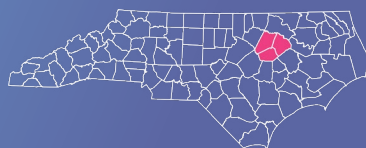


What are Star Jobs?

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.

ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON REGION



Edgecombe | Nash | Wilson



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
★ 5 Physician Assistants	\$53.63	\$111,543
★ 5 Nurse Practitioners	\$49.96	\$103,922
★ 5 Veterinarians	\$46.83	\$97,411
★ 5 Lawyers	\$42.31	\$88,005
★ 5 Occupational Therapists	\$41.81	\$86,959
★ 5 Speech-Language Pathologists	\$37.32	\$77,621
★ 4 Statisticians	\$42.38	\$88,144
★ 4 Education Administrators, Kindergarten through Secondary	SALARY POSITION	\$75,685
★ 4 Nursing Instructors and Teachers, Postsecondary	SALARY POSITION	\$66,771
★ 4 Biological Science Teachers, Postsecondary	SALARY POSITION	\$61,029

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

High School & Work Experience

MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★5	Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers	\$43.56	\$90,605
★5	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$29.94	\$62,271
★5	Food Service Managers	\$28.46	\$59,195
★5	Electricians	\$24.08	\$50,096
★4	First-Line Supervisors of Police and Detectives	\$31.70	\$65,934
★4	First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	\$30.00	\$62,400
★4	Maintenance Workers, Machinery	\$28.00	\$58,244
★4	First-Line Supervisors of Transportation & Material Moving Workers, Exc Aircraft Cargo Handling Supervisor	\$27.32	\$56,820
★4	Sales Representatives of Services, Except Advertising, Insurance, Financial Services, and Travel	\$24.89	\$51,774
★4	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	\$24.34	\$50,619

Postsecondary Training

MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★4	Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers, Except Line Installers	\$31.74	\$66,015
★4	First-Line Supervisors of Firefighting and Prevention Workers	\$31.11	\$64,715
★4	Massage Therapists	\$25.55	\$53,137
★4	Paramedics	\$23.20	\$48,264
★4	Firefighters	\$17.68	\$36,783
★3	Surgical Technologists	\$23.92	\$49,755
★3	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$23.58	\$49,054
★3	Computer User Support Specialists	\$22.69	\$47,204
★3	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$22.54	\$46,885
★3	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	\$22.38	\$46,560

Associate's Degree

MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★5	Registered Nurses	\$34.93	\$72,647
★5	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$29.59	\$61,554
★4	Chemical Technicians	\$36.38	\$75,664
★4	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$31.05	\$64,588
★4	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians	\$30.77	\$64,005
★4	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$30.25	\$62,912
★4	Respiratory Therapists	\$29.70	\$61,784
★4	Paralegals and Legal Assistants	\$20.52	\$42,682
★4	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	\$17.31	\$36,013
★3	Calibration Technologists and Technicians	\$38.15	\$79,349

Bachelor's Degree

MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★5	Architectural and Engineering Managers	\$65.32	\$135,861
★5	Computer and Information Systems Managers	\$63.08	\$131,214
★5	Financial Managers	\$62.34	\$129,671
★5	Marketing Managers	\$60.18	\$125,168
★5	Information Security Analysts	\$56.47	\$117,453
★5	Training and Development Managers	\$55.82	\$116,101
★5	Software Developers	\$51.59	\$107,310
★5	Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers	\$50.52	\$105,087
★5	Project Management Specialists	\$43.26	\$89,981
★5	Industrial Engineers	\$43.09	\$89,635

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.