

Region 3 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				
512092	Team Assemblers	4,840	7,110	46.90	3.92	330	\$52,077
499041	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	680	920	35.29	3.07	35	\$54,450
291111	Registered Nurses	2,340	2,920	24.79	2.24	95	\$57,995
151041	Computer Support Specialists	220	270	22.73	2.07	15	\$42,969
311011	Home Health Aides	550	800	45.45	3.82	30	\$18,566
292052	Pharmacy Technicians	320	430	34.38	3.00	20	\$26,421
292021	Dental Hygienists	200	250	25.00	2.26	10	\$39,684
399021	Personal and Home Care Aides	260	370	42.31	3.59	15	\$17,769
433011	Bill and Account Collectors	380	490	28.95	2.57	15	\$26,503
132072	Loan Officers	340	410	20.59	1.89	10	\$63,609
319092	Medical Assistants	290	400	37.93	3.27	15	\$22,200
291126	Respiratory Therapists	***	***	21.43	1.96	5	**
434181	Reservation and Transportation Ticket Agents and Travel Clerks	***	***	50.00	4.14	5	**
512041	Structural Metal Fabricators and Fitters	200	250	25.00	2.26	10	\$37,540
312021	Physical Therapist Assistants	90	120	33.33	2.92	5	\$40,611
292055	Surgical Technologists	80	110	37.50	3.24	5	\$32,294
511011	First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Production and Operating Workers	1,030	1,190	15.53	1.45	30	\$57,030
472073	Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	690	820	18.84	1.74	25	\$32,861
319091	Dental Assistants	170	220	29.41	2.61	10	\$27,288
493093	Tire Repairers and Changers	100	140	40.00	3.42	5	\$20,452
292034	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	240	290	20.83	1.91	10	\$41,694
131031	Claims Adjusters, Examiners, and Investigators	***	***	12.50	1.18	5	**
493042	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	190	220	15.79	1.48	10	\$39,394
132021	Appraisers and Assessors of Real Estate	100	120	20.00	1.84	5	**
232011	Paralegals and Legal Assistants	90	120	33.33	2.92	5	\$34,292
434051	Customer Service Representatives	830	980	18.07	1.68	40	\$27,237
436011	Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	490	560	14.29	1.34	15	\$43,146
311012	Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants	1,750	2,070	18.29	1.69	50	\$20,153
292056	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	50	80	60.00	4.81	5	\$22,670
292032	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	70	90	28.57	2.54	5	\$49,534

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.