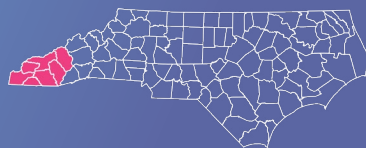


What are Star Jobs?

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 Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists	\$61.43	\$127,766
★ 5 Pharmacists	\$60.50	\$125,842
★ 5 Veterinarians	\$56.16	\$116,821
★ 5 Physician Assistants	\$55.30	\$115,031
★ 5 Nurse Practitioners	\$50.65	\$105,355
★ 5 Lawyers	\$48.73	\$101,362
★ 5 Physical Therapists	\$39.02	\$81,169
★ 5 Occupational Therapists	\$38.94	\$81,002
★ 5 Clinical and Counseling Psychologists	\$36.84	\$76,626
★ 5 Nursing Instructors and Teachers, Postsecondary	SALARY POSITION	\$65,546

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	\$42.55	\$88,504
★5	First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers	\$31.52	\$65,568
★5	Food Service Managers	\$29.45	\$61,253
★5	First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	\$29.17	\$60,673
★5	Sales Representatives of Services, Except Advertising, Insurance, Financial Services, and Travel	\$28.17	\$58,593
★5	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$27.68	\$57,582
★5	Chefs and Head Cooks	\$27.04	\$56,240
★5	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	\$26.65	\$55,423
★5	Insurance Sales Agents	\$26.58	\$55,290
★5	Electricians	\$22.30	\$46,377

Postsecondary Training

MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★5	Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers, Except Line Installers	\$27.28	\$56,752
★5	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$24.33	\$50,607
★5	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	\$21.89	\$45,527
★5	Skincare Specialists	\$29.93	\$62,247
★4	Commercial Pilots	SALARY POSITION	\$112,078
★4	Electrical and Electronics Repairers, Commercial and Industrial Equipment	\$35.53	\$73,907
★4	First-Line Supervisors of Firefighting and Prevention Workers	\$35.49	\$73,817
★4	Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	\$28.84	\$59,995
★4	Audio and Video Technicians	\$25.03	\$52,057
★4	Computer User Support Specialists	\$24.81	\$51,609

Associate's Degree

MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★5	Dental Hygienists	\$37.72	\$78,456
★5	Registered Nurses	\$36.71	\$76,350
★5	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$35.77	\$74,396
★5	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$31.41	\$65,332
★5	Respiratory Therapists	\$30.78	\$64,020
★5	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$29.03	\$60,386
★5	Paralegals and Legal Assistants	\$21.73	\$45,201
★4	Computer Network Support Specialists	\$35.45	\$73,732
★4	Electrical and Electronics Engineering Technologists and Technicians	\$30.22	\$62,866
★4	Architectural and Civil Drafters	\$27.60	\$57,399

Bachelor's Degree

MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★5	Natural Sciences Managers	\$74.29	\$154,521
★5	Computer and Information Systems Managers	\$73.75	\$153,398
★5	Financial Managers	\$60.53	\$125,901
★5	Marketing Managers	\$59.70	\$124,181
★5	Data Scientists	\$56.47	\$117,460
★5	Information Security Analysts	\$55.11	\$114,629
★5	Human Resources Managers	\$52.88	\$109,989
★5	Industrial Production Managers	\$51.95	\$108,063
★5	Software Developers	\$50.55	\$105,140
★5	Soil and Plant Scientists	\$48.20	\$100,260

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.