



**CENTRAL
ALABAMA
WORKS!**

HIGH DEMAND OCCUPATIONS

BASE YEAR 2016 PROJECTED YEAR 2026

Occupation	Average Annual Job Openings		
	Total	Due to Growth	Due to Separations
Team Assemblers	1,200	110	1,090
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	1,040	70	970
Customer Service Representatives	550	30	520
Nursing Assistants	465	35	430
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	435	25	415
Registered Nurses	425	85	340
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	390	30	360
Accountants and Auditors	305	25	280
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	285	20	260
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	250	20	225
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	230	20	210
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	200	40	165
Home Health Aides*	195	45	145
Carpenters	165	10	155
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	145	10	135
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	140	20	120
Medical Assistants	135	20	110
Machinists	130	15	115
Electricians	125	10	120
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	100	15	90
Human Resources Specialists	90	5	80
Medical Secretaries	90	10	80
Educational, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselors	85	10	80
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	85	10	80
Computer User Support Specialists	80	10	70
Management Analysts	75	10	65
Dental Assistants	75	10	65
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	55	10	50
Software Developers, Applications*	55	15	40
Industrial Engineers	55	15	45
Healthcare Social Workers	55	5	45
Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics	50	10	40
Phlebotomists*	50	10	35
Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	50	5	45
Physical Therapist Assistants	40	5	30
Production, Planning, and Expediting Clerks	40	5	30
Electrical Engineers	30	5	25
Mechanical Engineers*	30	10	20
Physical Therapists	25	5	20
Nurse Practitioners*	25	10	15

SOURCE: 2019 REGION 5 STATE OF THE WORKFORCE REPORT- ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND CENTER FOR BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC RESEARCH, THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.