

ASHEVILLE REGION Top 10 Star Jobs

Top careers with high wages and employment growth by education requirements

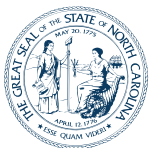
Advanced Degree	Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★ Physical Therapists	\$39.66	\$82,486
★ Pharmacists	\$59.21	\$123,161
★ Lawyers	\$41.20	\$85,700
★ Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$64,400
★ Speech-Language Pathologists	\$39.56	\$82,276
★ Nurse Practitioners	\$44.60	\$92,769
★ Physician Assistants	\$50.00	\$103,992
★ Healthcare Social Workers	\$22.55	\$46,896
★ Mental Health Counselors	\$21.97	\$45,689
★ Occupational Therapists	\$37.83	\$78,696

All wage information (except where noted) is Regional Median Hourly and Annual Wage data which was calculated based on 2016 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 2024. 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/lead/data-tools/star-jobs



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High School and Work Experience

		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	First-Line Supervisors of Office & Admin. Support Workers	\$22.28	\$46,350
★	First-Line Supervisors of Constr. Trades & Extraction Workers	\$22.90	\$47,625
★	Electricians	\$18.62	\$38,725
★	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$23.49	\$48,869
★	First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers & Repairers	\$26.94	\$56,028
★	Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal & Plastic	\$17.84	\$37,117
★	Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers	\$29.94	\$62,277
★	Food Service Managers	\$26.60	\$55,318
★	Real Estate Sales Agents	\$29.31	\$60,960
★	Property, Real Estate & Community Association Managers	\$26.50	\$55,123

Associate Degree

		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technicians	\$17.39	\$36,175
★	Dental Hygienists	\$26.50	\$55,123
★	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$29.03	\$60,373
★	Respiratory Therapists	\$25.01	\$52,014
★	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$32.54	\$67,678
★	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$31.76	\$66,060
★	Web Developers	\$21.11	\$43,917
★	Cardiovascular Technologists & Technicians	\$27.89	\$58,017
★	Radiologic Technologists	\$24.26	\$50,459
★	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$19.87	\$41,335

Postsecondary Training

		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$19.88	\$41,351
★	Computer User Support Specialists	\$18.44	\$38,365
★	Massage Therapists	\$26.58	\$55,280
★	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$18.30	\$38,071
★	Medical Assistants	\$14.19	\$29,517
★	Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	\$16.52	\$34,362
★	Dental Assistants	\$18.40	\$38,270
★	Firefighters	\$14.07	\$29,263
★	Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	\$17.00	\$35,364
★	Heating, A/C & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$18.38	\$38,238

Bachelor's Degree

		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Registered Nurses	\$28.57	\$59,425
★	General & Operations Managers	\$44.25	\$92,042
★	Accountants & Auditors	\$28.67	\$59,630
★	Software Developers, Applications	\$34.37	\$71,480
★	Computer Systems Analysts	\$29.02	\$60,368
★	Medical & Health Services Managers	\$43.95	\$91,425
★	Financial Managers	\$46.07	\$95,833
★	Management Analysts	\$30.01	\$62,412
★	Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	\$24.37	\$50,697
★	Construction Managers	\$40.95	\$85,176