

Region 7 Fast Growing Occupations 2012-2022

SOC	Occupations	Employment		Percent	Average Annual	
		2012	2022	Change (%)*	Growth (%)	Openings
39-9021	Personal Care Aides	1,020	1,570	54.42	4.41	60
31-2021	Physical Therapist Assistants	130	190	46.15	3.87	10
29-2032	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	90	130	50.00	3.75	5
31-1011	Home Health Aides	720	1,040	43.55	3.75	45
29-2056	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	70	100	41.79	3.63	5
29-1123	Physical Therapists	140	200	36.11	3.63	10
29-2035	Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists	70	100	33.80	3.63	5
29-1122	Occupational Therapists	100	140	37.76	3.42	5
43-6013	Medical Secretaries	440	610	38.78	3.32	20
25-1071	Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	80	110	37.35	3.24	5
29-2041	Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics	***	***	36.57	3.15	15
47-3013	Helpers--Electricians	230	310	36.40	3.03	10
29-1171	Nurse Practitioners	180	240	35.96	2.92	10
29-2021	Dental Hygienists	250	330	34.82	2.82	15
21-1022	Healthcare Social Workers	390	510	29.08	2.72	20
21-1093	Social and Human Service Assistants	100	130	34.02	2.66	5
25-1072	Nursing Instructors and Teachers, Postsecondary	70	90	33.33	2.54	5
31-2022	Physical Therapist Aides	70	90	31.34	2.54	5
15-1152	Computer Network Support Specialists	210	270	29.19	2.54	10
51-4012	Computer Numerically Controlled Machine Tool Programmers, Metal and Plastic	60	70	32.73	1.55	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.