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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 help wanted ads were for heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers, registered nurses, and retail salespersons, with 8,530 ads placed for those occupations in March.

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 44,598 online ads this month, of those 20,017 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 March 2016</u>	<u>Online Ads March 2015</u>	<u>Change (Percent)</u>	<u>Average Hourly Wage</u>
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	5,306	4,598	15.4%	\$20.15
Registered Nurses	2,026	1,471	37.7%	\$27.82
Retail Salespersons	1,198	1,030	16.3%	\$12.62
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	678	342	98.2%	\$8.56
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	628	705	-10.9%	\$31.54

Computer User Support Specialists	620	523	18.5%	\$22.49
Industrial Engineers	608	685	-11.2%	\$41.35
Customer Service Representatives	606	757	-19.9%	\$14.75
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	567	684	-17.1%	\$18.23
Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers	471	412	14.3%	\$14.64

“The HWOL data continues to show that jobs are out there,” said Fitzgerald Washington, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Labor. “Half of our most in-demand jobs have average hourly wages of \$20 or more an hour. These are high quality, high paying jobs. We remain committed to helping Alabamians get back to work by helping them locate, prepare for, and train for the position that’s right for them.”

Online job demand was highest in the large metro cities, led by Birmingham. The cities with the highest annual percentage gain over the year in online ads include Auburn (+48.5%), Florence, (+12%), and Dothan (+6.6%).

The top three employers posting ads in March were: Community Health Systems, Inc. (859), Pizza Hut (812), and St. Vincent’s Health System (528).

Forty-five percent of all online ads are less than 30 days old, and another 31% 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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