

Region 9 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				
514121	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	1,940	3,140	61.86	4.93	160	\$34,913
514051	Metal-Refining Furnace Operators and Tenders	110	240	118.18	8.11	15	\$59,186
514191	Heat Treating Equipment Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	***	***	111.11	7.76	10	\$61,746
433011	Bill and Account Collectors	1,250	1,930	54.40	4.44	90	\$25,699
291111	Registered Nurses	6,440	7,850	21.89	2.00	245	\$56,590
292021	Dental Hygienists	420	570	35.71	3.10	25	\$45,225
512011	Aircraft Structure, Surfaces, Rigging, and Systems Assemblers	***	***	39.39	3.38	20	\$44,180
514023	Rolling Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	160	240	50.00	4.14	10	\$53,812
514052	Pourers and Casters, Metal	***	***	116.67	8.04	10	**
131031	Claims Adjusters, Examiners, and Investigators	400	510	27.50	2.46	20	\$69,470
514122	Welding, Soldering, and Brazing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	220	320	45.45	3.82	15	\$32,067
311011	Home Health Aides	1,610	2,320	44.10	3.72	85	\$19,759
292052	Pharmacy Technicians	850	1,190	40.00	3.42	60	\$25,058
472061	Construction Laborers	3,240	4,250	31.17	2.75	125	\$22,514
319092	Medical Assistants	1,100	1,500	36.36	3.15	55	\$23,659
493011	Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	570	740	29.82	2.64	25	\$38,806
472111	Electricians	2,170	2,670	23.04	2.10	105	\$38,196
312021	Physical Therapist Assistants	160	240	50.00	4.14	10	\$43,482
472073	Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	1,530	1,910	24.84	2.24	70	\$32,658
319091	Dental Assistants	470	640	36.17	3.14	25	\$23,754
434051	Customer Service Representatives	2,960	3,650	23.31	2.12	150	\$28,053
472152	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	1,830	2,240	22.40	2.04	80	\$36,295
353021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	5,810	7,370	26.85	2.41	265	\$16,164
514021	Extruding and Drawing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	150	250	66.67	5.24	15	\$25,553
399031	Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors	440	580	31.82	2.80	20	\$30,853
399021	Personal and Home Care Aides	420	610	45.24	3.80	25	\$17,623
339021	Private Detectives and Investigators	***	***	33.33	2.92	10	\$34,017
292056	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	***	***	64.29	5.09	15	\$25,353
512041	Structural Metal Fabricators and Fitters	1,020	1,270	24.51	2.22	45	\$33,601
414012	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	3,200	3,770	17.81	1.65	130	\$54,983

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.