

PINEHURST-ROCKINGHAM 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	\$62.10	\$129,171
★	Physical Therapists	\$42.19	\$87,760
★	Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$50,202
★	Lawyers	\$34.92	\$72,641
★	Healthcare Social Workers	\$21.73	\$45,199
★	Speech-Language Pathologists	\$28.75	\$59,808
★	Nurse Practitioners	\$46.72	\$97,181
★	Mental Health Counselors	\$18.00	\$37,436
★	Physician Assistants	\$46.24	\$96,178
★	Occupational Therapists	\$38.97	\$81,063

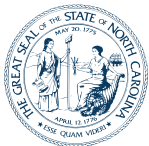
All wage information (except where noted) is Regional Median Hourly and Annual Wage data which was calculated based on 2016 release of the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) program of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The OES program produces employment and wage estimates annually for more than 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	\$21.66	\$45,050
★	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$17.08	\$35,522
★	Electricians	\$19.97	\$41,544
★	First-Line Supervisors of Constr. Trades & Extraction Workers	\$22.88	\$47,590
★	Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers	\$26.92	\$55,998
★	Property, Real Estate & Community Association Managers	\$26.38 ⁱ	\$54,862 ⁱ
★	Customer Service Representatives	\$14.57	\$30,298
★	Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	\$16.20	\$33,692
★	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	\$15.99	\$33,262
★	First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation & Serving Workers	\$15.92	\$33,105

Associate Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technicians	\$18.02 ⁱ	\$37,490 ⁱ
★	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$28.44	\$59,152
★	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$32.09	\$66,739
★	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$32.09	\$66,751
★	Dental Hygienists	\$30.82	\$64,101
★	Web Developers	\$22.55	\$46,900
★	Cardiovascular Technologists & Technicians	\$28.30 ⁱ	\$58,861 ⁱ
★	Radiologic Technologists	\$23.80 ⁱ	\$49,502 ⁱ
★	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$18.92	\$39,354
★	Computer Network Support Specialists	\$27.95	\$58,132

Postsecondary Training		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$20.94	\$43,552
★	Computer User Support Specialists	\$21.07	\$43,822
★	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$16.32	\$33,951
★	Medical Assistants	\$14.39	\$29,930
★	Heating, A/C & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$18.54	\$38,553
★	Dental Assistants	\$14.96	\$31,108
★	Medical Records & Health Information Technicians	\$15.21	\$31,636
★	Massage Therapists	\$17.21 ⁱ	\$35,800 ⁱ
★	Surgical Technologists	\$17.98	\$37,405
★	Nursing Assistants	\$10.94	\$22,760

Bachelor's Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Registered Nurses	\$27.60	\$57,410
★	General & Operations Managers	\$44.81	\$93,198
★	Accountants & Auditors	\$27.16	\$56,487
★	Medical & Health Services Managers	\$43.27	\$89,999
★	Financial Managers	\$48.62	\$101,125
★	Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	\$18.83	\$39,160
★	Computer & Information Systems Managers	\$49.54	\$103,053
★	Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists	\$27.83 ⁱ	\$57,879 ⁱ
★	Training & Development Specialists	\$26.99	\$56,145
★	Civil Engineers	\$33.74	\$70,171