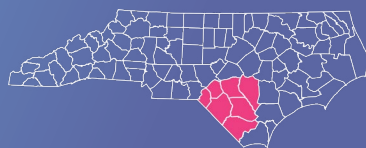


What are Star Jobs?

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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Bladen | Columbus | Cumberland
Hoke | Robeson | Sampson | Scotland



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
★ 5 Physician Assistants	\$54.16	\$112,653
★ 5 Nurse Practitioners	\$51.16	\$106,416
★ 5 Physical Therapists	\$42.32	\$88,030
★ 5 Occupational Therapists	\$39.13	\$81,397
★ 5 Speech-Language Pathologists	\$36.02	\$74,930
★ 4 Nurse Anesthetists	\$106.10	\$220,690
★ 4 Historians	\$51.62	\$107,370
★ 4 Lawyers	\$41.88	\$87,119
★ 4 Statisticians	\$41.06	\$85,405
★ 4 Curators	\$36.96	\$76,877

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	\$43.46	\$90,406
★5	First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	\$28.56	\$59,409
★5	Electricians	\$23.34	\$48,555
★5	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$22.97	\$47,780
★4	Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	\$29.65	\$61,668
★4	First-Line Supervisors of Police and Detectives	\$28.81	\$59,932
★4	Postal Service Clerks	\$27.51	\$57,221
★4	Food Service Managers	\$26.48	\$55,079
★4	Postal Service Mail Carriers	\$25.22	\$52,458
★4	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	\$25.07	\$52,146

Postsecondary Training

MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★4	First-Line Supervisors of Firefighting and Prevention Workers	\$29.76	\$61,897
★4	Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	\$29.22	\$60,785
★4	Massage Therapists	\$24.76	\$51,507
★4	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$24.36	\$50,659
★4	Surgical Technologists	\$22.14	\$46,054
★4	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	\$21.83	\$45,397
★4	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$21.62	\$44,974
★4	Skincare Specialists	\$20.23	\$42,082
★4	Paramedics	\$18.91	\$39,331
★4	Firefighters	\$16.69	\$34,719

Associate's Degree

MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★5	Registered Nurses	\$36.36	\$75,621
★5	Respiratory Therapists	\$29.39	\$61,139
★5	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$29.25	\$60,838
★5	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$28.68	\$59,656
★4	Radiation Therapists	\$38.63	\$80,352
★4	Architectural and Civil Drafters	\$28.12	\$58,494
★4	Radio, Cellular, and Tower Equipment Installers and Repairers	\$27.00	\$56,162
★4	Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians	\$26.60	\$55,328
★4	Medical Equipment Repairers	\$24.81	\$51,596
★4	Environmental Science and Protection Technicians, Including Health	\$22.70	\$47,211

Bachelor's Degree

MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★5	Computer and Information Systems Managers	\$59.90	\$124,587
★5	Software Developers	\$51.35	\$106,816
★5	Financial Managers	\$51.06	\$106,210
★5	Medical and Health Services Managers	\$50.23	\$104,486
★5	Data Scientists	\$49.76	\$103,511
★5	Information Security Analysts	\$48.09	\$100,036
★5	Management Analysts	\$41.03	\$85,342
★5	Construction Managers	\$40.24	\$83,695
★5	Logisticians	\$38.15	\$79,348
★5	Civil Engineers	\$38.00	\$79,032

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.