

# FAYETTEVILLE-LUMBERTON REGION

## Top 10 Star Jobs

Top careers with high wages and employment growth by education requirements

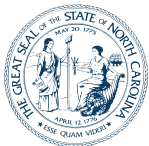
Advanced Degree	Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★ Pharmacists	\$62.95	\$130,938
★ Physical Therapists	\$37.43	\$77,848
★ Lawyers	\$38.25	\$79,570
★ Speech-Language Pathologists	\$29.28	\$60,909
★ Physician Assistants	\$47.51	\$98,817
★ Healthcare Social Workers	\$21.06	\$43,801
★ Mental Health Counselors	\$20.89	\$43,461
★ Nurse Practitioners	\$48.91	\$101,729
★ Education Administrators, Postsecondary	\$38.48	\$80,031
★ Occupational Therapists	\$33.10	\$68,852

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](http://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	\$21.14	\$43,965
★	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$20.68	\$43,024
★	First-Line Supervisors of Constr. Trades & Extraction Workers	\$25.51	\$53,067
★	First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers & Repairers	\$27.93	\$58,084
★	Electricians	\$18.07	\$37,576
★	Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers	\$23.30	\$48,461
★	Opticians, Dispensing	\$25.98	\$54,038
★	Customer Service Representatives	\$13.39	\$27,861
★	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	\$17.67	\$36,762
★	First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation & Serving Workers	\$13.21	\$27,487

Associate Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technicians	\$17.83	\$37,096
★	Dental Hygienists	\$30.66	\$63,782
★	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$26.19	\$54,465
★	Respiratory Therapists	\$22.89	\$47,618
★	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$26.76	\$55,667
★	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$28.97	\$60,258
★	Cardiovascular Technologists & Technicians	\$28.57	\$59,431
★	Preschool Teachers, <i>Except Special Education</i>	\$14.96	\$31,109
★	Radiologic Technologists	\$23.00	\$47,847
★	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$19.24	\$40,015

Postsecondary Training		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$19.41	\$40,366
★	Computer User Support Specialists	\$19.95	\$41,493
★	Heating, A/C & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$19.41	\$40,367
★	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$16.36	\$34,022
★	Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	\$15.54	\$32,320
★	Firefighters	\$13.40	\$27,870
★	Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	\$13.62	\$28,339
★	Dental Assistants	\$16.89	\$35,129
★	Medical Records & Health Information Technicians	\$16.04	\$33,362
★	First-Line Supervisors of Fire Fighting & Prevention Workers	\$27.97	\$58,182

Bachelor's Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Registered Nurses	\$27.86	\$57,957
★	General & Operations Managers	\$48.28	\$100,422
★	Accountants & Auditors	\$31.02	\$64,513
★	Medical & Health Services Managers	\$44.58	\$92,733
★	Software Developers, Applications	\$41.73	\$86,798
★	Management Analysts	\$37.71	\$78,437
★	Computer Systems Analysts	\$39.42	\$82,002
★	Financial Managers	\$51.18	\$106,457
★	Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	\$25.30	\$52,634
★	Construction Managers	\$35.70	\$74,254