WINSTON-SALEM REGION

Top 10 Star Jobs

Top careers with high wages and employment growth by education requirements

Advanced Degree			Median Annual Wage
A	Physical Therapists	\$40.10	\$83,407
5	Pharmacists	\$61.12	\$127,126
5	Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$103,990 ⁱ
A	Lawyers	\$63.27	\$131,603
A	Nurse Practitioners	\$47.68	\$99,171
A	Speech-Language Pathologists	\$29.09	\$60,499
5	Physician Assistants	\$46.14	\$95,975
A	Healthcare Social Workers	\$22.31	\$46,413
A	Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists	\$32.19	\$66,960
5	Occupational Therapists	\$34.47	\$71,705

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.

i. State Median Annual Wage

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





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High	n School & Work Experience	Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage	Asso	ociate Degree	Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
*	First-Line Supervisors of Office & Admin. Support Workers	\$23.61	\$49,107	*	Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technicians	\$20.29	\$42,196
*	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$19.83	\$41,247	*	Radiologic Technologists	\$26.78	\$55,699
A	Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal & Plastic	\$17.55	\$36,508	*	Respiratory Therapists	\$25.57	\$53,187
A	Electricians	\$22.41	\$46,622	A	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$25.51	\$53,057
*	First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers & Repairers	\$28.37	\$59,003	*	Web Developers	\$38.68	\$80,462
*	First-Line Supervisors of Constr. Trades & Extraction Workers	\$25.76	\$53,576	A	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$31.96	\$66,474
A	Loan Interviewers & Clerks	\$17.50	\$36,405	*	Computer Network Support Specialists	\$32.12	\$66,803
*	Property, Real Estate & Community Association Managers	\$27.95	\$58,132	*	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$24.90	\$51,788
A	Computer Numerically Controlled Machine Tool Programmers	\$22.38	\$46,556	**	Cardiovascular Technologists & Technicians	\$29.56	\$61,477
*	Customer Service Representatives	\$15.41	\$32,054	*	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$16.24	\$33,786
Postsecondary Training		Median Hourly	Median	Bachelor's Degree		Median Hourly	Median
	secondary framing	Wage	Annual Wage	Dac	neior's Degree	Wage	Annual Wage
*	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	-		★	Registered Nurses	_	
食食		Wage	Wage		-	Wage	Wage
	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	Wage \$20.56	Wage \$42,773	\$	Registered Nurses	Wage \$27.95	Wage \$58,132
*	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses Computer User Support Specialists	Wage \$20.56 \$20.82	Wage \$42,773 \$43,302	A	Registered Nurses General & Operations Managers	Wage \$27.95 \$49.62	Wage \$58,132 \$103,206
\$	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses Computer User Support Specialists Massage Therapists	Wage \$20.56 \$20.82 \$26.39	Wage \$42,773 \$43,302 \$54,889	食食	Registered Nurses General & Operations Managers Accountants & Auditors	Wage \$27.95 \$49.62 \$29.65	Wage \$58,132 \$103,206 \$61,667
食食食	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses Computer User Support Specialists Massage Therapists Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	Wage \$20.56 \$20.82 \$26.39 \$16.57	Wage \$42,773 \$43,302 \$54,889 \$34,455	食食食食	Registered Nurses General & Operations Managers Accountants & Auditors Financial Managers	\$27.95 \$49.62 \$29.65 \$55.00	\$58,132 \$103,206 \$61,667 \$114,404
女女女女	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses Computer User Support Specialists Massage Therapists Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics Medical Assistants	Wage \$20.56 \$20.82 \$26.39 \$16.57 \$14.62	\$42,773 \$43,302 \$54,889 \$34,455 \$30,416	食食食食食	Registered Nurses General & Operations Managers Accountants & Auditors Financial Managers Computer Systems Analysts	\$27.95 \$49.62 \$29.65 \$55.00 \$40.83	\$58,132 \$103,206 \$61,667 \$114,404 \$84,918
女女女女女	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses Computer User Support Specialists Massage Therapists Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics Medical Assistants Heating, A/C, & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$20.56 \$20.82 \$26.39 \$16.57 \$14.62 \$18.58	\$42,773 \$43,302 \$54,889 \$34,455 \$30,416 \$38,636	食食食食食食	Registered Nurses General & Operations Managers Accountants & Auditors Financial Managers Computer Systems Analysts Software Developers, Applications	\$27.95 \$49.62 \$29.65 \$55.00 \$40.83	\$58,132 \$103,206 \$61,667 \$114,404 \$84,918 \$84,535
女女女女女女女	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses Computer User Support Specialists Massage Therapists Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics Medical Assistants Heating, A/C, & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	\$20.56 \$20.82 \$26.39 \$16.57 \$14.62 \$18.58	\$42,773 \$43,302 \$54,889 \$34,455 \$30,416 \$38,636 \$30,696	☆☆☆☆☆☆☆	Registered Nurses General & Operations Managers Accountants & Auditors Financial Managers Computer Systems Analysts Software Developers, Applications Management Analysts	\$27.95 \$49.62 \$29.65 \$55.00 \$40.83 \$40.64	\$58,132 \$103,206 \$61,667 \$114,404 \$84,918 \$84,535 \$76,263