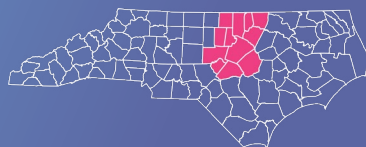


What are Star Jobs?

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.

RALEIGH-DURHAM REGION



Chatham | Durham | Franklin | Granville
Harnett | Johnston | Lee | Orange
Person | Vance | Wake | Warren



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 Anesthetists	\$98.89	\$205,699
★	Dentists, General	\$97.25	\$202,289
★	Pharmacists	\$64.89	\$134,979
★	Statisticians	\$59.17	\$123,064
★	Lawyers	\$58.21	\$121,082
★	Nurse Practitioners	\$55.92	\$116,308
★	Physician Assistants	\$55.79	\$116,035
★	Engineering Teachers, Postsecondary	SALARY POSITION	\$108,456
★	Education Administrators, Postsecondary	\$49.53	\$103,027
★	Biochemists and Biophysicists	\$48.72	\$101,330

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	\$48.45	\$100,777
★ 5	Property, Real Estate, and Community Association Managers	\$40.60	\$84,448
★ 5	First-Line Supervisors of Police and Detectives	\$36.71	\$76,361
★ 5	Sales Representatives of Services, Except Advertising, Insurance, Financial Services, and Travel	\$32.94	\$68,523
★ 5	First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers	\$32.79	\$68,205
★ 5	First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	\$31.01	\$64,506
★ 5	Food Service Managers	\$29.63	\$61,621
★ 5	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	\$29.19	\$60,715
★ 5	Insurance Sales Agents	\$28.73	\$59,764
★ 5	Chefs and Head Cooks	\$27.40	\$56,993

Postsecondary Training

MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★ 5	Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers, Except Line Installers	\$29.21	\$60,764
★ 5	Computer User Support Specialists	\$29.04	\$60,412
★ 5	Massage Therapists	\$27.94	\$58,109
★ 5	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	\$23.47	\$48,815
★ 4	Commercial Pilots	SALARY POSITION	\$107,400
★ 4	Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	\$36.96	\$76,877
★ 4	Skincare Specialists	\$31.67	\$65,878
★ 4	Electrical and Electronics Repairers, Commercial and Industrial Equipment	\$31.51	\$65,541
★ 4	Fire Inspectors and Investigators	\$31.46	\$65,438
★ 4	First-Line Supervisors of Firefighting and Prevention Workers	\$30.41	\$63,251

Associate's Degree

MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★ 5	Computer Network Support Specialists	\$44.50	\$92,563
★ 5	Dental Hygienists	\$38.57	\$80,227
★ 5	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$38.04	\$79,130
★ 5	Registered Nurses	\$36.90	\$76,743
★ 5	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$33.73	\$70,152
★ 5	Respiratory Therapists	\$31.46	\$65,439
★ 5	Medical Equipment Repairers	\$31.09	\$64,677
★ 5	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$30.87	\$64,208
★ 5	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	\$30.52	\$63,487
★ 5	Paralegals and Legal Assistants	\$27.10	\$56,358

Bachelor's Degree

MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★ 5	Natural Sciences Managers	\$78.42	\$163,110
★ 5	Computer and Information Systems Managers	\$76.72	\$159,571
★ 5	Marketing Managers	\$66.33	\$137,973
★ 5	Financial Managers	\$65.86	\$136,990
★ 5	Architectural and Engineering Managers	\$65.59	\$136,433
★ 5	Software Developers	\$62.27	\$129,522
★ 5	Database Architects	\$57.50	\$119,605
★ 5	Data Scientists	\$56.48	\$117,484
★ 5	Information Security Analysts	\$52.87	\$109,971
★ 5	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and Scientific Products	\$52.13	\$108,429

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.