

# 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
★	Lawyers	\$40.76	\$84,788
★	Physical Therapists	\$40.32	\$83,876
★	Pharmacists	\$58.96	\$122,637
★	Speech-Language Pathologists	\$37.12	\$77,212
★	Physician Assistants	\$49.48	\$102,928
★	Nurse Practitioners	\$46.26	\$96,226
★	Healthcare Social Workers	\$24.24	\$50,416
★	Mental Health Counselors	\$20.43	\$42,496
★	Dentists, General	\$89.28 <sup>i</sup>	\$185,707 <sup>i</sup>
★	Clinical, Counseling & School Psychologists	\$27.06	\$56,280

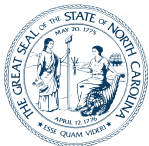
All wage information (except where noted) is Regional Median Hourly and Annual Wage data which was calculated based on 2016 release of the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) program of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The OES program produces employment and wage estimates annually for more than 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](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	\$23.39	\$48,654
★	First-Line Supervisors of Constr. Trades & Extraction Workers	\$26.38	\$54,869
★	Electricians	\$18.84	\$39,192
★	First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers & Repairers	\$30.32	\$63,071
★	Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers	\$28.30	\$58,857
★	Insurance Sales Agents	\$23.40	\$48,663
★	Property, Real Estate & Community Association Managers	\$26.12	\$54,320
★	Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal & Plastic	\$34.80	\$72,376
★	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$27.36	\$56,908
★	Customer Service Representatives	\$14.71	\$30,596

## Associate Degree

		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technicians	\$19.99	\$41,576
★	Dental Hygienists	\$34.51	\$71,787
★	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$30.11	\$62,629
★	Web Developers	\$19.88	\$41,359
★	Respiratory Therapists	\$25.80	\$53,657
★	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$27.36	\$56,911
★	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$30.10	\$62,598
★	Cardiovascular Technologists & Technicians	\$33.21	\$69,076
★	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$20.27	\$42,170
★	Radiologic Technologists	\$24.27	\$50,478

## Postsecondary Training

		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$19.47	\$40,507
★	Computer User Support Specialists	\$21.39	\$44,484
★	Heating, A/C & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$18.34	\$38,154
★	Massage Therapists	\$27.36	\$56,900
★	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$17.61	\$36,632
★	Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	\$19.12	\$39,769
★	Medical Assistants	\$14.66	\$30,502
★	Dental Assistants	\$14.78	\$30,741
★	Firefighters	\$15.24	\$31,695
★	Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	\$17.29	\$35,960

## Bachelor's Degree

		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Registered Nurses	\$27.39	\$56,973
★	General & Operations Managers	\$46.08	\$95,843
★	Accountants & Auditors	\$28.68	\$59,662
★	Software Developers, Applications	\$37.86	\$78,751
★	Computer Systems Analysts	\$40.93	\$85,132
★	Management Analysts	\$32.52	\$67,644
★	Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	\$22.77	\$47,371
★	Financial Managers	\$48.91	\$101,735
★	Computer & Information Systems Managers	\$59.70	\$124,175
★	Medical & Health Services Managers	\$42.48	\$88,361