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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 25,000 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 truck drivers, registered nurses, and retail salespersons, with more than 10,000 ads placed for those occupations in October. Overall ads were up over the year by 10.2%.

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 51,380 online ads this month, 25,849 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 \$12.62 per hour.

Wages for Top 10 Occupations with Most Online Ads Posted

Occupation	Wages (per hour)
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$20.15
Registered Nurses	\$27.82
Retail Salespersons	\$12.62
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	\$19.79
Customer Service Representatives	\$14.68
First-Line Supervisors of Office and Admin. Support	\$24.70
Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	\$18.23

Computer User Support Specialists	\$22.49
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	\$27.54
Sales Representatives, Wholesale & Manufacturing	\$31.54

Source: Alabama Department of Labor

“There are nearly 2,000 more online ads this month than last month,” said Fitzgerald Washington, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Labor. “This reflects seasonal hiring, which we expected to pick up during the last quarter of 2015, creating even more opportunity for Alabamians. Additionally, six of the top 10 jobs have average wages of \$20 an hour or more, so these are well-paying jobs.”

Online job demand was highest in the large metro cities, led by Birmingham, Huntsville, Mobile, Montgomery, and Tuscaloosa. The cities with the highest annual percentage gain over the year in online ads include Gadsden (+23.31%), Auburn (+16.68%), and Tuscaloosa (+8.99%).

<u>TOP 10 CITIES WITH MOST ONLINE ADS</u>	<u>Online Ads Sept. 2015</u>	<u>Online Ads Sept. 2014</u>	<u>Change (Percent)</u>
Birmingham, AL	11,630	11,031	5.43%
Huntsville, AL	5,819	5,449	6.79%
Mobile, AL	4,523	4,525	-0.04%
Montgomery, AL	3,887	3,741	3.90%
Tuscaloosa, AL	2,230	2,046	8.99%
Auburn, AL	1,427	1,223	16.68%
Dothan, AL	1,348	1,280	5.31%
Gadsden, AL	1,079	875	23.31%
Decatur, AL	789	755	4.50%
Florence, AL	757	719	5.29%

The top three employers posting ads in September were: Community Health Systems, Inc. (860), Forward Air, Inc. (671), and UAB Medicine (658).

Fifty percent of all online ads are less than 30 days old, and another 29% 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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