



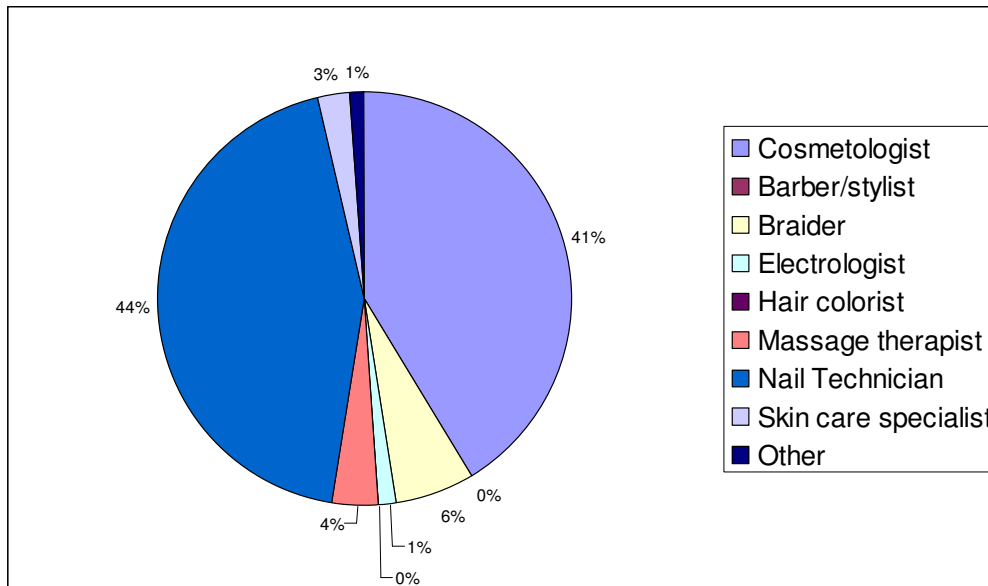
Job Demand Survey 2007 – Results for Alabama

Since 1990, NACCAS has commissioned several Job Demand Surveys, to provide quantitative data on cosmetology careers, earnings potential, and job openings. The most recent survey, completed in May 2007, compiles data from 6,203 salons responding to a national survey.

The 2007 Job Demand Survey results indicate that salons in Alabama plan to hire 5,853 new employees in the next twelve months. The average annual salary for a salon professional in Alabama is \$38,558. This amount does not include tips and gratuities. Nationally, the average salon professional's salary is \$35,973.

Most importantly, 79 percent of Alabama salon owners who attempted to hire new employees in 2006 said they were unable to find properly-trained applicants. This means that jobs would be immediately available for salon professionals.

Chart 1 – Percent of anticipated new hires by job category



As of January 2007, there were 28,971 professionals employed at Alabama's 5,925 salons. 58 percent of salons in the state are employer-owned, and 14 percent are booth-rental salons. The other 28 percent are a combination of the two.

49 percent of Alabama salons are classified by their owners as full-service salons; 16 percent are listed as haircutting salons. Barbershops make up 6 percent of the total. Nationally, 58 percent of salons are listed as full-service, meaning that Alabama has a higher percentage of specialized establishments.