## WINSTON-SALEM REGION

## Top 10 Star Jobs

Top careers with high wages and employment growth by education requirements

| Advanced Degree |  | Median Hourly Wage | Median Annual Wage |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5 | Physical Therapists | \$40.10 | \$83,407 |
| - | Pharmacists | \$61.12 | \$127,126 |
| -5 | Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary | N/A | \$103,990 |
| 5 | Lawyers | \$63.27 | \$131,603 |
| 5 | Nurse Practitioners | \$47.68 | \$99,171 |
| 5 | Speech-Language Pathologists | \$29.09 | \$60,499 |
| 5 | Physician Assistants | \$46.14 | \$95,975 |
|  | Healthcare Social Workers | \$22.31 | \$46,413 |
| , | Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists | \$32.19 | \$66,960 |
| - | 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 potentia 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 | School \& Work Experience | Median Hourly Wage | Median Annual Wage |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5 | First-Line Supervisors of Office \& Admin. Support Workers | \$23.61 | \$49,107 |
| 5 | Industrial Machinery Mechanics | \$19.83 | \$41,247 |
| 5 | Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal \& Plastic | \$17.55 | \$36,508 |
| 5 | Electricians | \$22.41 | \$46,622 |
| - | First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers \& Repairers | \$28.37 | \$59,003 |
| 5 | First-Line Supervisors of Constr. Trades \& Extraction Workers | \$25.76 | \$53,576 |
| A | Loan Interviewers \& Clerks | \$17.50 | \$36,405 |
| 5 | Property, Real Estate \& Community Association Managers | \$27.95 | \$58,132 |
| 5 | Computer Numerically Controlled Machine Tool Programmers | \$22.38 | \$46,556 |
| A | Customer Service Representatives | \$15.41 | \$32,054 |
| Post | secondary Training | Median Hourly Wage | Median Annual Wage |
| 5 | Licensed Practical \& Licensed Vocational Nurses | \$20.56 | \$42,773 |
| 5 | Computer User Support Specialists | \$20.82 | \$43,302 |
| 5 | Massage Therapists | \$26.39 | \$54,889 |
| A | Automotive Service Technicians \& Mechanics | \$16.57 | \$34,455 |
| A | Medical Assistants | \$14.62 | \$30,416 |
| A | Heating, A/C, \& Refrigeration Mechanics \& Installers | \$18.58 | \$38,636 |
| A | Emergency Medical Technicians \& Paramedics | \$14.76 | \$30,696 |
| A | Phlebotomists | \$14.27 | \$29,687 |
| A | Medical Records \& Health Information Technicians | \$19.03 | \$39,573 |
| A | Surgical Technologists | \$19.18 | \$39,890 |


| Associate Degree |  | Median Hourly Wage | Median <br> Annual Wage |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5 | Medical \& Clinical Laboratory Technicians | \$20.29 | \$42,196 |
| A | Radiologic Technologists | \$26.78 | \$55,699 |
| 5 | Respiratory Therapists | \$25.57 | \$53,187 |
| 5 | Physical Therapist Assistants | \$25.51 | \$53,057 |
|  | Web Developers | \$38.68 | \$80,462 |
| - | Diagnostic Medical Sonographers | \$31.96 | \$66,474 |
| 5 | Computer Network Support Specialists | \$32.12 | \$66,803 |
| 5 | Occupational Therapy Assistants | \$24.90 | \$51,788 |
|  | Cardiovascular Technologists \& Technicians | \$29.56 | \$61,477 |
| 4 | Paralegals \& Legal Assistants | \$16.24 | \$33,786 |
| Bac | elor's Degree | Median Hourly Wage | Median Annual Wage |
| 5 | Registered Nurses | \$27.95 | \$58,132 |
| 5 | General \& Operations Managers | \$49.62 | \$103,206 |
| - | Accountants \& Auditors | \$29.65 | \$61,667 |
| 5 | Financial Managers | \$55.00 | \$114,404 |
| 5 | Computer Systems Analysts | \$40.83 | \$84,918 |
|  | Software Developers, Applications | \$40.64 | \$84,535 |
| 5 | Management Analysts | \$36.67 | \$76,263 |
| \% | Medical \& Health Services Managers | \$43.09 | \$89,624 |
| A | Market Research Analysts \& Marketing Specialists | \$32.38 | \$67,348 |
| - | Loan Officers | \$25.91 | \$53,897 |

