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Truck Drivers and Registered Nurses Continue to be the Most Sought After Employees According to HWOL (Help Wanted Online) Data *Over 19,000 New Ads Placed Online*

MONTGOMERY - Data collected and analyzed by the Alabama Department of Labor's Labor Market Information Division shows that the most online wanted ads were for heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers, registered nurses, and retail salespersons, with 8,190 ads placed for those occupations in April. Overall ads were up over the month by 1.04%.

The Help Wanted Online (HWOL) data is compiled from all online job postings in the state, including those posted on the state's free online jobs database, www.joblink.alabama.gov, and other sources; such as traditional job boards, corporate boards, and social media sites. There were 45,060 online ads this month, of those 19,723 were new ads.

Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers earn a mean wage of \$20.15 per hour, registered nurses earn a mean wage of \$27.82 per hour, and retail salespersons earn a mean wage of \$12.62 per hour.

<u>TOP OCCUPATIONS WITH MOST ONLINE ADS</u>	<u>Online Ads Apr. 2016</u>	<u>Online Ads Apr. 2015</u>	<u>Change (Percent)</u>	<u>Average Hourly Wage</u>
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	5,070	5,296	-4.3%	\$20.15
Registered Nurses	1,980	1,602	23.6%	\$27.82
Retail Salespersons	1,140	1,189	-4.1%	\$12.62
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	655	400	63.8%	\$8.56
Customer Service Representatives	654	913	-28.4%	\$14.75
Computer User Support Specialists	619	563	9.9%	\$22.49
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	614	771	-20.4%	\$31.54

Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	609	782	-22.1%	\$18.23
Industrial Engineers	600	672	-10.7%	\$41.35
Insurance Sales Agents	576	526	9.5%	\$27.63

“More than half of this month’s top advertised jobs have average wages above \$20 an hour,” said Fitzgerald Washington, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Labor. “There are good, well-paying jobs out there. Employers continue to look for qualified workers in a range of occupations and career fields. We remain dedicated to helping Alabamians find the right job.”

Online job demand was highest in the large metro cities, led by Birmingham, with 9,055 ads. The cities with the highest annual percentage gain over the year in online ads include Auburn (+44.8%), Florence (+15.5%), and Dothan (+7.0%).

The top three employers posting ads in April were: Pizza Hut (776), Community Health Systems, Inc. (715), and St. Vincent’s Health System (602).

Forty-four percent of all online ads are less than 30 days old, and another 34% of all ads are less than 90 days old.

“We’d like to encourage anyone who needs a job, or wants a different job, to come into one of our Career Centers for assistance,” said Washington. “Our trained staff can assist you in obtaining the career you want.”

A listing of Career Centers can be found at www.joblink.alabama.gov.

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