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High School and Work Experience

	Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★ Managers of Construction Trades & Extraction Workers	\$27.56	\$57,332
★ Managers of Mechanics, Installers, & Repairers	\$30.16	\$62,726
★ Plumbers, Pipefitters, & Steamfitters	\$19.74	\$41,050
★ Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers	\$27.44	\$57,077
★ Property, Real Estate, & Community Assoc Managers	\$23.72	\$49,345
★ Managers of Retail Sales Workers	\$17.96	\$37,353
★ Managers of Food Prep & Serving Workers	\$14.58	\$30,325
★ Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	\$17.75	\$36,913
★ Managers of Office & Administrative Support Workers	\$22.55	\$46,913
★ Security Guards	\$17.94	\$37,322

Postsecondary Training

	Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★ Massage Therapists	\$21.07	\$43,825
★ Automotive Service Techs & Mechanics	\$16.33	\$33,969
★ Medical Assistants	\$13.18	\$27,415
★ Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$21.51	\$44,750
★ HVAC & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$19.43	\$40,424
★ Firefighters	\$12.49	\$25,973
★ Computer User Support Specialists	\$20.33	\$42,282
★ Emergency Medical Techs & Paramedics	\$16.84	\$35,017
★ Medical Records & Health Info Techs	\$18.86	\$39,223
★ Surgical Technologists	\$20.20	\$42,021

Associate Degree

	Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★ Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$20.40	\$42,433
★ Clinical Lab Technologists & Techs	\$25.28	\$52,577
★ Radiologic Technologists	\$26.67	\$55,465
★ Physical Therapist Assistants	\$27.38	\$56,945
★ Respiratory Therapists	\$25.71	\$53,487
★ Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$32.53	\$67,655
★ Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$33.10	\$68,842
★ Civil Engineering Techs	\$22.29	\$46,357
★ Enviro. Science & Protection Techs, Including Health	\$15.63	\$32,514
★ Web Developers	\$24.82	\$51,631

Bachelor's Degree

	Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★ Registered Nurses	\$30.13	\$62,661
★ General & Operations Managers	\$48.19	\$100,235
★ Accountants & Auditors	\$30.50	\$63,437
★ Child, Family, & School Social Workers	\$21.23	\$44,162
★ Loan Officers	\$27.32	\$56,829
★ Management Analysts	\$37.38	\$77,747
★ Medical & Health Services Managers	\$49.26	\$102,458
★ Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	\$22.81	\$47,436
★ Logisticians	\$42.63	\$88,677
★ Construction Managers	\$47.19	\$98,152

Advanced Degree

	Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★ Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$60,962
★ Healthcare Social Workers	\$23.44	\$48,752
★ Pharmacists	\$65.28	\$135,785
★ Physical Therapists	\$39.80	\$82,785
★ Physician Assistants	\$52.10	\$108,376
★ Lawyers	\$49.60	\$103,170
★ Nurse Practitioners	\$46.62	\$96,975
★ Speech-Language Pathologists	\$29.92	\$62,226
★ Nursing Instructors & Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$67,778
★ Occupational Therapists	\$37.35	\$77,694

All wage information (except where noted) is Regional Median Hourly and Annual Wage data which was calculated based on 2019 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 2026. 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/data-tools-reports/labor-market-data-tools/employment-projections#star-jobs



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