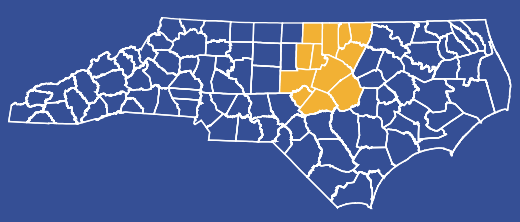
RALEIGH-DURHAM REGION

STAR JOBS

TOP 10 BY EDUCATION

2021



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Harnett | Johnston | Lee | Orange | Person
Vance | Wake | Warren

High School & Work Experience

		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
5	First-Line Supervisors of Const. Trades & Extraction Workers	$28.96	$60,245
5	Electricians	$20.50	$42,631
5	Fitness Trainers & Aerobics Instructors	$21.54	$44,799
5	Plumbers, Pipefitters, & Steamfitters	$21.75	$45,247
5	Insurance Sales Agents	$27.67	$57,553
5	Food Service Managers	$27.89	$58,021
5	Property, Real Estate, & Community Association Managers	$29.30	$60,946
4	First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation & Serving Workers	$16.34	$33,994
4	Sales Reps., Wholesale & Mfg., Exc. Tech. & Scientific Products	$30.17	$62,763
4	Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	$18.70	$38,905

Postsecondary Training

		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
5	Computer User Support Specialists	$24.31	$50,561
5	Heating, A/C, & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	$21.91	$45,583
5	Dental Assistants	$21.37	$44,442
4	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	$20.93	$43,533
4	Medical Assistants	$16.14	$33,577
4	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	$21.84	$45,436
4	Firefighters	$17.47	$36,331
4	Phlebotomists	$15.95	$33,178
4	Massage Therapists	$19.70	$40,966
4	Medical Records & Health Information Technicians	$19.22	$39,980

Associate Degree

		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
5	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	$22.20	$46,169
5	Computer Network Support Specialists	$34.30	$71,347
5	Web Developers	$35.89	$74,660
5	Dental Hygienists	$34.45	$71,646
5	Radiologic Technologists	$29.53	$61,413
5	Physical Therapist Assistants	$28.11	$58,465
5	Respiratory Therapists	$27.89	$58,020
5	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	$32.50	$67,603
4	Civil Engineering Technicians	$23.83	$49,570
4	Veterinary Technologists & Technicians	$16.10	$33,478

Bachelor's Degree

		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
5	Registered Nurses	$30.60	$63,643
5	Software Developers, Applications	$47.77	$99,363
5	General & Operations Managers	$57.50	$119,593
5	Accountants & Auditors	$33.52	$69,716
5	Computer Systems Analysts	$43.15	$89,748
5	Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	$31.49	$65,507
5	Sales Reps., Wholesale & Mfg., Tech. & Scientific Products	$45.51	$94,662
5	Management Analysts	$39.86	$82,912
5	Human Resources Specialists	$29.75	$61,885
5	Computer & Information Systems Managers	$67.64	$140,685

Advanced Degree

		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
5	Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	$106,252
5	Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists	$43.36	$90,187
5	Lawyers	$50.86	$105,797
5	Physicians & Surgeons	$54.19	$112,708
5	Statisticians	$46.89	$97,524
5	Physician Assistants	$49.02	$101,965
5	Business Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	$83,692
5	Nurse Practitioners	$49.23	$102,393
5	Physical Therapists	$39.41	$81,979
5	Clinical, Counseling, & School Psychologists	$31.98	$66,523

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.

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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