support Workers	\$24.45
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	\$27.47
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation	\$14.19

Source: Alabama Department of Labor

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