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**TOP THREE**
High Demand Occupations 2014-2024

1. Software developers, applications
2. Registered nurses
3. Computer systems analysts

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**46,100**
PRIVATE SECTOR JOBS
have been added to
ALABAMA’S ECONOMY
since January 2017

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**Alabama’s Initial Unemployment Claims are down 52% from January 2018.**

18,970 CLAIMS IN JANUARY 2018
9,011 CLAIMS IN APRIL 2018

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**Alabama 2.2 percent**
United States 3.7 percent

(ALABAMA HAS 5TH LOWEST VETERAN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE)

(Based on 2017 annual averages)

Labor Market Information provided by the Alabama Department of Labor and the United States Department of Labor.
Alabama’s Job Growth Surpasses the Nation’s!

AL 2.0%
US 1.5%


FOUR INDUSTRY SECTORS WITH RECORD HIGH EMPLOYMENT
JULY 2019

- Leisure and Hospitality 219,200
- Transportation Equipment Manufacturing 66,600
- Computer Systems Design 26,300
- Motor Vehicle Manufacturing 14,100


2,075,500 JOBS
HIGHEST EVER
RECORDED!

35,600
JOBS GAINED OVER THE YEAR

Based on preliminary April 2019 wage and salary data.
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ALABAMA TIES WITH FLORIDA for the lowest unemployment rate in the Southeastern United States.

ALABAMA TURNAROUND STORY
Since Great Recession

THEN
RATE INCREASED TO 11.8% OCTOBER 2009
FELL TO 1,858,300 IN JAN 2010
INITIAL CLAIMS REACH 66,249 DEC 2008
ALABAMA BORROWS $574 MILLION FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
NEW JOB ORDERS FELL TO 3,470 NOVEMBER 2009
BUSINESS CONFIDENCE TUMBLED TO 31.5 POINTS FIRST QTR 2009
GDP DECLINED 3.9% ANNUAL 2009

NOW
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AS OF JULY 2019 3.3%
WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT 2,077,300 AS OF JULY 2019
INITIAL CLAIMS 13,279 AS OF JULY 2019
IN 2012 ADOL REPAID THE GOVERNMENT LOAN IN FULL
JOBLINK OPENINGS 18,273 NEW JOB ORDERS AS OF JULY 2019
ECONOMIC BUZZ BUSINESS CONFIDENCE INDEX AT 58.5 POINTS, THIRD QTR 2019
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT GDP GREW 2% ANNUAL 2018

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ABOUT ALABAMA’S WORKFORCE

Labor Force: 2,214,946
Employed: 2,132,578
Unemployed: 82,368
Unemployment Rate: 3.7%
*Seasonally adjusted March 2019 Labor Market Information data

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs: 2,063,100
*Not seasonally adjusted March 2019 Labor Market Information data

U.S. and Alabama Unemployment Rate

Projected Statewide Openings Through 2026

Alabama Department of Labor — By the numbers in 2018

- 13.27 weeks average duration of unemployment in Alabama
- $11,628,642 unemployment insurance benefits paid out
- $6,531,227 in UC overpayments collected
- 1,417 inspections revealed 228 child labor violations
- 4,064 registered in Apprenticeship Alabama
- 1,189 registered in On-the-Job Training
- 82,970 jobseekers receiving employment and training services
- 83,364 employers registered on JobLink
- 12,869 first reports of injury
- 11,607 elevators and escalators inspected
- 11,089 boilers inspected
- 6 mining and reclamation projects completed
- 2 under construction

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION
EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
WORKERS’ COMPENSATION
INSPECTIONS
CONSTRUCTION
Industry Focus

Top Hard Skill References in Job Ads
- Microsoft Office 44%
- Technical support 13%
- Electrical systems 19
- Metal work 18
- Electrical distribution 7%

Top 5 Occupations With Most OnLine Ads Posted
1. Registered Nurses 2,655
2. Retail Salespersons 2,397
3. Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers 1,659
4. Customer Service Representatives 1,506
5. Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food 946

Top 5 Employers With Most OnLine Ads Posted
- UAB Medicine 843
- McDonald's 712
- Family Dollar 649
- Pizza Hut 594
- CVS 569
- Advance Auto Parts, Inc. 493
- Dollar Tree Stores, Inc. 443
- Lockheed Martin 399
- Lowe's 371
- Domino's 361

Average Duration of Job Ad in Days
- 28 Electricians

Job Ads by Wage Range
- $7.25 - $11.25 40%
- $11.26 - $14.99 30%
- $15.00 - $19.99 20%
- $20.00 - $29.99 9%

Source: Alabama Department of Labor - Labor Market Information Division. Help Wanted Online (HWOL) data is from The Conference Board and is WANTED TechAdviser. HWOL data is current as of Aug 13, 2019. Referenced period for this release is the same as the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) and the Current Employment Statistics (CES).

Disclaimer: Help Wanted Online ads are a measure of real-time labor demand captured through online job board ads resulting in a direct indication of hiring plans of the responding employers. This information should be used in conjunction with Labor Market Information reports available on the AL.gov website. HWOL collection methodology changes as of November 2018 – Staffing firms/Recruiters removed. **All statewide unemployment data is based on Seasonally Adjusted Numbers.**