

**Region 7 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	3,360	4,040	20.24	1.86	125	\$60,393
512092	Team Assemblers	5,410	6,740	24.58	2.22	245	\$37,353
514041	Machinists	560	760	35.71	3.10	30	\$33,590
292021	Dental Hygienists	230	300	30.43	2.69	10	\$43,795
434051	Customer Service Representatives	2,530	3,160	24.90	2.25	135	\$28,541
292052	Pharmacy Technicians	600	800	33.33	2.92	40	\$25,632
319092	Medical Assistants	710	940	32.39	2.85	35	\$24,461
311011	Home Health Aides	1,070	1,410	31.78	2.80	45	\$17,491
333012	Correctional Officers and Jailers	1,410	1,700	20.57	1.89	60	\$34,986
312021	Physical Therapist Assistants	130	170	30.77	2.72	5	\$43,875
433011	Bill and Account Collectors	900	1,130	25.56	2.30	35	\$26,918
339032	Security Guards	2,010	2,500	24.38	2.21	90	\$19,690
211093	Social and Human Service Assistants	380	500	31.58	2.78	15	\$28,014
399031	Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors	430	540	25.58	2.30	20	\$30,501
399021	Personal and Home Care Aides	300	410	36.67	3.17	15	
353031	Waiters and Waitresses	2,770	3,380	22.02	2.01	210	\$17,941
413011	Advertising Sales Agents	250	300	20.00	1.84	10	\$42,406
512011	Aircraft Structure, Surfaces, Rigging, and Systems Assemblers	***	***	25.00	2.26	15	
319091	Dental Assistants	180	240	33.33	2.92	10	\$27,568
292056	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	80	120	50.00	4.14	5	\$26,954
352014	Cooks, Restaurant	1,450	1,770	22.07	2.01	70	\$19,318
359031	Hosts and Hostesses, Restaurant, Lounge, and Coffee Shop	430	530	23.26	2.11	40	\$16,787
353021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	3,750	4,520	20.53	1.89	150	\$15,902
492098	Security and Fire Alarm Systems Installers	90	120	33.33	2.92	5	\$35,600
292055	Surgical Technologists	270	330	22.22	2.03	15	\$33,983
395012	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists	1,120	1,320	17.86	1.66	35	\$30,089
414011	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and Scientific Products	290	340	17.24	1.60	10	\$59,569
493042	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	270	330	22.22	2.03	10	\$45,066
353011	Bartenders	340	420	23.53	2.14	20	\$17,665

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.