



CENTRAL ALABAMA WORKS!

REGION 5 FAST GROWING OCCUPATIONS

Occupation	Employment		Percent Change	Annual Growth (Percent)	Average Annual Job Openings
	2016	2026			
Aerospace Engineers	NA	NA	56	4.97	10
Computer Numerically Controlled Machine Tool Programmers, Metal and Plastic	40	60	49	4.14	5
Home Health Aides*	1,100	1,560	42	3.56	195
Dental Laboratory Technicians	120	170	37	3.54	20
Molders, Shapers, and Casters, Except Metal and Plastic	170	240	37	3.51	25
Information Security Analysts	80	110	36	3.24	10
Fiberglass Laminators and Fabricators	160	220	36	3.24	30
Software Developers, Applications*	500	670	34	2.97	55
Aircraft Structure, Surfaces, Rigging, and Systems Assemblers	NA	NA	36	2.97	80
Mechanical Engineers*	300	400	34	2.92	30
Maintenance Workers, Machinery	90	120	37	2.92	15
Multiple Machine Tool Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	NA	NA	33	2.87	80
Nurse Practitioners*	280	370	30	2.83	25
Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal and Plastic	130	170	29	2.72	20
Physician Assistants	100	130	29	2.66	10
Helpers--Production Workers	2,630	3,410	30	2.63	525
Lathe and Turning Machine Tool Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	NA	NA	29	2.59	35
Personal Care Aides	1,800	2,300	28	2.48	335
Phlebotomists*	340	430	28	2.38	50
Operations Research Analysts	NA	NA	34	2.26	5