

**Region 5 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				
292052	Pharmacy Technicians	600	810	35.00	3.05	40	\$22,451
311011	Home Health Aides	980	1,260	28.57	2.54	35	\$17,914
514011	Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal and Plastic	470	640	36.17	3.14	25	\$29,610
319092	Medical Assistants	760	970	27.63	2.47	30	\$24,018
399021	Personal and Home Care Aides	430	560	30.23	2.68	20	\$15,338
514122	Welding, Soldering, and Brazing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	170	240	41.18	3.51	10	\$26,219
512092	Team Assemblers	5,940	7,540	26.94	2.41	285	\$44,514
514193	Plating and Coating Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	***	***	35.71	3.10	10	\$32,240
399011	Child Care Workers	1,330	1,550	16.54	1.54	60	\$20,046
412021	Counter and Rental Clerks	610	720	18.03	1.67	35	\$19,966
353021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	3,290	3,820	16.11	1.50	115	\$15,889
292021	Dental Hygienists	300	360	20.00	1.84	10	\$45,071
333012	Correctional Officers and Jailers	470	550	17.02	1.58	20	\$33,658
292056	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	60	90	50.00	4.14	5	\$26,811
499051	Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	820	950	15.85	1.48	40	\$48,811
412031	Retail Salespersons	4,390	5,100	16.17	1.51	205	\$21,442
312021	Physical Therapist Assistants	160	190	18.75	1.73	5	\$45,512
414011	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and Scientific Products	***	***	23.08	2.10	5	\$63,660
333021	Detectives and Criminal Investigators	120	140	16.67	1.55	5	\$42,087
434171	Receptionists and Information Clerks	900	1,020	13.33	1.26	35	\$20,604
211093	Social and Human Service Assistants	270	320	18.52	1.71	10	\$21,328
319091	Dental Assistants	170	200	17.65	1.64	5	\$31,417
493093	Tire Repairers and Changers	***	***	20.00	1.84	10	\$19,329
519122	Painters, Transportation Equipment	160	190	18.75	1.73	5	\$31,905
472181	Roofers	200	240	20.00	1.84	10	\$27,101
499044	Millwrights	110	140	27.27	2.44	5	\$40,540
291111	Registered Nurses	3,170	3,580	12.93	1.22	95	\$54,040
533022	Bus Drivers, School	830	940	13.25	1.25	25	\$16,405
173026	Industrial Engineering Technicians	60	80	33.33	2.92	5	\$42,399
312011	Occupational Therapist Assistants	50	70	40.00	3.42	5	\$50,663

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.