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| High School and Work Experience |   | Median Hourly Wage | Median Annual Wage |
|---------------------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| ★                               | Managers of Construction Trades & Extraction Workers      | \$30.85            | \$64,178           |
| ★                               | Sales Reps., Wholesale & Mfg., Exc. Tech. & Sci. Products | \$25.93            | \$53,940           |
| ★                               | Managers of Mechanics, Installers, & Repairers            | \$31.77            | \$66,084           |
| ★                               | Self-Enrichment Education Teachers                        | \$16.94            | \$35,235           |
| ★                               | Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers              | \$29.37            | \$61,099           |
| ★                               | Chefs & Head Cooks  | \$34.62            | \$72,019           |
| ★                               | Surveying & Mapping Techs                                 | \$33.29            | \$69,251           |
| ★                               | Customer Service Reps.                                    | \$15.95            | \$33,170           |
| ★                               | Managers of Retail Sales Workers                          | \$17.63            | \$36,665           |
| ★                               | Maintenance & Repair Workers, General                     | \$17.01            | \$35,374           |

| Associate Degree |  | Median Hourly Wage   | Median Annual Wage    |
|------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------------|
| ★                | Paralegals & Legal Assistants                | \$20.70              | \$43,066              |
| ★                | Radiologic Technologists                     | \$27.22              | \$56,627              |
| ★                | Physical Therapist Assistants                | \$29.24              | \$60,814              |
| ★                | Occupational Therapy Assistants              | \$22.94              | \$47,722              |
| ★                | Web Developers                               | \$26.51              | \$55,148              |
| ★                | Civil Engineering Techs                      | \$23.62              | \$49,129              |
| ★                | Architectural & Civil Drafters               | \$21.73              | \$45,205              |
| ★                | Dental Hygienists                            | \$26.55              | \$55,232              |
| ★                | Morticians, Undertakers, & Funeral Directors | \$32.18 <sup>l</sup> | \$66,935 <sup>l</sup> |
| ★                | Medical Equipment Repairers                  | \$23.00              | \$47,844              |

| Advanced Degree |  | Median Hourly Wage | Median Annual Wage |
|-----------------|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| ★               | Healthcare Social Workers                              | \$24.69            | \$51,359           |
| ★               | Pharmacists  | \$63.16            | \$131,366          |
| ★               | Physical Therapists                                    | \$44.64            | \$92,846           |
| ★               | Physician Assistants                                   | \$59.72            | \$124,217          |
| ★               | Nurse Practitioners                                    | \$53.89            | \$112,099          |
| ★               | Occupational Therapists                                | \$35.57            | \$73,989           |
| ★               | Speech-Language Pathologists                           | \$26.28            | \$54,664           |
| ★               | Educational, Guidance, School, & Vocational Counselors | \$26.97            | \$56,089           |
| ★               | Education Admin., Elementary & Secondary School        | N/A                | \$63,937           |
| ★               | Rehabilitation Counselors                              | \$21.74            | \$45,213           |

| Postsecondary Training |   | Median Hourly Wage | Median Annual Wage |
|------------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| ★                      | Computer User Support Specialists               | \$22.01            | \$45,780           |
| ★                      | Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers           | \$18.67            | \$38,825           |
| ★                      | Automotive Service Techs & Mechanics            | \$14.67            | \$30,521           |
| ★                      | Medical Assistants                              | \$15.90            | \$33,074           |
| ★                      | Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses | \$21.70            | \$45,137           |
| ★                      | Phlebotomists                                   | \$14.51            | \$30,183           |
| ★                      | Medical Records & Health Info Techs             | \$16.65            | \$34,634           |
| ★                      | Surgical Technologists                          | \$21.00            | \$43,677           |
| ★                      | Nursing Assistants                              | \$12.80            | \$26,617           |
| ★                      | Teacher Assistants                              | N/A                | \$26,546           |

| Bachelor's Degree |   | Median Hourly Wage | Median Annual Wage |
|-------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| ★                 | Registered Nurses   | \$28.84            | \$59,985           |
| ★                 | General & Operations Managers                             | \$47.62            | \$99,052           |
| ★                 | Accountants & Auditors                                    | \$31.61            | \$65,750           |
| ★                 | Medical & Health Services Managers                        | \$46.84            | \$97,434           |
| ★                 | Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists          | \$21.55            | \$44,822           |
| ★                 | Construction Managers                                     | \$52.88            | \$109,983          |
| ★                 | Sub. Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, & Mental Hlth Counselors | \$21.34            | \$44,384           |
| ★                 | Financial Managers  | \$56.12            | \$116,721          |
| ★                 | Cost Estimators   | \$33.59            | \$69,859           |
| ★                 | Training & Development Specialists                        | \$30.78            | \$64,015           |

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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