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| High School and Work Experience |  | Median Hourly Wage | Median Annual Wage |
|---------------------------------|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| ★                               | Managers of Construction Trades & Extraction Workers | \$26.91            | \$55,980           |
| ★                               | Medical Secretaries                                  | \$16.81            | \$34,971           |
| ★                               | Loan Interviewers & Clerks                           | \$19.66            | \$40,883           |
| ★                               | Insurance Sales Agents                               | \$23.06            | \$47,959           |
| ★                               | Managers of Mechanics, Installers, & Repairers       | \$28.85            | \$60,007           |
| ★                               | Food Service Managers                                | \$30.19            | \$62,788           |
| ★                               | Managers of Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers     | \$24.79            | \$51,554           |
| ★                               | Property, Real Estate, & Community Assoc Managers    | \$27.36            | \$56,906           |
| ★                               | Customer Service Reps.                               | \$15.62            | \$32,482           |
| ★                               | Managers of Retail Sales Workers                     | \$18.69            | \$38,880           |

| Postsecondary Training |   | Median Hourly Wage | Median Annual Wage |
|------------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| ★                      | Medical Assistants                              | \$16.45            | \$34,212           |
| ★                      | Computer User Support Specialists               | \$21.86            | \$45,461           |
| ★                      | Massage Therapists                              | \$20.24            | \$42,107           |
| ★                      | CNC Machine Tool Programmers, Metal & Plastic   | \$17.60            | \$36,613           |
| ★                      | Automotive Service Techs & Mechanics            | \$18.46            | \$38,395           |
| ★                      | HVAC & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers     | \$19.31            | \$40,155           |
| ★                      | Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses | \$21.45            | \$44,615           |
| ★                      | Firefighters                                    | \$14.03            | \$29,184           |
| ★                      | Phlebotomists                                   | \$16.31            | \$33,918           |
| ★                      | Emergency Medical Techs & Paramedics            | \$16.93            | \$35,209           |

| Associate Degree |  | Median Hourly Wage | Median Annual Wage |
|------------------|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| ★                | Physical Therapist Assistants                | \$29.58            | \$61,525           |
| ★                | Respiratory Therapists                       | \$27.74            | \$57,707           |
| ★                | Occupational Therapy Assistants              | \$28.96            | \$60,239           |
| ★                | Web Developers                               | \$34.27            | \$71,279           |
| ★                | Diagnostic Medical Sonographers              | \$34.77            | \$72,315           |
| ★                | Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education | \$15.12            | \$31,449           |
| ★                | Paralegals & Legal Assistants                | \$18.37            | \$38,216           |
| ★                | Veterinary Technologists & Techs             | \$15.76            | \$32,776           |
| ★                | Computer Network Support Specialists         | \$29.78            | \$61,933           |
| ★                | Architectural & Civil Drafters               | \$24.06            | \$50,036           |

| Bachelor's Degree |  | Median Hourly Wage | Median Annual Wage |
|-------------------|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| ★                 | Registered Nurses                                | \$32.02            | \$66,609           |
| ★                 | General & Operations Managers                    | \$52.76            | \$109,751          |
| ★                 | Accountants & Auditors                           | \$32.07            | \$66,716           |
| ★                 | Loan Officers                                    | \$31.89            | \$66,334           |
| ★                 | Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists | \$29.79            | \$61,957           |
| ★                 | Financial Managers                               | \$64.88            | \$134,946          |
| ★                 | Child, Family, & School Social Workers           | \$21.55            | \$44,816           |
| ★                 | Medical & Health Services Managers               | \$45.26            | \$94,151           |
| ★                 | Coaches & Scouts                                 | N/A                | \$39,370           |
| ★                 | Construction Managers                            | \$46.56            | \$96,848           |

| Advanced Degree |   | Median Hourly Wage | Median Annual Wage |
|-----------------|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| ★               | Healthcare Social Workers                     | \$24.75            | \$51,482           |
| ★               | Pharmacists                                   | \$61.30            | \$127,506          |
| ★               | Physical Therapists                           | \$44.37            | \$92,299           |
| ★               | Physician Assistants                          | \$47.00            | \$97,757           |
| ★               | Lawyers                                       | \$46.86            | \$97,468           |
| ★               | Nurse Practitioners                           | \$46.69            | \$97,116           |
| ★               | Speech-Language Pathologists                  | \$35.05            | \$72,899           |
| ★               | Occupational Therapists                       | \$43.28            | \$90,020           |
| ★               | Nursing Instructors & Teachers, Postsecondary | N/A                | \$55,014           |
| ★               | Veterinarians                                 | \$46.53            | \$96,790           |

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](http://www.nccommerce.com/data-tools-reports/labor-market-data-tools/employment-projections#star-jobs)



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