



# Alabama Department of Labor

## News Release

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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 17,000 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 first-line supervisors of retail sales workers, with more than 8,600 ads placed for those occupations in December. Overall ads were up over the year by 4.85%.

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](http://www.joblink.alabama.gov), and other sources; such as traditional job boards, corporate boards, and social media sites. There were 44,610 online ads this month, 17,802 of those 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 first-line retail salespersons earn a mean wage of \$19.97 per hour.

Top Occupations with Most Online Ads	Online Ads Dec-2015	Online Ads Dec-2014	Annual Change	Average Hourly Wage
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	5,645	3,424	64.9%	\$20.15
Registered Nurses	1,593	1,301	22.4%	\$27.82
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	1,412	1,257	12.3%	\$19.97
Retail Salespersons	1,247	972	28.3%	\$12.62
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	1,007	567	77.6%	\$14.77
Customer Service Representatives	840	897	-6.4%	\$14.75
First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	744	654	13.8%	\$24.70
Industrial Engineers	649	735	-11.7%	\$41.35
Computer User Support Specialists	590	618	-4.5%	\$22.49
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	588	656	-10.4%	\$27.54

\*Source: Alabama Department of Labor, Labor Market Information Division

The industry categories with the highest annual increase in online ads were specialized freight trucking (+230%), generalized freight trucking (+216%), and electronics and appliance stores (+134%).

“More than half of this month’s in-demand jobs pay wages of more than \$20 an hour,” said Fitzgerald Washington, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Labor. “We continue to see a huge need for truck drivers and nurses. If these careers are something you’d like to consider, I’d encourage you to come by your local Career Center to find out if you are eligible for training or educational programs at no cost.”

The top three employers posting ads in were: Pizza Hut (771), Community Health Systems, Inc. (746), and UAB Medicine (634).

Forty percent of all online ads are less than 30 days old, and another 37% of all ads are less than 90 days old.

A listing of Career Centers can be found at [www.joblink.alabama.gov](http://www.joblink.alabama.gov).

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