

NORTH CAROLINA Top 15 Star Jobs

Top careers with high wages and employment growth by education requirements

Advanced Degree	Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★ Lawyers	\$46.18	\$96,060
★ Physical Therapists	\$38.85	\$80,810
★ Pharmacists	\$59.90	\$124,600
★ Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$103,990
★ Speech-Language Pathologists	\$31.65	\$65,840
★ Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists	\$42.99	\$89,410
★ Nurse Practitioners	\$46.51	\$96,740
★ Physician Assistants	\$45.93	\$95,530
★ Healthcare Social Workers	\$23.76	\$49,410
★ Mental Health Counselors	\$22.17	\$46,110
★ Clinical, Counseling & School Psychologists	\$27.44	\$57,070
★ Occupational Therapists	\$37.82	\$78,660
★ Dentists, General	\$101.62 ⁱ	\$211,370 ⁱ
★ Nurse Anesthetists	\$74.30	\$154,540
★ Nursing Instructors & Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$61,520

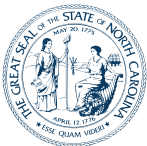
All wage information (except where noted) is Statewide Median Hourly Wage data which was calculated based on 2016 release of the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) program of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The OES program produces employment and wage estimates annually for more than 800 occupations for the U.S., individual states, and metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas; National occupational estimates for specific industries are also available.

i. State Mean Annual Wage

Note: Selected occupations for each education/experience category are based on the Star Jobs Methodology. Education categories in this brochure represent the minimum level of education required for entry according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Actual market conditions may require additional education and training.

What are Star Jobs?

North Carolina's 5-Star Jobs represent occupations with the greatest projected employment potential through 2024. Occupations were rated from 1-5 stars based on wages, projected growth rates, and projected job openings. For a complete list of Star Jobs and explanation of the rating process, visit www.nccommerce.com/lead/data-tools/star-jobs



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High School & Work Experience		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★5	First-Line Supervisors of Office & Admin. Support Workers	\$23.67	\$49,230
★5	First-Line Supervisors of Constr. Trades & Extraction Workers	\$26.59	\$55,310
★5	Electricians	\$19.13	\$39,790
★5	First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers & Repairers	\$29.36	\$61,060
★5	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$22.01	\$45,790
★5	Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers	\$25.60	\$53,240
★5	Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal & Plastic	\$18.60	\$38,690
★5	Loan Interviewers & Clerks	\$18.03	\$37,500
★5	Food Service Managers	\$27.17	\$56,500
★5	Property, Real Estate & Community Association Managers	\$27.81	\$57,840
★4	Customer Service Representatives	\$14.78	\$30,740
★4	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	\$18.31	\$38,080
★4	First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation & Serving Workers	\$14.68	\$30,530
★4	Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	\$17.65	\$36,710
★4	Sales Reps., Wholesale & Mfg., <i>Except Technical & Scientific Products</i>	\$27.64	\$57,500

Postsecondary Training		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★5	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$20.27	\$42,160
★5	Computer User Support Specialists	\$22.97	\$47,780
★4	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$18.46	\$38,390
★4	Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	\$18.01	\$37,460
★4	Medical Assistants	\$14.34	\$29,830
★4	Firefighters	\$14.99	\$31,190
★4	Heating, A/C & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$18.79	\$39,090
★4	Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	\$15.62	\$32,500
★4	Dental Assistants	\$18.15	\$37,750
★4	Phlebotomists	\$13.71	\$28,520
★4	Medical Records & Health Information Technicians	\$15.85	\$32,980
★4	Massage Therapists	\$18.32	\$38,110
★4	Aircraft Mechanics & Service Technicians	\$26.11	\$54,320
★4	First-Line Supervisors of Fire Fighting & Prevention Workers	\$28.84	\$59,980
★4	Surgical Technologists	\$18.73	\$38,960

Associate Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★5	Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technicians	\$18.70	\$38,890
★5	Respiratory Therapists	\$25.67	\$53,390
★5	Dental Hygienists	\$32.57	\$67,750
★5	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$28.70	\$59,700
★5	Web Developers	\$29.67	\$61,700
★5	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$30.95	\$64,370
★5	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$28.73	\$59,760
★5	Cardiovascular Technologists & Technicians	\$29.93	\$62,260
★4	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$19.39	\$40,330
★4	Radiologic Technologists	\$26.20	\$54,490
★4	Computer Network Support Specialists	\$27.88	\$58,000
★4	Veterinary Technologists & Technicians	\$14.62	\$30,420
★4	Electrical & Electronics Engineering Technicians	\$28.15	\$58,560
★4	Environmental Science & Protection Technicians, <i>Including Health</i>	\$19.14	\$39,800
★4	Medical Equipment Repairers	\$20.89	\$43,460

Bachelor's Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★5	Registered Nurses	\$28.34	\$58,950
★5	General & Operations Managers	\$51.60	\$107,320
★5	Accountants & Auditors	\$31.11	\$64,720
★5	Software Developers, Applications	\$44.41	\$92,380
★5	Computer Systems Analysts	\$42.24	\$87,870
★5	Financial Managers	\$58.35	\$121,370
★5	Management Analysts	\$38.13	\$79,310
★5	Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	\$29.77	\$61,930
★5	Computer & Information Systems Managers	\$60.76	\$126,380
★5	Loan Officers	\$31.17	\$64,840
★5	Personal Financial Advisors	\$40.79	\$84,830
★5	Medical & Health Services Managers	\$45.47	\$94,580
★5	Software Developers, Systems Software	\$51.42	\$106,950
★5	Financial Analysts	\$36.99	\$76,930
★5	Sales Reps., Wholesale & Mfg., Technical & Scientific Products	\$41.01	\$85,300