

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 Pharmacists	\$65.12	\$135,455
★ 5 Physician Assistants	\$51.56	\$107,238
★ 5 Nurse Practitioners	\$50.32	\$104,671
★ 5 Lawyers	\$49.91	\$103,812
★ 5 Physical Therapists	\$47.95	\$99,737
★ 5 Veterinarians	\$45.76	\$95,190
★ 5 Occupational Therapists	\$42.08	\$87,528
★ 5 Speech-Language Pathologists	\$39.47	\$82,089
★ 4 Education Administrators, Postsecondary	\$45.45	\$94,538
★ 4 Urban and Regional Planners	\$30.99	\$64,452

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

High School & Work Experience

MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★5	Tour and Travel Guides	\$53.00	\$110,240
★5	Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers	\$44.90	\$93,387
★5	First-Line Supervisors of Police and Detectives	\$30.18	\$62,783
★5	First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	\$29.41	\$61,171
★5	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	\$27.42	\$57,024
★5	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	\$26.71	\$55,553
★5	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$26.56	\$55,250
★5	Electricians	\$22.58	\$46,960
★4	Riggers	\$36.70	\$76,342
★4	First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers	\$32.22	\$67,014

Postsecondary Training

MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★4	First-Line Supervisors of Firefighting and Prevention Workers	\$27.95	\$58,146
★4	Surgical Technologists	\$24.48	\$50,928
★4	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	\$22.44	\$46,675
★4	Skincare Specialists	\$21.40	\$44,516
★4	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$20.91	\$43,496
★4	Paramedics	\$19.65	\$40,880
★4	Medical Assistants	\$17.76	\$36,938
★3	Commercial Pilots	SALARY POSITION	\$115,713
★3	Electrical and Electronics Repairers, Commercial and Industrial Equipment	\$37.71	\$78,436
★3	Electrical and Electronics Repairers, Powerhouse, Substation, and Relay	\$35.14	\$73,093

Associate's Degree

MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★5	Registered Nurses	\$35.38	\$73,582
★5	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$30.74	\$63,935
★5	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$30.49	\$63,421
★5	Respiratory Therapists	\$30.36	\$63,147
★5	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$30.01	\$62,418
★5	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians	\$29.35	\$61,043
★4	Electrical and Electronics Engineering Technologists and Technicians	\$39.06	\$81,237
★4	Computer Network Support Specialists	\$31.26	\$65,016
★4	Medical Equipment Repairers	\$25.80	\$53,657
★4	Health Information Technologists and Medical Registrars	\$23.26	\$48,389

Bachelor's Degree

MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★5	Computer and Information Systems Managers	\$64.25	\$133,637
★5	Marketing Managers	\$62.38	\$129,752
★5	Financial Managers	\$56.99	\$118,538
★5	Industrial Production Managers	\$50.13	\$104,264
★5	Software Developers	\$50.01	\$104,028
★5	Medical and Health Services Managers	\$49.95	\$103,889
★5	Data Scientists	\$47.69	\$99,205
★5	Personal Financial Advisors	\$47.30	\$98,394
★5	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and Scientific Products	\$46.53	\$96,786
★5	Industrial Engineers	\$42.78	\$88,982

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.