RALEIGH-DURHAM REGION

Top 10 Star Jobs

Top careers with high wages and employment growth by education requirements

Advanced Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
*	Lawyers	\$44.29	\$92,130
¥	Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$107,730
*	Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists	\$42.90	\$89,229
*	Pharmacists	\$58.48	\$121,633
*	Physical Therapists	\$36.47	\$75,859
*	Speech-Language Pathologists	\$32.48	\$67,563
¥	Education Administrators, Postsecondary	\$44.15	\$91,829
*	Nurse Practitioners	\$47.43	\$98,655
*	Physician Assistants	\$45.61	\$94,878
*	Healthcare Social Workers	\$26.83	\$55,814

All wage information (except where noted) is Regional Median Hourly and Annual Wage data which was calculated based on 2016 release of the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) program of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The OES program produces employment and wage estimates annually for more than 800 occupations for the U.S., individual states, and metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas; National occupational estimates for specific industries are also available.

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.

What are Star Jobs?

North Carolina's 5-Star Jobs represent occupations with the greatest projected employment potential through 2024. 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, visit **www.nccommerce.com/lead/data-tools/star-jobs**



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High School & Work Experience		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
*	First-Line Supervisors of Office & Admin. Support Workers	\$24.83	\$51,646
\$	First-Line Supervisors of Constr. Trades & Extraction Workers	\$27.07	\$56,302
*	Electricians	\$18.52	\$38,518
*	Insurance Sales Agents	\$20.88	\$43,425
*	Fitness Trainers & Aerobics Instructors	\$20.75	\$43,164
*	First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers & Repairers	\$29.81	\$62,012
*	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$23.24	\$48,331
*	Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers	\$25.02	\$52,044
*	Food Service Managers	\$29.18	\$60,692
*	Property, Real Estate & Community Association Managers	\$28.94	\$60,188
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Postsecondary Training		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
*	Computer User Support Specialists	\$25.61	\$53,266
*	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$21.41	\$44,532
Ŕ	Heating, A/C & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$20.86	\$43,397
*	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$18.73	\$38,962
*	Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	\$18.54	\$38,560
*	Medical Assistants	\$14.89	\$30,970
*	Firefighters	\$16.43	\$34,183
*	Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	\$16.25	\$33,798
*	Dental Assistants	\$19.86	\$41,306
*	Medical Records & Health Information Technicians	\$16.44	\$34,197

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Associate Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
*	Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technicians	\$19.08	\$39,690
*	Radiologic Technologists	\$27.78	\$57,779
¥	Computer Network Support Specialists	\$31.68	\$65,903
¥	Web Developers	\$30.69	\$63,835
*	Respiratory Therapists	\$26.25	\$54,601
¥	Dental Hygienists	\$33.68	\$70,060
*	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$28.47	\$59,226
*	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$32.24	\$67,051
*	Cardiovascular Technologists & Technicians	\$30.10	\$62,613
¥	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$27.57	\$57,353
Bachelor's Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
¥	Registered Nurses	\$29.38	\$61,103
*	General & Operations Managers	\$55.58	\$115,601
Ŕ	Accountants & Auditors	\$30.90	\$64,274
¥	Software Developers, Applications	\$45.60	\$94,852
*	Computer Systems Analysts	\$41.18	\$85,651
¥	Management Analysts	\$41.75	\$86,843
*	Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	\$29.62	\$61,608
*	Computer & Information Systems Managers	\$61.65	\$128,232
¥	Financial Managers	\$54.00	\$112,320
¥	Software Developers, Systems Software	\$51.77	\$107,674