

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.

PINEHURST-ROCKINGHAM REGION



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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

Advanced Degree

MEDIAN WAGE

	Hourly	Annual
★ Dentists, General	\$81.62	\$169,767
★ Pharmacists	\$63.21	\$131,484
★ Physician Assistants	\$55.58	\$115,606
★ Nurse Practitioners	\$53.57	\$111,420
★ Physical Therapists	\$43.58	\$90,648
★ Occupational Therapists	\$41.57	\$86,459
★ Lawyers	\$38.96	\$81,038
★ Speech-Language Pathologists	\$36.06	\$75,013
★ Nursing Instructors and Teachers, Postsecondary	SALARY POSITION	\$68,500
★ Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	SALARY POSITION	\$66,887

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

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2023

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

High School & Work Experience

MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★5	First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers	\$32.14	\$66,847
★5	Food Service Managers	\$31.04	\$64,553
★5	Chefs and Head Cooks	\$28.58	\$59,455
★5	First-Line Supervisors of Police and Detectives	\$26.10	\$54,283
★5	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$23.76	\$49,414
★5	Electricians	\$23.41	\$48,685
★5	Exercise Trainers and Group Fitness Instructors	\$20.77	\$43,195
★5	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$19.86	\$41,319
★5	Eligibility Interviewers, Government Programs	\$19.45	\$40,450
★4	Control and Valve Installers and Repairers, Except Mechanical Door	\$38.11	\$79,259

Postsecondary Training

MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★5	Dental Assistants	\$22.02	\$45,805
★5	Medical Assistants	\$17.68	\$36,776
★5	Massage Therapists	\$28.92	\$60,149
★4	Electrical and Electronics Repairers, Powerhouse, Substation, and Relay	\$35.18	\$73,184
★4	Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers, Except Line Installers	\$33.33	\$69,320
★4	Skincare Specialists	\$29.77	\$61,928
★4	Paramedics	\$23.74	\$49,370
★4	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$23.47	\$48,826
★4	Surgical Technologists	\$23.26	\$48,385
★4	First-Line Supervisors of Firefighting and Prevention Workers	\$22.69	\$47,198

Associate's Degree

MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★5	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$39.52	\$82,212
★5	Dental Hygienists	\$37.67	\$78,360
★5	Registered Nurses	\$35.18	\$73,183
★5	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$31.50	\$65,520
★5	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$29.77	\$61,916
★5	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	\$29.22	\$60,785
★4	Medical Equipment Repairers	\$29.33	\$61,002
★4	Architectural and Civil Drafters	\$24.85	\$51,682
★4	Computer Network Support Specialists	\$23.33	\$48,528
★4	Paralegals and Legal Assistants	\$18.24	\$37,937

Bachelor's Degree

MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★5	Computer and Information Systems Managers	\$59.95	\$124,694
★5	Financial Managers	\$51.11	\$106,314
★5	Human Resources Managers	\$50.48	\$105,000
★5	Information Security Analysts	\$50.29	\$104,594
★5	Construction Managers	\$49.24	\$102,414
★5	Industrial Production Managers	\$48.49	\$100,850
★5	Software Developers	\$47.74	\$99,302
★5	Personal Financial Advisors	\$47.30	\$98,394
★5	Management Analysts	\$47.17	\$98,121
★5	Civil Engineers	\$45.23	\$94,078

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.