

WILMINGTON 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	\$30.05	\$62,497
★	Pharmacists	\$59.61	\$123,988
★	Physical Therapists	\$49.99	\$103,978
★	Healthcare Social Workers	\$22.45	\$46,689
★	Physician Assistants	\$53.30	\$110,854
★	Mental Health & Substance Abuse Social Workers	\$26.55	\$55,225
★	Nurse Practitioners	\$51.33	\$106,765
★	Speech-Language Pathologists	\$34.55	\$71,863
★	Business Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$82,277
★	Veterinarians	\$43.63	\$90,749

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.

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	\$27.62	\$57,458
★	Fitness Trainers & Aerobics Instructors	\$21.53	\$44,783
★	Medical Secretaries	\$16.54	\$34,408
★	Managers of Mechanics, Installers, & Repairers	\$31.67	\$65,880
★	Loan Interviewers & Clerks	\$24.99	\$51,985
★	Insurance Sales Agents	\$18.73	\$38,959
★	Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers	\$32.94	\$68,525
★	Managers of Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers	\$24.81	\$51,596
★	Customer Service Reps.	\$14.51	\$30,171
★	Managers of Retail Sales Workers	\$18.63	\$38,752

Associate Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$20.19	\$41,990
★	Clinical Lab Technologists & Techs	\$25.07	\$52,155
★	Radiologic Technologists	\$25.18	\$52,364
★	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$30.58	\$63,616
★	Dental Hygienists	\$33.31	\$69,292
★	Respiratory Therapists	\$27.70	\$57,612
★	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$24.24	\$50,425
★	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$32.65	\$67,912
★	Architectural & Civil Drafters	\$25.22	\$52,464
★	Computer Network Support Specialists	\$24.11	\$50,147

Postsecondary Training		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Computer User Support Specialists	\$23.34	\$48,549
★	Massage Therapists	\$20.59	\$42,834
★	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$18.30	\$38,062
★	Automotive Service Techs & Mechanics	\$17.52	\$36,450
★	Medical Assistants	\$15.01	\$31,214
★	HVAC & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$20.19	\$42,002
★	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$21.53	\$44,776
★	Dental Assistants	\$18.58	\$38,646
★	Firefighters	\$14.87	\$30,935
★	Phlebotomists	\$15.30	\$31,823

Bachelor's Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Registered Nurses	\$29.36	\$61,077
★	General & Operations Managers	\$43.98	\$91,470
★	Accountants & Auditors	\$32.99	\$68,628
★	Loan Officers	\$31.31	\$65,130
★	Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	\$26.21	\$54,515
★	Child, Family, & School Social Workers	\$21.32	\$44,344
★	Software Developers, Apps	\$40.55	\$84,335
★	Construction Managers	\$49.40	\$102,755
★	Management Analysts	\$50.17	\$104,349
★	Medical & Health Services Managers	\$45.50	\$94,635