

ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON 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	\$58,062
★ Healthcare Social Workers	\$23.61	\$49,112
★ Pharmacists	\$68.44	\$142,345
★ Physical Therapists	\$40.04	\$83,284
★ Physician Assistants	\$49.53	\$103,020
★ Business Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$65,536
★ Nurse Practitioners	\$43.85	\$91,214
★ Speech-Language Pathologists	\$36.31	\$75,529
★ Nursing Instructors & Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$63,144
★ Occupational Therapists	\$45.67	\$94,997

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.

i. Prosperity Zone Median 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 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



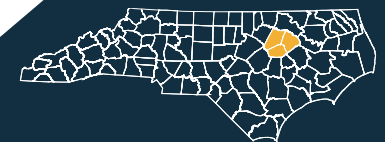
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High School and Work Experience		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Managers of Mechanics, Installers, & Repairers	\$31.11	\$64,716
★	Plumbers, Pipefitters, & Steamfitters	\$20.94	\$43,563
★	Construction & Building Inspectors	\$27.01	\$56,173
★	Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	\$21.29	\$44,274
★	Managers of Food Prep & Serving Workers	\$14.55	\$30,258
★	Machinists	\$19.37	\$40,290
★	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$24.66	\$51,297
★	Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$20.40	\$42,433
★	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, & Brazers	\$18.50	\$38,487
★	Loan Interviewers & Clerks	\$17.76	\$36,933

Associate Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$30.42	\$63,281
★	Web Developers	\$23.25	\$48,359
★	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$32.49	\$67,573
★	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$17.67	\$36,754
★	Computer Network Support Specialists	\$22.67	\$47,156
★	Veterinary Technologists & Techs	\$14.33	\$29,816
★	Respiratory Therapists	\$27.87	\$57,971
★	Clinical Lab Technologists & Techs	\$23.65	\$49,198
★	Dental Hygienists	\$32.23	\$67,034
★	Radiologic Technologists	\$26.23	\$54,569

Postsecondary Training		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	HVAC & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$19.54	\$40,637
★	Computer User Support Specialists	\$20.95	\$43,576
★	Medical Assistants	\$14.03	\$29,180
★	Firefighters	\$15.41	\$32,059
★	Emergency Medical Techs & Paramedics	\$17.56 ⁱ	\$36,523 ⁱ
★	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$18.12	\$37,680
★	Automotive Service Techs & Mechanics	\$16.44	\$34,200
★	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$21.80	\$45,350
★	Dental Assistants	\$21.81	\$45,355
★	Telecom. Equip. Installers & Repairers, Except Line Installers	\$27.87	\$57,962

Bachelor's Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Registered Nurses	\$28.98	\$60,271
★	General & Operations Managers	\$46.86	\$97,468
★	Accountants & Auditors	\$34.42	\$71,589
★	Loan Officers	\$28.99	\$60,302
★	Child, Family, & School Social Workers	\$21.06	\$43,802
★	Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	\$29.01	\$60,343
★	Financial Managers	\$60.42	\$125,676
★	Industrial Engineers	\$39.63	\$82,439
★	Computer Systems Analysts	\$42.01	\$87,372
★	Software Developers, Apps	\$42.67	\$88,744