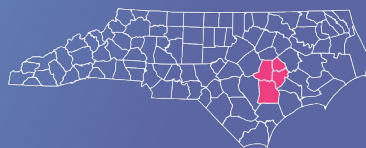


What are Star Jobs?

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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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 Nurse Practitioners	\$49.78	\$103,549
★ 5 Physician Assistants	\$49.03	\$101,982
★ 5 Veterinarians	\$46.29	\$96,283
★ 5 Lawyers	\$45.74	\$95,139
★ 5 Physical Therapists	\$41.07	\$85,425
★ 5 Speech-Language Pathologists	\$32.82	\$68,260
★ 4 Nurse Anesthetists	\$97.15	\$202,073
★ 4 Clinical and Counseling Psychologists	\$35.91	\$74,699
★ 4 Urban and Regional Planners	\$33.04	\$68,725
★ 4 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers	\$25.01	\$52,024

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	\$42.30	\$87,993
★5	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$25.41	\$52,863
★5	Electricians	\$23.84	\$49,592
★4	Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	\$30.76	\$63,972
★4	First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	\$29.65	\$61,669
★4	First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	\$28.92	\$60,156
★4	Food Service Managers	\$28.45	\$59,179
★4	First-Line Supervisors of Police and Detectives	\$25.82	\$53,715
★4	Maintenance Workers, Machinery	\$25.00	\$52,000
★4	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	\$24.80	\$51,575

Postsecondary Training

MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★4	Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	\$33.95	\$70,616
★4	Computer Numerically Controlled Tool Programmers	\$29.52	\$61,408
★4	Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers, Except Line Installers	\$28.41	\$59,083
★4	First-Line Supervisors of Firefighting and Prevention Workers	\$26.26	\$54,630
★4	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	\$21.61	\$44,958
★4	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$21.16	\$44,008
★4	Firefighters	\$17.29	\$35,959
★3	Electrical and Electronics Repairers, Commercial and Industrial Equipment	\$38.38	\$79,830
★3	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$23.79	\$49,475
★3	Computer User Support Specialists	\$22.87	\$47,559

Associate's Degree

MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★5	Registered Nurses	\$32.56	\$67,728
★5	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$29.69	\$61,745
★5	Respiratory Therapists	\$29.51	\$61,386
★4	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$33.27	\$69,198
★4	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$26.75	\$55,642
★4	Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians	\$26.60	\$55,328
★4	Paralegals and Legal Assistants	\$20.19	\$41,995
★3	Avionics Technicians	\$34.57	\$71,913
★3	Electrical and Electronics Engineering Technologists and Technicians	\$31.64	\$65,815
★3	Architectural and Civil Drafters	\$26.48	\$55,068

Bachelor's Degree

MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★5	Computer and Information Systems Managers	\$61.15	\$127,199
★5	Financial Managers	\$61.06	\$127,003
★5	Marketing Managers	\$56.88	\$118,316
★5	Software Developers	\$51.59	\$107,310
★5	Medical and Health Services Managers	\$48.65	\$101,195
★5	Industrial Production Managers	\$46.56	\$96,847
★5	Industrial Engineers	\$39.91	\$83,011
★5	Management Analysts	\$34.20	\$71,138
★5	Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	\$32.45	\$67,492
★5	Logisticians	\$31.03	\$64,542

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.