Alabama Department of Labor Labor Market Information Division

Region 2 High Demand Occupations 2012-2022

		Employment		Percent	Average Annual		
soc	Occupations	2012	2022	Change (%)*			
15-1121	Computer Systems Analysts	2,660	3,390	27.38	2.45	115	89,366
15-1122	Information Security Analysts	260	380	49.80	3.87	15	78,864
29-1123	Physical Therapists	370	500	35.42	3.06	20	81,000
15-1132	Software Developers, Applications	2,010	2,470	23.03	2.08	70	96,075
15-1151	Computer User Support Specialists	2,040	2,670	30.43	2.73	95	44,835
29-2021	Dental Hygienists	680	920	35.15	3.07	40	48,695
	First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	1,950	2,440	25.31	2.27	70	53,174
11-3021	Computer and Information Systems Managers	1,080	1,310	21.67	1.95	40	127,754
31-2021	Physical Therapist Assistants	270	380	37.73	3.48	15	55,258
29-1171	Nurse Practitioners	230	300	31.44	2.69	10	92,868
13-1161	Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	410	530	29.76	2.60	20	58,688
15-1133	Software Developers, Systems Software	2,120	2,510	18.75	1.70	65	103,412
29-2061	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	2,050	2,580	26.07	2.33	105	36,978
29-1141	Registered Nurses	7,170	8,500	18.65	1.72	275	54,840
13-1051	Cost Estimators	490	610	23.42	2.21	30	59,406
15-1141	Database Administrators	350	440	24.08	2.31	15	78,159
29-1127	Speech-Language Pathologists	220	280	30.70	2.44	10	62,884
51-4011	Comp-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal and Plastic	780	1,010	30.19	2.62	45	33,942
51-4041	Machinists	1,500	1,860	23.83	2.17	70	38,588
29-2032	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	190	280	46.60	3.95	10	43,831
47-2031	Carpenters	2,060	2,570	24.64	2.24	75	35,451
11-9021	Construction Managers	830	990	19.06	1.78	30	82,157
15-1143	Computer Network Architects	220	270	25.35	2.07	10	86,333
43-6013	Medical Secretaries	890	1,200	35.10	3.03	40	27,611
39-9021	Personal Care Aides	2,080	2,900	39.75	3.38	100	17,604
31-2011	Occupational Therapy Assistants	90	140	53.85	4.52	5	52,008
47-2111	Electricians	1,720	2,060	20.35	1.82	65	44,065
51-4122	Welding, Soldering, and Brazing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	520	670	30.10	2.57	30	33,980
31-1011	Home Health Aides	1,410	1,920	36.48	3.14	80	19,444
25-1072	Nursing Instructors and Teachers, Postsecondary	110	150	40.57	3.15	5	59,250
47-2061	Construction Laborers	2,260	2,830	24.88	2.27	105	28,423
49-9041	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	1,850	2,210	18.93	1.79	90	47,811
11-9111	Medical and Health Services Managers	300	360	20.47	1.84	15	91,108
51-2031	Engine and Other Machine Assemblers	1,220	1,490	21.50	2.02	45	41,496
29-2055	Surgical Technologists	430	560	28.70	2.68	15	38,835
51-4022	Forging Machine Setters, Ops, & Tenders, Metal & Plastic	***	***	86.46	6.05	10	35,152
47-2152	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	1,190	1,440	21.18	1.93	40	40,314
31-9092	Medical Assistants	1,170	1,500	27.73	2.52	55	25,808
15-1142	Network and Computer Systems Administrators	990	1,160	17.21	1.60	35	76,484
29-1122	Occupational Therapists	150	200	29.80	2.92	5	64,736

Note: Occupations were selected using unrounded data based on the descending order of average ranking based on three variables: growth, openings, and wages. May 2014 wage data based on the May 2013 OES employment and wage estimate file.

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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 (2012) and projected (2022) 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.

^{*} Percent change is unrounded data.