

GOLDSBORO-KINSTON REGION

Top 10 Star Jobs

Top careers with high wages and employment growth by education requirements

Advanced Degree	Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★ Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$52,959 ⁱ
★ Pharmacists	\$61.48	\$127,869
★ Healthcare Social Workers	\$26.21	\$54,516
★ Physical Therapists	\$44.58	\$92,734
★ Physician Assistants	\$46.24	\$96,184
★ Business Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$59,099
★ Nurse Practitioners	\$47.00	\$97,758
★ Clinical, Counseling, & School Psychologists	\$37.23	\$77,430
★ Speech-Language Pathologists	\$29.65	\$61,672
★ Lawyers	\$43.89	\$91,293

All wage information (except where noted) is Regional Median Hourly and Annual Wage data which was calculated based on 2019 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. Prosperity Zone Median 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 2026. 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/data-tools-reports/labor-market-data-tools/employment-projections#star-jobs



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High School and Work Experience		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Managers of Construction Trades & Extraction Workers	\$27.63	\$57,479
★	Managers of Mechanics, Installers, & Repairers	\$31.12	\$64,740
★	Insurance Sales Agents	\$26.21	\$54,508
★	Self-Enrichment Education Teachers	\$17.69	\$36,802
★	Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers	\$30.70	\$63,856
★	Managers of Retail Sales Workers	\$17.97	\$37,381
★	Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	\$17.90	\$37,232
★	Managers of Food Prep & Serving Workers	\$13.93	\$28,965
★	Sales Reps., Wholesale & Mfg., Exc. Tech. & Scientific Products	\$27.13	\$56,428
★	Managers of Office & Administrative Support Workers	\$22.86	\$47,549

Associate Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Radiologic Technologists	\$25.02	\$52,051
★	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$30.57	\$63,590
★	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$28.24	\$58,733
★	Civil Engineering Techs	\$22.86 ⁱ	\$47,541 ⁱ
★	Computer Network Support Specialists	\$24.94	\$51,881
★	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	\$12.02	\$25,006
★	Dental Hygienists	\$35.27	\$73,371
★	Forest & Conservation Techs	\$17.98	\$37,390
★	Morticians, Undertakers, & Funeral Directors	\$24.98	\$51,967
★	Medical Equipment Repairers	\$18.19	\$37,844

Postsecondary Training		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	HVAC & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$13.77	\$28,635
★	Computer User Support Specialists	\$19.85	\$41,281
★	Emergency Medical Techs & Paramedics	\$15.10	\$31,403
★	Phlebotomists	\$14.58	\$30,319
★	Surgical Technologists	\$19.44 ⁱ	\$40,435 ⁱ
★	CNC Machine Tool Programmers, Metal & Plastic	\$14.42	\$29,997
★	Managers of Fire Fighting & Prevention Workers	\$19.57	\$40,696
★	A/V Equipment Techs	\$20.17 ⁱ	\$41,948 ⁱ
★	Nursing Assistants	\$13.90	\$28,914
★	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$19.05	\$39,614

Bachelor's Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Registered Nurses	\$30.48	\$63,405
★	General & Operations Managers	\$46.76	\$97,251
★	Accountants & Auditors	\$31.07	\$64,618
★	Child, Family, & School Social Workers	\$20.09	\$41,780
★	Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	\$24.46	\$50,878
★	Industrial Engineers	\$38.27	\$79,596
★	Financial Managers	\$46.87	\$97,489
★	Medical & Health Services Managers	\$41.18	\$85,658
★	Construction Managers	\$42.90	\$89,235
★	Management Analysts	\$37.77	\$78,556