

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.

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Camden | Chowan | Currituck | Dare
Gates | Hyde | Pasquotank
Perquimans | Tyrrell | Washington



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

Advanced Degree

MEDIAN WAGE

	Hourly	Annual
★ Nurse Practitioners	\$49.85	\$103,694
★ Physician Assistants	\$48.50	\$100,875
★ Physical Therapists	\$45.87	\$95,416
★ Speech-Language Pathologists	\$35.98	\$74,830
★ Lawyers	\$35.31	\$73,445
★ Veterinarians	\$50.75	\$105,569
★ Education Administrators, Kindergarten through Secondary	SALARY POSITION	\$76,957
★ Instructional Coordinators	\$29.51	\$61,371
★ Educational, Guidance, and Career Counselors and Advisors	\$24.25	\$50,450
★ Librarians and Media Collections Specialists	\$24.00	\$49,915

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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NORTH CAROLINA Star Jobs

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2023

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	\$36.02	\$74,911
★5	Machinists	\$31.68	\$65,893
★5	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	\$26.10	\$54,289
★5	Electricians	\$23.75	\$49,405
★5	First-Line Supervisors of Transportation & Material Moving Workers, Exc Aircraft Cargo Handling Supervisor	\$23.67	\$49,232
★5	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$23.03	\$47,897
★4	Food Service Managers	\$32.87	\$68,377
★4	First-Line Supervisors of Non-Retail Sales Workers	\$32.81	\$68,238
★4	First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers	\$29.57	\$61,496
★4	Chefs and Head Cooks	\$24.78	\$51,552

Postsecondary Training

MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★5	Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	\$36.50	\$75,920
★4	Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers, Except Line Installers	\$33.61	\$69,903
★4	First-Line Supervisors of Firefighting and Prevention Workers	\$25.79	\$53,638
★4	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$23.32	\$48,503
★4	Paramedics	\$22.78	\$47,381
★4	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	\$22.47	\$46,742
★4	Medical Records Specialists	\$20.67	\$42,984
★4	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$20.50	\$42,640
★4	Emergency Medical Technicians	\$18.93	\$39,372
★4	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	\$18.81	\$39,135

Associate's Degree

MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★5	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$37.32	\$77,619
★5	Registered Nurses	\$35.52	\$73,892
★5	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$30.75	\$63,961
★5	Respiratory Therapists	\$29.46	\$61,268
★5	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$28.41	\$59,087
★4	Avionics Technicians	\$33.80	\$70,304
★4	Morticians, Undertakers, and Funeral Arrangers	\$26.11	\$54,300
★4	Computer Network Support Specialists	\$24.65	\$51,275
★4	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians	\$23.60	\$49,097
★4	Paralegals and Legal Assistants	\$21.18	\$44,050

Bachelor's Degree

MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★5	Software Developers	\$56.94	\$118,438
★5	Financial Managers	\$50.45	\$104,942
★5	Computer and Information Systems Managers	\$48.07	\$99,977
★5	Personal Financial Advisors	\$47.30	\$98,394
★5	Management Analysts	\$46.17	\$96,034
★5	Medical and Health Services Managers	\$46.09	\$95,876
★5	Human Resources Managers	\$42.21	\$87,791
★5	Project Management Specialists	\$40.76	\$84,786
★5	Logisticians	\$39.76	\$82,701
★5	Industrial Engineers	\$39.20	\$81,530

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.