

GOLDSBORO-KINSTON REGION

Top 10 Star Jobs

Top careers with high wages and employment growth by education requirements

Advanced Degree

		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Healthcare Social Workers	\$26.21	\$54,516
★	Speech-Language Pathologists	\$29.65	\$61,672
★	Clinical, Counseling, & School Psychologists	\$37.23	\$77,430
★	Physician Assistants	\$46.24	\$96,184
★	Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$105,520 ⁱ
★	Physical Therapists	\$44.58	\$92,734
★	Nurse Practitioners	\$47.00	\$97,758
★	Nursing Instructors & Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$60,112
★	Business Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$59,099
★	Occupational Therapists	\$41.26	\$85,815

All wage information is Prosperity Zone Sub-Region Median Hourly and Annual Wage data which was calculated based on the May 2018 Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) program of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The OEWS 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. State 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 2028. 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/starjobs



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High School & Work Experience		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	First-Line Supervisors of Const. Trades & Extraction Workers	\$27.63	\$57,479
★	Electricians	\$23.82	\$49,542
★	Insurance Sales Agents	\$26.21	\$54,508
★	Plumbers, Pipefitters, & Steamfitters	\$19.15	\$39,841
★	Food Service Managers	\$22.08	\$45,922
★	Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers	\$30.70	\$63,856
★	Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	\$17.90	\$37,232
★	Sales Reps., Wholesale & Mfg., Exc. Tech. & Scientific Products	\$27.13	\$56,428
★	Carpenters	\$16.81	\$34,971
★	Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$18.19	\$37,829

Associate Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$30.57	\$63,590
★	Dental Hygienists	\$35.27	\$73,371
★	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$28.24	\$58,733
★	Respiratory Therapists	\$26.76	\$55,670
★	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$16.79	\$34,931
★	Computer Network Support Specialists	\$24.94	\$51,881
★	Civil Engineering Technicians	\$23.01 ⁱ	\$47,870 ⁱ
★	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$30.15	\$62,705
★	Web Developers	\$32.94 ⁱ	\$68,520 ⁱ
★	Environmental Science & Protection Technicians, Inc. Health	\$19.70 ⁱ	\$40,990 ⁱ

Postsecondary Training		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Dental Assistants	\$18.69	\$38,866
★	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$19.05	\$39,614
★	Medical Assistants	\$14.41	\$29,978
★	Computer User Support Specialists	\$19.85	\$41,281
★	Phlebotomists	\$14.58	\$30,319
★	Aircraft Mechanics & Service Technicians	\$25.43	\$52,899
★	Massage Therapists	\$19.03 ⁱ	\$39,590 ⁱ
★	Nursing Assistants	\$13.90	\$28,914
★	Heating, A/C, & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$13.77	\$28,635
★	Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	\$15.10	\$31,403

Bachelor's Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Registered Nurses	\$30.48	\$63,405
★	General & Operations Managers	\$46.76	\$97,251
★	Accountants & Auditors	\$31.07	\$64,618
★	Construction Managers	\$42.90	\$89,235
★	Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	\$24.46	\$50,878
★	Medical & Health Services Managers	\$41.18	\$85,658
★	Sub. Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, & Mental Health Counselors	\$21.72	\$45,176
★	Financial Managers	\$46.87	\$97,489
★	Industrial Engineers	\$38.27	\$79,596
★	Securities, Commodities, & Financial Services Sales Agents	\$22.06	\$45,888