

### Region 5 Fast Growing Occupations 2012-2022

SOC	Occupations	Employment		Percent	Average Annual	
		2012	2022	Change (%)*	Growth (%)	Openings
31-2011	Occupational Therapy Assistants	80	120	41.98	4.14	5
49-9062	Medical Equipment Repairers	60	90	37.10	4.14	5
29-2032	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	40	60	36.59	4.14	5
39-9021	Personal Care Aides	990	1,470	48.83	4.03	55
31-1011	Home Health Aides	910	1,280	39.50	3.47	55
47-3013	Helpers--Electricians	50	70	32.08	3.42	5
31-2021	Physical Therapist Assistants	200	270	33.83	3.05	10
45-4011	Forest and Conservation Workers	***	***	27.78	2.92	5
51-4011	Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal and Plastic	260	340	30.12	2.72	15
43-6013	Medical Secretaries	380	490	29.06	2.57	15
51-4122	Welding, Soldering, and Brazing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	250	320	27.53	2.50	15
29-2056	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	80	100	28.75	2.26	5
53-7081	Refuse and Recyclable Material Collectors	240	300	27.66	2.26	10
11-9061	Funeral Service Managers	90	110	25.58	2.03	5
53-7021	Crane and Tower Operators	100	120	23.47	1.84	5
25-1072	Nursing Instructors and Teachers, Postsecondary	90	120	32.22	2.92	5
27-3091	Interpreters and Translators	60	80	26.98	2.92	5
29-1123	Physical Therapists	140	180	30.00	2.54	5
29-1171	Nurse Practitioners	130	160	26.36	2.10	5

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.