

Region 5 Fast Growing Occupations 2008-2018

SOC	Occupation	Employment		Percent Change (%)	Avg Annual Growth (%)	Avg Annual Openings
		2008	2018			
292056	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	60	90	50.00	4.14	5
514122	Welding, Soldering, and Brazing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	170	240	41.18	3.51	10
312011	Occupational Therapist Assistants	50	70	40.00	3.42	5
514011	Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal and Plastic	470	640	36.17	3.14	25
514193	Plating and Coating Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	***	***	35.71	3.10	10
292052	Pharmacy Technicians	600	810	35.00	3.05	40
173026	Industrial Engineering Technicians	60	80	33.33	2.92	5
291071	Physician Assistants	***	***	33.33	2.92	5
211014	Mental Health Counselors	180	240	33.33	2.92	10
211011	Counselors	90	120	33.33	2.92	5
172112	Industrial Engineers	230	300	30.43	2.69	15
399021	Personal and Home Care Aides	430	560	30.23	2.68	20
259031	Instructional Coordinators	70	90	28.57	2.54	5
311011	Home Health Aides	980	1,260	28.57	2.54	35
319092	Medical Assistants	760	970	27.63	2.47	30
499044	Millwrights	110	140	27.27	2.44	5
151081	Network Systems and Data Communications Analysts	110	140	27.27	2.44	5
291131	Veterinarians	110	140	27.27	2.44	5
512092	Team Assemblers	5,940	7,540	26.94	2.41	285
151061	Database Administrators	80	100	25.00	2.26	5
211022	Medical and Public Health Social Workers	250	310	24.00	2.17	10
414011	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and Scientific Products	***	***	23.08	2.10	5
252041	Special Education Teachers, Preschool, Kindergarten, and Elementary School	270	330	22.22	2.03	10
291122	Occupational Therapists	90	110	22.22	2.03	5
312021	Physical Therapist Assistants	160	190	18.75	1.73	5

Note: 25 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 (2008) and projected (2018) 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.