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High School and Work Experience		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Sales Reps., Wholesale & Mfg., Exc. Tech. & Sci. Products	\$31.38	\$65,272
★	Managers of Construction Trades & Extraction Workers	\$29.18	\$60,703
★	Plumbers, Pipefitters, & Steamfitters	\$20.67	\$43,001
★	Insurance Sales Agents	\$25.41	\$52,856
★	Managers of Mechanics, Installers, & Repairers	\$31.40	\$65,312
★	Property, Real Estate, & Community Assoc Managers	\$26.89	\$55,928
★	Food Service Managers	\$27.98	\$58,200
★	Customer Service Reps.	\$17.15	\$35,679
★	Managers of Retail Sales Workers	\$20.28	\$42,175
★	Managers of Food Prep & Serving Workers	\$15.77	\$32,799

Postsecondary Training		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Computer User Support Specialists	\$23.49	\$48,854
★	Massage Therapists	\$19.30	\$40,134
★	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$20.67	\$42,989
★	Automotive Service Techs & Mechanics	\$21.05	\$43,777
★	Medical Assistants	\$16.55	\$34,416
★	HVAC & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$20.22	\$42,054
★	Firefighters	\$15.72	\$32,701
★	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$22.01	\$45,782
★	Dental Assistants	\$21.50	\$44,723
★	Phlebotomists	\$15.76	\$32,777

Associate Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$23.61	\$49,111
★	Web Developers	\$30.93	\$64,337
★	Dental Hygienists	\$36.15	\$75,188
★	Respiratory Therapists	\$27.54	\$57,281
★	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$29.14	\$60,621
★	Computer Network Support Specialists	\$28.63	\$59,555
★	Radiologic Technologists	\$27.92	\$58,078
★	Medical Equipment Repairers	\$25.37	\$52,777
★	Architectural & Civil Drafters	\$23.88	\$49,661
★	Veterinary Technologists & Techs	\$16.88	\$35,113

Bachelor's Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	General & Operations Managers	\$55.26	\$114,941
★	Registered Nurses	\$30.36	\$63,148
★	Accountants & Auditors	\$35.98	\$74,829
★	Software Developers, Apps	\$50.92	\$105,913
★	Management Analysts	\$43.08	\$89,597
★	Computer Systems Analysts	\$44.62	\$92,807
★	Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	\$31.12	\$64,724
★	Financial Managers	\$69.63	\$144,840
★	Loan Officers	\$31.65	\$65,830
★	Construction Managers	\$48.49	\$100,863

Advanced Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Lawyers	\$58.05	\$120,735
★	Pharmacists	\$60.17	\$125,150
★	Healthcare Social Workers	\$27.29	\$56,764
★	Mental Health & Substance Abuse Social Workers	\$26.44	\$54,992
★	Speech-Language Pathologists	\$37.18	\$77,345
★	Physical Therapists	\$40.85	\$84,958
★	Physician Assistants	\$48.77	\$101,447
★	Nurse Practitioners	\$48.60	\$101,083
★	Occupational Therapists	\$42.59	\$88,592
★	Urban & Regional Planners	\$34.18	\$71,093

All wage information (except where noted) is Regional Median Hourly and Annual Wage data which was calculated based on 2019 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.

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 2026. 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/data-tools-reports/labor-market-data-tools/employment-projections#star-jobs](http://www.nccommerce.com/data-tools-reports/labor-market-data-tools/employment-projections#star-jobs)



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