

Region 4 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				
292021	Dental Hygienists	730	960	31.51	2.78	35	\$44,176
435011	Cargo and Freight Agents	350	490	40.00	3.42	25	\$35,750
291111	Registered Nurses	14,270	16,310	14.30	1.35	440	\$60,984
319092	Medical Assistants	1,660	2,220	33.73	2.95	75	\$27,425
499041	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	1,830	2,180	19.13	1.77	65	\$43,131
292052	Pharmacy Technicians	1,860	2,460	32.26	2.84	115	\$24,478
534031	Railroad Conductors and Yardmasters	***	***	25.64	2.31	25	**
413021	Insurance Sales Agents	2,680	3,060	14.18	1.33	95	\$64,231
518031	Water and Liquid Waste Treatment Plant and System Operators	490	620	26.53	2.38	25	\$40,686
414012	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	9,060	10,280	13.47	1.27	325	\$54,698
413011	Advertising Sales Agents	820	960	17.07	1.59	30	\$55,413
312021	Physical Therapist Assistants	340	440	29.41	2.61	15	\$46,998
311011	Home Health Aides	1,900	2,610	37.37	3.23	90	\$19,008
399031	Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors	830	1,030	24.10	2.18	35	\$36,442
319091	Dental Assistants	820	1,060	29.27	2.60	40	\$31,482
399021	Personal and Home Care Aides	1,330	1,820	36.84	3.19	75	\$16,871
312011	Occupational Therapist Assistants	170	230	35.29	3.07	10	\$49,245
211093	Social and Human Service Assistants	1,060	1,390	31.13	2.75	45	\$23,735
333012	Correctional Officers and Jailers	1,340	1,590	18.66	1.73	55	\$35,136
292041	Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics	790	960	21.52	1.97	25	\$41,717
434051	Customer Service Representatives	9,300	10,790	16.02	1.50	410	\$30,970
419022	Real Estate Sales Agents	1,370	1,550	13.14	1.24	40	\$60,071
299012	Occupational Health and Safety Technicians	***	***	50.00	4.14	5	\$55,716
533021	Bus Drivers, Transit and Intercity	620	820	32.26	2.84	30	\$25,135
493042	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	870	1,020	17.24	1.60	30	\$41,921
333021	Detectives and Criminal Investigators	270	320	18.52	1.71	10	\$65,605
353021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	9,820	11,710	19.25	1.78	375	\$16,345
514011	Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal and Plastic	550	690	25.45	2.29	20	\$28,865
292056	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	260	370	42.31	3.59	20	\$23,720
332021	Fire Inspectors and Investigators	***	***	15.00	1.41	10	\$63,190

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.