

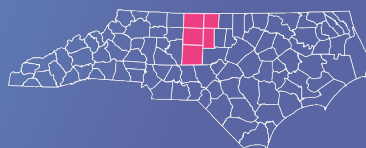
What are Star Jobs?

North Carolina's 5-Star Jobs represent occupations with the greatest projected employment potential through 2034. 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, scan the QR code or visit:
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GREENSBORO REGION



Alamance | Caswell | Guilford
Randolph | Rockingham

Advanced Degree

		MEDIAN WAGE	
		Hourly	Annual
★	Lawyers	\$60.02	\$124,845
★	Pharmacists	\$66.43	\$138,183
★	Physical Therapists	\$47.75	\$99,317
★	Speech-Language Pathologists	\$37.54	\$78,093
★	Postsecondary Education Administrators	\$49.16	\$102,247
★	Occupational Therapists	\$46.38	\$96,465
★	Postsecondary Health Specialties Teachers	SALARY POSITION	\$82,335
★	Nurse Anesthetists	\$109.50	\$227,763
★	Postsecondary Computer Science Teachers	SALARY POSITION	\$97,050
★	Postsecondary Engineering Teachers	SALARY POSITION	\$100,346

All wages are based on LEAD analysis of data of Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) 2025 Data released in June 2026.

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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	First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	\$35.06	\$72,931
★5	Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers	\$49.18	\$102,285
★5	Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	\$38.87	\$80,847
★5	Postmasters and Mail Superintendents	\$48.12	\$100,090
★4	Sales Representatives of Services	\$29.92	\$62,224
★4	Electricians	\$27.78	\$57,779
★4	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$28.75	\$59,799
★4	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$29.24	\$60,829
★4	Property, Real Estate, and Community Association Managers	\$27.99	\$58,222
★4	Food Service Managers	\$35.24	\$73,307

Postsecondary Training**MEDIAN WAGE****Hourly Annual**

★5	Commercial Pilots	SALARY POSITION	\$132,371
★4	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$30.58	\$63,597
★4	Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	\$31.02	\$64,524
★4	Computer Numerically Controlled Tool Programmers	\$33.20	\$69,066
★4	Fire Inspectors and Investigators	\$35.20	\$73,226
★3	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$27.89	\$58,004
★3	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	\$23.29	\$48,452
★3	Firefighters	\$21.47	\$44,667
★3	Medical Assistants	\$22.12	\$46,019
★3	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	\$27.84	\$57,898

Associate's Degree**MEDIAN WAGE****Hourly Annual**

★5	Registered Nurses	\$40.47	\$84,183
★5	Dental Hygienists	\$43.84	\$91,177
★5	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$35.65	\$74,153
★4	Medical Equipment Repairers	\$23.77	\$49,444
★4	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$33.11	\$68,867
★4	Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians	\$27.48	\$57,167
★4	Architectural and Civil Drafters	\$30.00	\$62,398
★4	Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and Technicians	\$38.24	\$79,540
★4	Chemical Technicians	\$27.92	\$58,081
★3	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	\$23.42	\$48,723

Bachelor's Degree**MEDIAN WAGE****Hourly Annual**

★5	General and Operations Managers	\$48.07	\$99,990
★5	Construction Managers	\$50.70	\$105,451
★5	Project Management Specialists	\$47.54	\$98,885
★5	Medical and Health Services Managers	\$53.36	\$110,989
★5	Buyers and Purchasing Agents	\$34.50	\$71,760
★5	Industrial Engineers	\$46.12	\$95,932
★5	Management Analysts	\$46.00	\$95,673
★5	Computer Systems Analysts	\$50.17	\$104,364
★5	Personal Financial Advisors	\$58.70	\$122,103
★5	Civil Engineers	\$45.27	\$94,160

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.