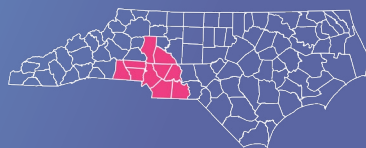


## What are Star Jobs?

North Carolina's 5-Star Jobs represent occupations with the greatest projected employment potential through 2030. Occupations were rated from 1-5 stars based on wages, projected growth rates, and projected job openings.

### CHARLOTTE REGION



Anson | Cabarrus | Cleveland | Gaston  
Iredell | Lincoln | Mecklenburg  
Rowan | Stanley | Union



For a complete list of Star Jobs and explanation of the rating process, scan the QR code or visit: [www.commerce.nc.gov/data-tools-reports/labor-market-data-tools/employment-projections#StarJobs-274](http://www.commerce.nc.gov/data-tools-reports/labor-market-data-tools/employment-projections#StarJobs-274)

### Advanced Degree

	MEDIAN WAGE	
	Hourly	Annual
★ 5 Lawyers	\$74.59	\$155,144
★ 5 Physician Assistants	\$59.38	\$123,506
★ 5 Nurse Practitioners	\$51.06	\$106,201
★ 5 Veterinarians	\$50.39	\$104,811
★ 5 Physical Therapists	\$44.35	\$92,247
★ 5 Occupational Therapists	\$44.25	\$92,033
★ 5 Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	SALARY POSITION	\$81,654
★ 5 Urban and Regional Planners	\$37.69	\$78,389
★ 5 Speech-Language Pathologists	\$37.36	\$77,717
★ 4 Computer and Information Research Scientists	\$51.48	\$107,073

All wages are based on LEAD analysis of data of Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) 2022 Data released in May 2023.

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Top 10 careers with high wages and employment growth, grouped by education requirements.

## High School & Work Experience

### MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★5	Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers	\$49.28	\$102,500
★5	First-Line Supervisors of Police and Detectives	\$44.46	\$92,475
★5	First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers	\$35.44	\$73,721
★5	First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	\$30.98	\$64,448
★5	Food Service Managers	\$30.76	\$63,986
★5	Insurance Sales Agents	\$29.06	\$60,438
★5	Sales Representatives of Services, Except Advertising, Insurance, Financial Services, and Travel	\$29.03	\$60,377
★5	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$28.77	\$59,850
★5	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$28.23	\$58,726
★5	Chefs and Head Cooks	\$27.67	\$57,549

## Postsecondary Training

### MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★5	Commercial Pilots	SALARY POSITION	\$117,715
★5	First-Line Supervisors of Firefighting and Prevention Workers	\$30.33	\$63,087
★5	Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	\$30.00	\$62,395
★5	Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers, Except Line Installers	\$28.81	\$59,918
★5	Computer User Support Specialists	\$27.82	\$57,872
★5	Massage Therapists	\$25.52	\$53,090
★5	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$23.88	\$49,670
★5	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	\$23.63	\$49,148
★5	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	\$23.19	\$48,238
★4	Fire Inspectors and Investigators	\$32.22	\$67,014

## Associate's Degree

### MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★5	Dental Hygienists	\$39.44	\$82,030
★5	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$39.15	\$81,434
★5	Registered Nurses	\$37.99	\$79,028
★5	Computer Network Support Specialists	\$36.67	\$76,276
★5	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$32.77	\$68,152
★5	Respiratory Therapists	\$31.91	\$66,375
★5	Medical Equipment Repairers	\$30.18	\$62,765
★5	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$29.13	\$60,596
★5	Paralegals and Legal Assistants	\$27.72	\$57,649
★4	Architectural and Civil Drafters	\$28.77	\$59,836

## Bachelor's Degree

### MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★5	Airline Pilots, Copilots, and Flight Engineers	SALARY POSITION	\$187,112
★5	Financial Managers	\$79.35	\$165,044
★5	Computer and Information Systems Managers	\$78.93	\$164,182
★5	Architectural and Engineering Managers	\$73.72	\$153,333
★5	Information Security Analysts	\$65.61	\$136,459
★5	Actuaries	\$65.41	\$136,049
★5	Data Scientists	\$65.27	\$135,765
★5	Marketing Managers	\$64.49	\$134,146
★5	Human Resources Managers	\$63.61	\$132,307
★5	Software Developers	\$63.45	\$131,980

*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.*