

CHARLOTTE REGION  
**STAR JOBS**  
TOP 10 BY EDUCATION  
2021



Anson | Cabarrus | Cleveland | Gaston | Iredell  
Lincoln | Mecklenburg | Rowan | Stanly | Union

High School & Work Experience	Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★ First-Line Supervisors of Const. Trades & Extraction Workers	\$29.18	\$60,703
★ Electricians	\$21.14	\$43,977
★ Plumbers, Pipefitters, & Steamfitters	\$20.67	\$43,001
★ Insurance Sales Agents	\$25.41	\$52,856
★ Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$25.05	\$52,108
★ Flight Attendants	N/A	\$64,246
★ Food Service Managers	\$27.98	\$58,200
★ Real Estate Sales Agents	\$27.35	\$56,890
★ Property, Real Estate, & Community Association Managers	\$26.89	\$55,928
★ Brokerage Clerks	\$24.56	\$51,082

Postsecondary Training	Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★ Computer User Support Specialists	\$23.49	\$48,854
★ Heating, A/C, & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$20.22	\$42,054
★ Dental Assistants	\$21.50	\$44,723
★ Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$20.67	\$42,989
★ Medical Assistants	\$16.55	\$34,416
★ Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$22.01	\$45,782
★ Phlebotomists	\$15.76	\$32,777
★ Massage Therapists	\$19.30	\$40,134
★ Aircraft Mechanics & Service Technicians	\$40.81	\$84,884
★ Medical Records & Health Information Technicians	\$19.03	\$39,587

Associate Degree	Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★ Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$23.61	\$49,111
★ Dental Hygienists	\$36.15	\$75,188
★ Web Developers	\$30.93	\$64,337
★ Physical Therapist Assistants	\$29.14	\$60,621
★ Respiratory Therapists	\$27.54	\$57,281
★ Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$29.56	\$61,478
★ Computer Network Support Specialists	\$28.63	\$59,555
★ Radiologic Technologists	\$27.92	\$58,078
★ Medical Equipment Repairers	\$25.37	\$52,777
★ Veterinary Technologists & Technicians	\$16.88	\$35,113

Bachelor's Degree	Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★ General & Operations Managers	\$55.26	\$114,941
★ Registered Nurses	\$30.36	\$63,148
★ Accountants & Auditors	\$35.98	\$74,829
★ Software Developers, Applications	\$50.92	\$105,913
★ Management Analysts	\$43.08	\$89,597
★ Computer Systems Analysts	\$44.62	\$92,807
★ Financial Managers	\$69.63	\$144,840
★ Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	\$31.12	\$64,724
★ Securities, Commodities, & Financial Services Sales Agents	\$34.07	\$70,872
★ Loan Officers	\$31.65	\$65,830

Advanced Degree	Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★ Lawyers	\$58.05	\$120,735
★ Physicians and Surgeons	\$94.55 <sup>i</sup>	\$196,670 <sup>i</sup>
★ Nurse Practitioners	\$48.60	\$101,083
★ Speech-Language Pathologists	\$37.18	\$77,345
★ Physical Therapists	\$40.85	\$84,958
★ Physician Assistants	\$48.77	\$101,447
★ Clinical, Counseling, & School Psychologists	\$31.49	\$65,491
★ Occupational Therapists	\$42.59	\$88,592
★ Dentists, General	\$97.98	\$203,798
★ Nurse Anesthetists	\$91.32	\$189,948

All wage information is Prosperity Zone Sub-Region Median Hourly and Annual Wage data which was calculated based on the May 2018 Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) program of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The OEWS 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 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 2028. 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/starjobs](http://www.nccommerce.com/starjobs).



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