

## What are Star Jobs?

North Carolina's 5-Star Jobs represent occupations with the greatest projected employment potential through 2030. Occupations were rated from 1-5 stars based on wages, projected growth rates, and projected job openings.

### JACKSONVILLE-NEW BERN REGION



Carteret | Craven | Jones  
Onslow | Pamlico



For a complete list of Star Jobs and explanation of the rating process, scan the QR code or visit: [www.commerce.nc.gov/data-tools-reports/labor-market-data-tools/employment-projections#StarJobs-274](http://www.commerce.nc.gov/data-tools-reports/labor-market-data-tools/employment-projections#StarJobs-274)

### Advanced Degree

		MEDIAN WAGE	
		Hourly	Annual
★5	Nurse Practitioners	\$50.22	\$104,454
★5	Veterinarians	\$49.32	\$102,577
★5	Physician Assistants	\$49.04	\$102,008
★5	Lawyers	\$47.63	\$99,077
★5	Physical Therapists	\$40.88	\$85,020
★5	Speech-Language Pathologists	\$36.80	\$76,548
★4	Urban and Regional Planners	\$30.98	\$64,430
★4	Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	SALARY POSITION	\$60,815
★4	Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers	\$27.67	\$57,558
★4	Healthcare Social Workers	\$24.73	\$51,434

All wages are based on LEAD analysis of data of Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) 2022 Data released in May 2023.

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# NORTH CAROLINA Star Jobs

JACKSONVILLE-NEW BERN REGION

2023

Top 10 careers with high wages and employment growth, grouped by education requirements.

## High School & Work Experience

### MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★5	Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	\$34.97	\$72,738
★5	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$29.88	\$62,150
★5	Maintenance Workers, Machinery	\$29.76	\$61,900
★5	Food Service Managers	\$27.44	\$57,076
★5	Electricians	\$22.87	\$47,576
★4	Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers	\$43.36	\$90,186
★4	Cargo and Freight Agents	\$30.89	\$64,246
★4	First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers	\$30.84	\$64,146
★4	First-Line Supervisors of Police and Detectives	\$29.12	\$60,562
★4	First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	\$28.86	\$60,033

## Postsecondary Training

### MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★4	Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	\$29.88	\$62,150
★4	Electrical and Electronics Repairers, Powerhouse, Substation, and Relay	\$29.70	\$61,767
★4	First-Line Supervisors of Firefighting and Prevention Workers	\$28.94	\$60,195
★4	Massage Therapists	\$28.55	\$59,378
★4	Fire Inspectors and Investigators	\$26.57	\$55,274
★4	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$23.19	\$48,228
★4	Computer User Support Specialists	\$22.78	\$47,375
★4	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	\$22.04	\$45,846
★4	Paramedics	\$18.86	\$39,228
★4	Firefighters	\$17.32	\$36,027

## Associate's Degree

### MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★5	Registered Nurses	\$31.07	\$64,616
★5	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$30.77	\$63,996
★5	Respiratory Therapists	\$30.33	\$63,092
★5	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$27.27	\$56,711
★5	Paralegals and Legal Assistants	\$21.50	\$44,720
★4	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians	\$36.07	\$75,026
★4	Avionics Technicians	\$32.41	\$67,405
★4	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$30.65	\$63,743
★4	Computer Network Support Specialists	\$25.68	\$53,421
★4	Electrical and Electronics Engineering Technologists and Technicians	\$41.97	\$87,298

## Bachelor's Degree

### MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★5	Computer and Information Systems Managers	\$59.74	\$124,265
★5	Financial Managers	\$54.65	\$113,678
★5	Software Developers	\$50.04	\$104,078
★5	Aerospace Engineers	\$48.39	\$100,651
★5	Information Security Analysts	\$47.34	\$98,468
★5	Human Resources Managers	\$46.41	\$96,539
★5	Medical and Health Services Managers	\$45.27	\$94,167
★5	Administrative Services Managers	\$45.19	\$94,000
★5	Data Scientists	\$43.21	\$89,882
★5	Industrial Engineers	\$40.41	\$84,057

*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.*