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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 19,000 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 retail salespersons, with 6,801 ads placed for those occupations in 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 41,462 online ads this month, of those 19,029 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 retail salespersons earn a mean wage of \$12.62 per hour.

<u>TOP OCCUPATIONS WITH MOST ONLINE ADS</u>	<u>Online Ads May 2016</u>	<u>Online Ads May 2015</u>	<u>Change (Percent)</u>	<u>Average Hourly Wage</u>
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	3,658	5,789	-36.8%	\$20.15
Registered Nurses	2,145	1,642	30.6%	\$27.82
Retail Salespersons	998	1,212	-17.7%	\$12.62
Customer Service Representatives	629	897	-29.9%	\$14.75
Insurance Sales Agents	628	578	8.7%	\$27.63
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	602	394	52.8%	\$8.56
Industrial Engineers	584	660	-11.5%	\$41.35

Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	548	778	-29.6%	\$31.54
Computer User Support Specialists	529	632	-16.3%	\$22.49
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	516	892	-42.2%	\$18.23

“More than half of our top advertised jobs have average hourly salaries of more than \$20,” said Fitzgerald Washington, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Labor. “These are good paying jobs and employers need qualified employees. We remain committed to assisting both jobseekers and employers in order put Alabamians back to work.”

Online job demand was highest in the large metro cities, led by Birmingham with 9,235 ads, Huntsville with 5,198 ads, and Montgomery with 3,285 ads.

The top three employers posting ads in May were: Pizza Hut (1,124), St. Vincent’s Health System (676), and UAB Medicine (596).

Forty-six percent of all online ads are less than 30 days old, and another 33% 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,” said 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.

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