

# CHARLOTTE REGION Top 10 Star Jobs

Top careers with high wages and employment growth by education requirements

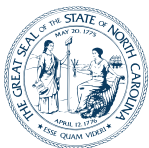
Advanced Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Lawyers	\$60.18	\$125,173
★	Pharmacists	\$59.12	\$122,973
★	Physical Therapists	\$40.19	\$83,600
★	Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$69,071
★	Medical Scientists, <i>Except Epidemiologists</i>	\$85.64	\$178,128
★	Speech-Language Pathologists	\$31.61	\$65,757
★	Nurse Practitioners	\$45.80	\$95,255
★	Physician Assistants	\$44.90	\$93,388
★	Healthcare Social Workers	\$24.35	\$50,649
★	Clinical, Counseling & School Psychologists	\$29.17	\$60,673

All wage information (except where noted) is Regional Median Hourly and Annual Wage data which was calculated based on 2016 release of the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) program of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The OES program produces employment and wage estimates annually for more than 800 occupations for the U.S., individual states, and metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas; National occupational estimates for specific industries are also available.

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.

## What are Star Jobs?

North Carolina's 5-Star Jobs represent occupations with the greatest projected employment potential through 2024. Occupations were rated from 1-5 stars based on wages, projected growth rates, and projected job openings. For a complete list of Star Jobs and explanation of the rating process, visit [www.nccommerce.com/lead/data-tools/star-jobs](http://www.nccommerce.com/lead/data-tools/star-jobs)



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## High School & Work Experience

		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	First-Line Supervisors of Office & Admin. Support Workers	\$24.84	\$51,661
★	First-Line Supervisors of Constr. Trades & Extraction Workers	\$27.28	\$56,751
★	Electricians	\$19.34	\$40,221
★	Insurance Sales Agents	\$25.52	\$53,083
★	First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers & Repairers	\$30.82	\$64,112
★	Loan Interviewers & Clerks	\$19.69	\$40,950
★	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$21.04	\$43,755
★	Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers	\$25.31	\$52,650
★	Property, Real Estate & Community Association Managers	\$27.73	\$57,680
★	Customer Service Representatives	\$16.28	\$33,857

## Associate Degree

		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technicians	\$19.31	\$40,155
★	Web Developers	\$35.02	\$72,836
★	Dental Hygienists	\$34.96	\$72,719
★	Respiratory Therapists	\$26.48	\$55,080
★	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$29.02	\$60,356
★	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$30.13	\$62,668
★	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$28.71	\$59,710
★	Cardiovascular Technologists & Technicians	\$29.37	\$61,088
★	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$20.48	\$42,599
★	Computer Network Support Specialists	\$24.05	\$50,016

## Postsecondary Training

		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Computer User Support Specialists	\$23.89	\$49,697
★	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$20.30	\$42,227
★	Heating, A/C & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$18.35	\$38,163
★	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$19.30	\$40,137
★	Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	\$20.66	\$42,976
★	Firefighters	\$15.29	\$31,798
★	Medical Assistants	\$14.73	\$30,641
★	Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	\$16.39	\$34,084
★	Dental Assistants	\$19.02	\$39,559
★	Aircraft Mechanics & Service Technicians	\$33.28	\$69,218

## Bachelor's Degree

		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Registered Nurses	\$28.59	\$59,474
★	General & Operations Managers	\$56.14	\$116,762
★	Accountants & Auditors	\$33.62	\$69,936
★	Financial Managers	\$66.75	\$138,849
★	Computer Systems Analysts	\$44.57	\$92,712
★	Software Developers, Applications	\$44.73	\$93,042
★	Personal Financial Advisors	\$41.90	\$87,153
★	Loan Officers	\$34.46	\$71,669
★	Management Analysts	\$39.54	\$82,248
★	Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	\$32.52	\$67,645