

WILMINGTON REGION

Top 10 Star Jobs

Top careers with high wages and employment growth by education requirements

Advanced Degree

	Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★ Physician Assistants	\$53.30	\$110,854
★ Speech-Language Pathologists	\$34.55	\$71,863
★ Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists	\$37.44	\$77,885
★ Mental Health & Substance Abuse Social Workers	\$26.55	\$55,225
★ Clinical, Counseling, & School Psychologists	\$29.67	\$61,711
★ Physicians & Surgeons	\$68.23	\$141,929
★ Nurse Practitioners	\$51.33	\$106,765
★ Physical Therapists	\$49.99	\$103,978
★ Veterinarians	\$43.63	\$90,749
★ Occupational Therapists	\$37.27	\$77,515

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	\$27.62	\$57,458
★	Electricians	\$18.65	\$38,786
★	Fitness Trainers & Aerobics Instructors	\$21.53	\$44,783
★	Plumbers, Pipefitters, & Steamfitters	\$20.39	\$42,419
★	Food Service Managers	\$23.89	\$49,688
★	Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers	\$32.94	\$68,525
★	Loan Interviewers & Clerks	\$24.99	\$51,985
★	First-Line Supervisors of Landscaping Workers	\$24.81	\$51,596
★	First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation & Serving Workers	\$15.26	\$31,735
★	Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	\$17.15	\$35,682

Associate Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$20.19	\$41,990
★	Dental Hygienists	\$33.31	\$69,292
★	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$30.58	\$63,616
★	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$24.24	\$50,425
★	Web Developers	\$24.14	\$50,210
★	Respiratory Therapists	\$27.70	\$57,612
★	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$32.65	\$67,912
★	Radiologic Technologists	\$25.18	\$52,364
★	Morticians, Undertakers, & Funeral Directors	\$30.12	\$62,655
★	Computer Network Support Specialists	\$24.11	\$50,147

Postsecondary Training		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Heating, A/C, & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$20.19	\$42,002
★	Computer User Support Specialists	\$23.34	\$48,549
★	Dental Assistants	\$18.58	\$38,646
★	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$18.30	\$38,062
★	Medical Assistants	\$15.01	\$31,214
★	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$21.53	\$44,776
★	Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	\$16.96 ⁱ	\$35,280 ⁱ
★	Phlebotomists	\$15.30	\$31,823
★	Aircraft Mechanics & Service Technicians	\$27.40 ⁱ	\$56,990 ⁱ
★	Surgical Technologists	\$20.72	\$43,103

Bachelor's Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Registered Nurses	\$29.36	\$61,077
★	General & Operations Managers	\$43.98	\$91,470
★	Accountants & Auditors	\$32.99	\$68,628
★	Construction Managers	\$49.40	\$102,755
★	Software Developers, Applications	\$40.55	\$84,335
★	Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	\$26.21	\$54,515
★	Loan Officers	\$31.31	\$65,130
★	Medical & Health Services Managers	\$45.50	\$94,635
★	Securities, Commodities, & Financial Services Sales Agents	\$26.17	\$54,426
★	Sub. Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, & Mental Health Counselors	\$22.76	\$47,346