

Region 8 Fast Growing Occupations 2012-2022

SOC	Occupations	Employment		Percent	Average Annual	
		2012	2022	Change (%)*	Growth (%)	Openings
49-3011	Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	***	***	466.67	17.46	5
21-1091	Health Educators	40	60	37.21	4.14	5
39-9021	Personal Care Aides	440	640	44.57	3.82	25
31-2021	Physical Therapist Assistants	50	70	39.62	3.42	5
29-1122	Occupational Therapists	50	70	34.00	3.42	5
13-1161	Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	50	70	33.33	3.42	5
11-9151	Social and Community Service Managers	50	70	32.69	3.42	5
43-6013	Medical Secretaries	100	140	32.04	3.42	5
47-2051	Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers	50	70	29.63	3.42	5
29-2021	Dental Hygienists	80	110	29.76	3.24	5
21-1023	Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers	110	150	37.04	3.15	5
21-1014	Mental Health Counselors	110	150	31.82	3.15	5
25-1071	Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	320	430	33.64	3.00	15
47-3013	Helpers--Electricians	60	80	37.29	2.92	5
51-4011	Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal and Plastic	***	***	36.84	2.92	15
29-1171	Nurse Practitioners	60	80	29.31	2.92	5
31-1011	Home Health Aides	200	260	32.00	2.66	10
15-1131	Computer Programmers	100	130	29.13	2.66	5
51-4122	Welding, Soldering, and Brazing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	70	90	34.78	2.54	5
29-2032	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	50	60	34.04	1.84	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.