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High School and Work Experience		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Managers of Construction Trades & Extraction Workers	\$27.74	\$57,690
★	Insurance Sales Agents	\$21.27	\$44,246
★	Managers of Mechanics, Installers, & Repairers	\$30.04	\$62,490
★	Plumbers, Pipefitters, & Steamfitters	\$21.43	\$44,579
★	Self-Enrichment Education Teachers	\$18.42	\$38,310
★	Managers of Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers	\$23.26	\$48,371
★	Property, Real Estate, & Community Assoc Managers	\$25.43	\$52,889
★	Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers	\$33.16	\$68,970
★	Customer Service Reps.	\$16.54	\$34,405
★	Managers of Retail Sales Workers	\$18.98	\$39,471

Postsecondary Training		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	HVAC & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$19.90	\$41,385
★	Computer User Support Specialists	\$22.87	\$47,570
★	Automotive Service Techs & Mechanics	\$18.67	\$38,840
★	Medical Assistants	\$16.38	\$34,073
★	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$20.59	\$42,826
★	Firefighters	\$17.11	\$35,587
★	Dental Assistants	\$18.51	\$38,491
★	Phlebotomists	\$14.78	\$30,750
★	Emergency Medical Techs & Paramedics	\$16.16	\$33,614
★	Massage Therapists	\$18.66	\$38,817

Associate Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$17.97	\$37,379
★	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$29.36	\$61,076
★	Dental Hygienists	\$33.71	\$70,127
★	Radiologic Technologists	\$27.31	\$56,803
★	Respiratory Therapists	\$27.75	\$57,723
★	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$34.58	\$71,929
★	Web Developers	\$33.34	\$69,340
★	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$30.30	\$63,025
★	Clinical Lab Technologists & Techs	\$21.33	\$44,358
★	Computer Network Support Specialists	\$26.27	\$54,650

Bachelor's Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Registered Nurses	\$30.83	\$64,124
★	General & Operations Managers	\$51.06	\$106,215
★	Accountants & Auditors	\$32.40	\$67,398
★	Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	\$27.79	\$57,804
★	Child, Family, & School Social Workers	\$22.70	\$47,220
★	Financial Managers	\$59.46	\$123,679
★	Construction Managers	\$43.32	\$90,102
★	Software Developers, Apps	\$45.05	\$93,707
★	Industrial Engineers	\$37.71	\$78,443
★	Management Analysts	\$32.68	\$67,978

Advanced Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$61,242
★	Healthcare Social Workers	\$26.56	\$55,238
★	Physical Therapists	\$42.35	\$88,096
★	Physician Assistants	\$48.12	\$100,084
★	Pharmacists	\$62.34	\$129,668
★	Nurse Practitioners	\$50.33	\$104,689
★	Business Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$66,813
★	Speech-Language Pathologists	\$36.77	\$76,478
★	Occupational Therapists	\$43.06	\$89,575
★	Nursing Instructors & Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$62,414

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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