



Alabama Department of Labor

News Release

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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 20,000 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 8,851 ads placed for those occupations in February. Overall ads were up over the month by 13.3%.

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, 20,520 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.

<u>TOP OCCUPATIONS WITH MOST ONLINE ADS</u>	Online Ads Feb. 2016	Online Ads Feb 2015	Change (Percent)	Average Hourly Wage
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	5,229	4,585	14.0%	\$20.15
Registered Nurses	2,245	1,490	50.7%	\$27.82
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	1,377	1,382	-0.4%	\$19.97
Retail Salespersons	1,209	1,095	10.4%	\$12.62
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	1,013	768	31.9%	\$14.77
Customer Service Representatives	766	888	-13.7%	\$14.75

First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	742	745	-0.4%	\$24.70
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	726	901	-19.4%	\$31.54
Industrial Engineers	701	741	-5.4%	\$41.35
Computer User Support Specialists	635	616	3.1%	\$22.49

Source: Alabama Department of Labor, Labor Market Information Division in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The above wage 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 demand for truck drivers and registered nurses continues to be high,” said Fitzgerald Washington, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Labor. “In fact, demand for registered nurses is up by more than 50% from last year. These are good, high wage jobs. Interestingly, the demand for family and general practitioners has started to show an increase in some of our less populated areas – this is proving to us that careers in the medical field will continue to be sought after and secure jobs.”

Online job demand was highest in the large metro cities, led by Birmingham, Huntsville, Mobile, and Montgomery. The cities with the highest annual percentage gain over the year in online ads include Auburn (+45.2%), Dothan (+12.7%), and Florence (+6.8 %).

The top five counties with the most online ads were: Jefferson (12,681), Madison (6,240), Mobile (4,302), Montgomery (3,508), and Lee (2,400).

The top three employers posting ads in February were: Community Health Systems, Inc. (1,075), Pizza Hut (846), and UAB Medicine (643).

Forty-three 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,” 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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