



High	School & Work Experience	Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
5	First-Line Supervisors of Const. Trades & Extraction Workers	\$25.97	\$54,020
5	Real Estate Sales Agents	\$22.03	\$45,820
5	Electricians	\$20.09	\$41,780
5	Plumbers, Pipefitters, & Steamfitters	\$20.41	\$42,463
5	Self-Enrichment Education Teachers	\$21.86	\$45,466
5	Property, Real Estate, & Community Association Managers	\$25.10	\$52,203
5	Food Service Managers	\$28.60	\$59,484
5	Insurance Sales Agents	\$22.79	\$47,398
4	Construction Laborers	\$14.12	\$29,377
4	Carpenters	\$15.19	\$31,587
Postsecondary Training/Associate Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
5	Computer User Support Specialists	\$22.02	\$45,801
5	Respiratory Therapists	\$27.12 <sup>i</sup>	\$56,410 <sup>i</sup>
4	Aircraft Mechanics & Service Technicians	\$22.35	\$46,492
4	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$20.95	\$43,582
4	Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	\$16.68	\$34,685
4	Heating, A/C, & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$20.66	\$42,970
4	Medical Assistants	\$14.45	\$30,047
4	Firefighters	\$18.63	\$38,751
4	Web Developers	\$19.50	\$40,553
4	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$29.88	\$62,158
Advanced Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
5	Speech-Language Pathologists	\$28.32	\$58,914
5	Nurse Practitioners	\$45.68	\$95,008
5	Educational, Guidance, School, & Vocational Counselors	\$22.26	\$46,310
5	Librarians	\$22.96	\$47,747
<b>A</b>	Healthcare Social Workers	\$21.49	\$44,701
5	Rehabilitation Counselors	\$19.96	\$41,522
<b>A</b>	Urban & Regional Planners	\$29.47	\$61,305
5	Occupational Therapists	\$31.68	\$65,896

Postsecondary Training/Associate Degree (continued)		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
4	First-Line Supervisors of Fire Fighting & Prevention Workers	\$28.37	\$59,009
3	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$16.24	\$33,781
3	Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	\$20.05	\$41,707
3	Morticians, Undertakers, & Funeral Directors	\$18.77	\$39,034
3	Computer, Automated Teller, & Office Machine Repairers	\$19.43	\$40,412
Bachelor's Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
5	Registered Nurses	\$30.26 <sup>i</sup>	\$62,940 <sup>i</sup>
5	General & Operations Managers	\$42.28	\$87,938
5	Accountants & Auditors	\$28.91	\$60,135
5	Construction Managers	\$46.82	\$97,390
5	Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	\$23.36	\$48,595
5	Sub. Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, & Mental Health Counselors	\$25.66	\$53,375
5	Financial Managers	\$42.22	\$87,825
5	Software Developers, Applications	\$45.93	\$95,541
5	Medical & Health Services Managers	\$51.95	\$108,053
5	Management Analysts	\$43.50	\$90,482
5	Training & Development Specialists	\$28.92 <sup>i</sup>	\$60,150 <sup>i</sup>
5	Civil Engineers	\$36.26	\$75,422
**	Social & Community Service Managers	\$26.65	\$55,438
<b>A</b>	Computer & Information Systems Managers	\$37.07	\$77,108
4	Child, Family, & School Social Workers	\$20.53	\$42,710

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.





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