

Region 1 High Demand Occupations 2008-2018
Associate Degree and Under Only

SOC	Occupation	Employment		Percent Change	Avg Annual Growth (%)	Avg Annual Openings	Avg Annual Salary
		2008	2018				
312011	Occupational Therapist Assistants	***	***	33.33	2.92	5	**
493043	Rail Car Repairers	***	***	350.00	16.23	5	**
514011	Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal and Plastic	130	170	30.77	2.72	5	\$27,624
292052	Pharmacy Technicians	360	490	36.11	3.13	25	\$26,366
211093	Social and Human Service Assistants	140	200	42.86	3.63	10	\$19,758
512041	Structural Metal Fabricators and Fitters	130	160	23.08	2.10	5	\$27,689
311011	Home Health Aides	690	950	37.68	3.25	30	\$17,605
499041	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	370	450	21.62	1.98	15	\$34,505
514041	Machinists	290	350	20.69	1.90	10	\$39,216
493093	Tire Repairers and Changers	***	***	16.67	1.55	5	\$19,996
319092	Medical Assistants	250	310	24.00	2.17	10	\$20,962
472211	Sheet Metal Workers	***	***	18.18	1.68	5	**
473015	Helpers--Pipelayers, Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	***	***	25.00	2.26	10	\$25,317
499021	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	170	200	17.65	1.64	5	\$34,172
399041	Residential Advisors	60	80	33.33	2.92	5	\$19,938
399021	Personal and Home Care Aides	140	180	28.57	2.54	5	\$15,987
412021	Counter and Rental Clerks	370	450	21.62	1.98	25	\$21,841
434051	Customer Service Representatives	1,560	1,880	20.51	1.88	75	\$24,990
472151	Pipelayers	100	110	10.00	0.96	5	\$43,623
472111	Electricians	410	490	19.51	1.80	20	\$37,365
353011	Bartenders	110	140	27.27	2.44	5	\$19,048
151041	Computer Support Specialists	380	460	21.05	1.93	20	\$36,391
353021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	1,800	2,190	21.67	1.98	75	\$15,638
473013	Helpers--Electricians	190	220	15.79	1.48	10	\$21,838
173013	Mechanical Drafters	50	60	20.00	1.84	5	\$38,199
413021	Insurance Sales Agents	170	190	11.76	1.12	5	\$60,811
436011	Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	230	270	17.39	1.62	5	\$38,534
333012	Correctional Officers and Jailers	190	220	15.79	1.48	5	\$28,433
472152	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	290	330	13.79	1.30	10	\$55,157
493042	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	90	110	22.22	2.03	5	\$32,528

Note: Occupations were selected from unrounded data based on the descending order of average rankings based on three variables; growth, openings, and wages. Occupations that appeared high in the rankings, but had openings that rounded to zero were removed.

** The wages for these occupations are confidential according to standards provided by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Wage estimates are based on the May 2010 release from the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) Unit.

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 (2008) and projected (2018) years or where publication of the occupation would violate confidentiality.

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