

### Region 5 Fast Growing Occupations 2010-2020

SOC	Occupations	Employment		Percent	Average Annual	
		2010	2020	Change (%)	Growth (%)	Openings
312011	Occupational Therapy Assistants	50	80	60.00	4.81	5
399021	Personal Care Aides	440	690	56.80	4.60	30
473012	Helpers--Carpenters	80	120	50.00	4.14	5
514021	Extruding and Drawing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	70	100	42.90	3.63	5
473011	Helpers--Brickmasons, Blockmasons, Stonemasons, and Tile and Marble Setters	50	70	40.00	3.42	5
311011	Home Health Aides	980	1,330	35.70	3.10	50
312021	Physical Therapist Assistants	170	230	35.30	3.07	10
291127	Speech-Language Pathologists	90	120	33.30	2.92	5
151141	Database Administrators	60	80	33.30	2.92	5
291123	Physical Therapists	190	250	31.60	2.78	10
211014	Mental Health Counselors	***	***	31.60	2.78	10
436013	Medical Secretaries	320	420	31.30	2.76	15
291071	Physician Assistants	***	***	30.00	2.66	5
131051	Cost Estimators	100	130	30.00	2.66	5
131151	Training and Development Specialists	100	130	30.00	2.66	5
292056	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	***	***	30.00	2.66	5
319091	Dental Assistants	170	220	29.40	2.61	10
292021	Dental Hygienists	310	400	29.00	2.58	15
392021	Nonfarm Animal Caretakers	140	180	28.60	2.55	5
211022	Healthcare Social Workers	250	320	28.00	2.50	15

Note: 20 Occupations were selected based on the highest annual average growth using the unrounded data plus the following criteria:  
 1) Employment of at least 10. 2) At least 5 annual average openings.

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 (2010) and projected (2020) years or where publication of the occupation would violate confidentiality.

\*\*\* The data for these occupations are confidential according to standards provided by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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