



CENTRAL ALABAMA WORKS!

REGION 5 FAST GROWING OCCUPATIONS

BASE YEAR 2018 PROJECTED YEAR 2028

Occupation	Employment		Percent Change	Annual Growth (Percent)
	2018	2028		
Occupational Therapy Assistants	NA	NA	47.83	3.99
Information Security Analysts	NA	NA	43.48	3.68
Computer and Information Research Scientists	NA	NA	39.13	3.36
Maintenance Workers, Machinery	190	260	35.05	3.05
Physician Assistants	90	130	34.41	3.00
Software Developers, Applications*	450	600	32.23	2.83
Speech-Language Pathologists	220	290	30.63	2.71
Physical Therapist Assistants	270	350	29.41	2.61
Athletic Trainers	70	90	29.17	2.59
Home Health Aides*	850	1,090	28.37	2.53
Nurse Practitioners*	410	520	27.18	2.43
Statisticians	70	90	27.03	2.42
Physical Therapist Aides	120	150	26.27	2.36
Adhesive Bonding Machine Operators and Tenders	NA	NA	26.19	2.35
Phlebotomists	340	430	25.66	2.31
Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs*	510	630	23.03	2.09
Veterinary Assistants and Laboratory Animal Caretakers	290	350	22.49	2.05
Physical Therapists	380	460	21.96	2.00
Floor Layers, Except Carpet, Wood, and Hard Tiles	90	110	21.59	1.97
Medical Assistants*	1,060	1,290	21.46	1.96

Note: Employment data are rounded to the nearest 10 and job openings are rounded to the nearest 5. Occupations in bold are also high-earning.

* Qualify as both high-demand and fast-growing occupations.

Source: Alabama Department of Labor and Center for Business and Economic Research, The University of Alabama.