

GREATER BOONE-WILKESBORO REGION

Top 10 Star Jobs

Top careers with high wages and employment growth by education requirements

Advanced Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Pharmacists	\$58.90	\$122,509
★	Education Administrators, Postsecondary	\$45.94	\$95,558
★	Physical Therapists	\$41.03	\$85,348
★	Speech-Language Pathologists	\$29.92	\$62,230
★	Clinical, Counseling & School Psychologists	\$27.34	\$56,877
★	Mental Health Counselors	\$19.15	\$39,830
★	Nurse Practitioners	\$42.17	\$87,707
★	Physician Assistants	\$37.61	\$78,238
★	Mathematical Science Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$59,189
★	Occupational Therapists	\$37.58	\$78,175

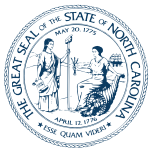
All wage information (except where noted) is Regional Median Hourly and Annual Wage data which was calculated based on 2016 release of the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) program of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The OES program produces employment and wage estimates annually for more than 800 occupations for the U.S., individual states, and metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas; National occupational estimates for specific industries are also available.

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 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 & Work Experience

		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	First-Line Supervisors of Office & Admin. Support Workers	\$21.52	\$44,759
★	First-Line Supervisors of Constr. Trades & Extraction Workers	\$26.28	\$54,668
★	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$18.16	\$37,774
★	Food Service Managers	\$43.85	\$91,214
★	Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers	\$31.82 ⁱ	\$66,196 ⁱ
★	Customer Service Representatives	\$13.39	\$27,842
★	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	\$17.54	\$36,483
★	Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	\$15.70	\$32,656
★	Sales Reps., Wholesale & Mfg., <i>Except Technical & Scientific Products</i>	\$34.57	\$71,902
★	Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$17.40	\$36,189

Associate Degree

		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technicians	\$21.10	\$43,879
★	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$28.38	\$59,028
★	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$30.59	\$63,637
★	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$29.99	\$62,375
★	Preschool Teachers, <i>Except Special Education</i>	\$17.13	\$35,637
★	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$20.20	\$42,016
★	Computer Network Support Specialists	\$28.58	\$59,439
★	Respiratory Therapists	\$23.33	\$48,522
★	Dental Hygienists	\$23.70	\$49,294
★	Human Resources Assistants, <i>Except Payroll & Timekeeping</i>	\$17.27	\$35,916

Postsecondary Training

		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Computer User Support Specialists	\$20.18	\$41,977
★	Heating, A/C & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$20.88	\$43,441
★	Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	\$19.38	\$40,311
★	Medical Assistants	\$13.24	\$27,539
★	Medical Records & Health Information Technicians	\$15.00	\$31,192
★	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$17.97	\$37,372
★	Hairdressers, Hairstylists & Cosmetologists	\$11.54	\$24,012
★	Dental Assistants	\$16.03	\$33,334
★	Library Technicians	\$13.01	\$27,061
★	Computer, Automated Teller & Office Machine Repairers	\$22.66	\$47,130

Bachelor's Degree

		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Registered Nurses	\$26.00	\$54,074
★	General & Operations Managers	\$37.74	\$78,508
★	Accountants & Auditors	\$26.01	\$54,091
★	Financial Managers	\$42.90	\$89,234
★	Software Developers, Applications	\$37.19	\$77,345
★	Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	\$23.31	\$48,483
★	Construction Managers	\$42.29	\$87,958
★	Computer & Information Systems Managers	\$41.05	\$85,380
★	Sales Managers	\$35.78	\$74,418
★	Marketing Managers	\$47.73	\$99,278