

Region 2 High Demand Occupations 2008-2018
Associate Degree and Under Only

SOC	Occupation	Employment		Percent Change	Avg Annual Growth (%)	Avg Annual Openings	Avg Annual Salary
		2008	2018				
291111	Registered Nurses	6,690	8,780	31.24	2.76	320	\$56,355
512011	Aircraft Structure, Surfaces, Rigging, and Systems Assemblers	***	***	49.61	4.11	90	\$33,319
474011	Construction and Building Inspectors	***	***	32.39	2.85	35	\$52,027
292021	Dental Hygienists	550	730	32.73	2.87	30	\$44,489
319092	Medical Assistants	1,220	1,900	55.74	4.53	85	\$23,937
493011	Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	260	400	53.85	4.40	15	\$40,454
292052	Pharmacy Technicians	1,120	1,550	38.39	3.30	75	\$23,257
292061	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	2,130	2,680	25.82	2.32	115	\$34,422
311011	Home Health Aides	2,380	3,590	50.84	4.20	140	\$18,647
312021	Physical Therapist Assistants	220	330	50.00	4.14	15	\$43,420
414011	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and Scientific Products	880	1,070	21.59	1.97	40	\$75,429
319091	Dental Assistants	580	780	34.48	3.01	30	\$29,930
292031	Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians	300	410	36.67	3.17	15	\$37,034
353021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	8,160	10,850	32.97	2.89	425	\$16,316
434171	Receptionists and Information Clerks	2,630	3,330	26.62	2.39	135	\$22,451
211093	Social and Human Service Assistants	730	970	32.88	2.88	35	\$22,283
232011	Paralegals and Legal Assistants	360	480	33.33	2.92	15	\$35,586
173026	Industrial Engineering Technicians	370	470	27.03	2.42	15	\$47,693
399031	Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors	420	570	35.71	3.10	25	\$29,051
292055	Surgical Technologists	390	500	28.21	2.52	20	\$35,434
436013	Medical Secretaries	530	700	32.08	2.82	25	\$25,480
434051	Customer Service Representatives	3,130	3,830	22.36	2.04	155	\$29,132
512041	Structural Metal Fabricators and Fitters	570	720	26.32	2.36	25	\$32,804
292056	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	110	180	63.64	5.05	10	\$25,498
292032	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	180	230	27.78	2.48	10	\$49,139
312011	Occupational Therapist Assistants	50	70	40.00	3.42	5	\$48,466
333021	Detectives and Criminal Investigators	210	270	28.57	2.54	10	\$55,158
173025	Environmental Engineering Technicians	200	270	35.00	3.05	10	\$38,995
132072	Loan Officers	820	970	18.29	1.69	25	\$62,082
399021	Personal and Home Care Aides	390	540	38.46	3.31	20	\$18,612

Note: Occupations were selected from unrounded data based on the descending order of average rankings based on three variables; growth, openings, and wages. Occupations that appeared high in the rankings, but had openings that rounded to zero were removed.

** The wages for these occupations are confidential according to standards provided by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Wage estimates are based on the May 2010 release from the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) Unit.

Data provided by the Alabama Department of Labor, Labor Market Information Division in cooperation with the Projections Managing Partnership and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Totals in some occupational groups may not add due to exclusion of sub-groups and/or individual occupations with employment of less than 10 in the base (2008) and projected (2018) years or where publication of the occupation would violate confidentiality.

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1. Employment is rounded to the nearest 10. 2. Average Annual Growth is compounded. 3. Openings are rounded to the nearest 5.