

Region 2 Fast Growing Occupations 2012-2022

SOC	Occupations	Employment		Percent	Average Annual	
		2012	2022	Change (%)*	Growth (%)	Openings
51-4022	Forging Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	***	***	86.46	6.05	10
29-2091	Orthotists and Prosthetists	***	***	62.96	6.05	5
51-4012	Computer Numerically Controlled Machine Tool Programmers, Metal and Plastic	70	110	47.95	4.62	5
31-2011	Occupational Therapy Assistants	90	140	53.85	4.52	5
21-1091	Health Educators	40	60	37.21	4.14	5
29-2032	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	190	280	46.60	3.95	10
51-4035	Milling and Planing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	150	220	44.97	3.90	10
15-1122	Information Security Analysts	260	380	49.80	3.87	15
27-3091	Interpreters and Translators	90	130	50.00	3.75	5
21-1014	Mental Health Counselors	120	170	36.07	3.54	5
31-2021	Physical Therapist Assistants	270	380	37.73	3.48	15
29-2056	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	200	280	41.29	3.42	10
21-1011	Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors	100	140	35.92	3.42	5
39-9021	Personal Care Aides	2,080	2,900	39.75	3.38	100
25-1072	Nursing Instructors and Teachers, Postsecondary	110	150	40.57	3.15	5
31-1011	Home Health Aides	1,410	1,920	36.48	3.14	80
47-2132	Insulation Workers, Mechanical	***	***	38.10	3.07	10
29-2021	Dental Hygienists	680	920	35.15	3.07	40
29-1123	Physical Therapists	370	500	35.42	3.06	20
43-6013	Medical Secretaries	890	1,200	35.10	3.03	40

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 (2012) and projected (2022) 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.

* Percent change is based on unrounded data.