

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.

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For a complete list of Star Jobs and explanation of the rating process, scan the QR code or visit:
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Advanced Degree

MEDIAN WAGE

	Hourly	Annual
★ Postsecondary Health Specialties Teachers	SALARY POSITION	\$181,289
★ Nurse Practitioners	\$61.22	\$127,342
★ Postsecondary Education Administrators	\$42.56	\$88,516
★ Lawyers	\$43.18	\$89,806
★ Physician Assistants	\$67.53	\$140,455
★ Postsecondary Business Teachers	SALARY POSITION	\$108,673
★ Dentists, General	\$94.74	\$197,050
★ Clinical and Counseling Psychologists	\$43.34	\$90,145
★ Educational, Guidance, and Career Counselors and Advisors	\$26.36	\$54,825
★ Instructional Coordinators	\$30.31	\$63,036

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	Food Service Managers	\$34.72	\$72,211
★5	Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers	\$48.39	\$100,655
★4	Wholesale and Manufacturing Sales Representatives	\$30.97	\$64,414
★4	Electricians	\$26.41	\$54,931
★4	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$29.40	\$61,145
★4	Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	\$33.14	\$68,925
★4	Chemical Equipment Operators and Tenders	\$21.73	\$45,202
★4	Chefs and Head Cooks	\$29.04	\$60,398
★4	Construction and Building Inspectors	\$29.07	\$60,464
★4	Detectives and Criminal Investigators	\$29.43	\$61,214

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

★4	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$29.82	\$62,025
★4	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	\$24.10	\$50,134
★4	First-Line Supervisors of Firefighting and Prevention Workers	\$28.63	\$59,541
★4	Computer Numerically Controlled Tool Programmers	\$24.66	\$51,299
★3	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$23.19	\$48,230
★3	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	\$21.98	\$45,709
★3	Computer User Support Specialists	\$28.15	\$58,562
★3	Medical Records Specialists	\$24.59	\$51,145
★3	Paramedics	\$24.03	\$49,985
★3	Fire Inspectors and Investigators	\$27.86	\$57,957

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

★5	Registered Nurses	\$39.26	\$81,669
★5	Dental Hygienists	\$45.09	\$93,784
★5	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$31.26	\$65,031
★5	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$36.74	\$76,420
★4	Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists	\$40.37	\$83,974
★4	Medical Equipment Repairers	\$29.59	\$61,544
★4	Architectural and Civil Drafters	\$31.20	\$64,901
★3	Paralegals and Legal Assistants	\$23.74	\$49,390
★3	Chemical Technicians	\$26.98	\$56,109
★3	Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians	\$29.67	\$61,718

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

★5	Medical and Health Services Managers	\$54.07	\$112,458
★5	Construction Managers	\$51.59	\$107,311
★5	Project Management Specialists	\$45.46	\$94,558
★5	Buyers and Purchasing Agents	\$32.64	\$67,890
★5	Financial Managers	\$66.80	\$138,934
★5	Computer Systems Analysts	\$49.06	\$102,048
★5	Industrial Production Managers	\$60.61	\$126,073
★5	Logisticians	\$31.70	\$65,927
★5	Chemists	\$36.51	\$75,951
★5	Civil Engineers	\$44.03	\$91,586

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.