

RALEIGH-DURHAM REGION

Top 10 Star Jobs

Top careers with high wages and employment growth by education requirements

Advanced Degree	Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★ Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$106,252
★ Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists	\$43.36	\$90,187
★ Lawyers	\$50.86	\$105,797
★ Statisticians	\$46.89	\$97,524
★ Pharmacists	\$59.20	\$123,134
★ Physical Therapists	\$39.41	\$81,979
★ Business Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$83,692
★ Nurse Practitioners	\$49.23	\$102,393
★ Physician Assistants	\$49.02	\$101,965
★ Biological Science Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$77,637

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



For more information on North Carolina careers go to:

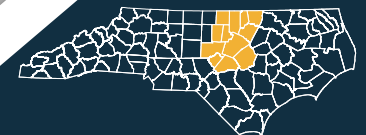
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High School and Work Experience		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Sales Reps., Wholesale & Mfg., Exc. Tech. & Scientific Products	\$30.17	\$62,763
★	Managers of Construction Trades & Extraction Workers	\$28.96	\$60,245
★	Fitness Trainers & Aerobics Instructors	\$21.54	\$44,799
★	Plumbers, Pipefitters, & Steamfitters	\$21.75	\$45,247
★	Managers of Mechanics, Installers, & Repairers	\$31.31	\$65,118
★	Insurance Sales Agents	\$27.67	\$57,553
★	Food Service Managers	\$27.89	\$58,021
★	Property, Real Estate, & Community Assoc Managers	\$29.30	\$60,946
★	Managers of Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers	\$27.13	\$56,421
★	Customer Service Reps.	\$15.95	\$33,168

Associate Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$22.20	\$46,169
★	Clinical Lab Technologists & Techs	\$25.21	\$52,427
★	Computer Network Support Specialists	\$34.30	\$71,347
★	Web Developers	\$35.89	\$74,660
★	Radiologic Technologists	\$29.53	\$61,413
★	Dental Hygienists	\$34.45	\$71,646
★	Respiratory Therapists	\$27.89	\$58,020
★	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$28.11	\$58,465
★	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$32.28	\$67,139
★	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$32.50	\$67,603

Postsecondary Training		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Computer User Support Specialists	\$24.31	\$50,561
★	HVAC & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$21.91	\$45,583
★	Massage Therapists	\$19.70	\$40,966
★	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$20.93	\$43,533
★	Automotive Service Techs & Mechanics	\$19.99	\$41,576
★	Medical Assistants	\$16.14	\$33,577
★	Dental Assistants	\$21.37	\$44,442
★	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$21.84	\$45,436
★	Firefighters	\$17.47	\$36,331
★	Emergency Medical Techs & Paramedics	\$17.66	\$36,723

Bachelor's Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Registered Nurses	\$30.60	\$63,643
★	Software Developers, Apps	\$47.77	\$99,363
★	General & Operations Managers	\$57.50	\$119,593
★	Accountants & Auditors	\$33.52	\$69,716
★	Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	\$31.49	\$65,507
★	Computer Systems Analysts	\$43.15	\$89,748
★	Sales Reps., Wholesale & Mfg., Tech. & Scientific Products	\$45.51	\$94,662
★	Management Analysts	\$39.86	\$82,912
★	Computer & Info Systems Managers	\$67.64	\$140,685
★	Construction Managers	\$47.83	\$99,482