

Alabama 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 | | | | |
| 493011 | Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians | 3,610 | 4,930 | 36.57 | 3.17 | 170 | \$49,270 |
| 291111 | Registered Nurses | 42,290 | 50,580 | 19.60 | 1.81 | 1,525 | \$57,860 |
| 512092 | Team Assemblers | 32,740 | 40,520 | 23.76 | 2.15 | 1,460 | \$35,210 |
| 514122 | Welding, Soldering, and Brazing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders | 2,640 | 3,630 | 37.50 | 3.24 | 155 | \$30,230 |
| 292021 | Dental Hygienists | 3,010 | 3,930 | 30.56 | 2.70 | 150 | \$42,970 |
| 434051 | Customer Service Representatives | 24,110 | 29,500 | 22.36 | 2.04 | 1,210 | \$28,840 |
| 292052 | Pharmacy Technicians | 6,550 | 8,850 | 35.11 | 3.06 | 430 | \$24,570 |
| 319092 | Medical Assistants | 6,770 | 9,320 | 37.67 | 3.25 | 340 | \$24,670 |
| 311011 | Home Health Aides | 10,530 | 14,430 | 37.04 | 3.20 | 485 | \$18,690 |
| 512011 | Aircraft Structure, Surfaces, Rigging, and Systems Assemblers | 2,430 | 3,170 | 30.45 | 2.69 | 125 | \$35,280 |
| 433011 | Bill and Account Collectors | 5,940 | 7,560 | 27.27 | 2.44 | 250 | \$28,160 |
| 353021 | Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food | 40,860 | 50,000 | 22.37 | 2.04 | 1,690 | \$16,140 |
| 312021 | Physical Therapist Assistants | 1,270 | 1,720 | 35.43 | 3.08 | 60 | \$44,790 |
| 319091 | Dental Assistants | 2,870 | 3,740 | 30.31 | 2.68 | 140 | \$28,590 |
| 399021 | Personal and Home Care Aides | 3,440 | 4,780 | 38.95 | 3.34 | 190 | \$16,980 |
| 399031 | Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors | 2,800 | 3,520 | 25.71 | 2.31 | 125 | \$31,560 |
| 514121 | Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers | 9,810 | 11,720 | 19.47 | 1.79 | 400 | \$33,020 |
| 232011 | Paralegals and Legal Assistants | 2,590 | 3,130 | 20.85 | 1.91 | 90 | \$43,640 |
| 492091 | Avionics Technicians | 880 | 1,120 | 27.27 | 2.44 | 35 | \$52,000 |
| 333021 | Detectives and Criminal Investigators | 1,430 | 1,730 | 20.98 | 1.92 | 60 | \$54,340 |
| 333012 | Correctional Officers and Jailers | 6,110 | 7,240 | 18.49 | 1.71 | 255 | \$33,400 |
| 292056 | Veterinary Technologists and Technicians | 800 | 1,180 | 47.50 | 3.96 | 60 | \$25,810 |
| 312011 | Occupational Therapist Assistants | 380 | 530 | 39.47 | 3.38 | 20 | \$48,350 |
| 499041 | Industrial Machinery Mechanics | 8,290 | 9,560 | 15.32 | 1.44 | 265 | \$45,440 |
| 412031 | Retail Salespersons | 61,560 | 71,470 | 16.10 | 1.50 | 2,885 | \$22,780 |
| 434171 | Receptionists and Information Clerks | 13,730 | 16,230 | 18.21 | 1.69 | 585 | \$22,620 |
| 211093 | Social and Human Service Assistants | 3,700 | 4,500 | 21.62 | 1.98 | 125 | \$22,720 |
| 514011 | Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal and Plastic | 2,710 | 3,280 | 21.03 | 1.93 | 90 | \$30,360 |
| 474011 | Construction and Building Inspectors | 1,920 | 2,290 | 19.27 | 1.78 | 75 | \$49,830 |
| 414012 | Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products | 23,590 | 26,570 | 12.63 | 1.20 | 840 | \$52,780 |
| 493093 | Tire Repairers and Changers | 2,580 | 3,160 | 22.48 | 2.05 | 110 | \$21,330 |
| 412021 | Counter and Rental Clerks | 9,650 | 11,390 | 18.03 | 1.67 | 540 | \$21,470 |
| 471011 | First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers | 15,470 | 17,500 | 13.12 | 1.24 | 420 | \$51,920 |
| 292031 | Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians | 1,110 | 1,360 | 22.52 | 2.05 | 40 | \$40,540 |
| 472152 | Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters | 7,320 | 8,430 | 15.16 | 1.42 | 260 | \$38,370 |
| 151041 | Computer Support Specialists | 5,620 | 6,470 | 15.12 | 1.42 | 260 | \$41,940 |
| 499062 | Medical Equipment Repairers | 590 | 720 | 22.03 | 2.01 | 30 | \$41,340 |
| 413011 | Advertising Sales Agents | 2,250 | 2,620 | 16.44 | 1.53 | 75 | \$46,690 |
| 413021 | Insurance Sales Agents | 6,480 | 7,330 | 13.12 | 1.24 | 225 | \$54,410 |
| 472061 | Construction Laborers | 15,060 | 17,520 | 16.33 | 1.52 | 360 | \$24,560 |

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.
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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.