

# JACKSONVILLE-NEW BERN 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	\$42.55	\$88,500
★ Healthcare Social Workers	\$41.72	\$86,772
★ Physician Assistants	\$48.14	\$100,122
★ Speech-Language Pathologists	\$42.49	\$88,388
★ Mental Health & Substance Abuse Social Workers	\$23.41	\$48,703
★ Clinical, Counseling, & School Psychologists	\$30.09	\$62,596
★ Physicians & Surgeons	\$94.55 <sup>i</sup>	\$196,670 <sup>i</sup>
★ Physical Therapists	\$42.27	\$87,924
★ Nurse Practitioners	\$48.12	\$100,087
★ Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$54,153

All wage information is Prosperity Zone Sub-Region Median Hourly and Annual Wage data which was calculated based on the May 2018 Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) program of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The OEWS 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.

i. State Median Wage

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 2028. 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/starjobs](http://www.nccommerce.com/starjobs)



For more information on North Carolina careers go to:

- 🌐 [NCcareers.org](http://NCcareers.org)
- 🐦 [@CareersinNC](https://twitter.com/CareersinNC)
- ✉ [lead@nccommerce.com](mailto:lead@nccommerce.com)



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High School & Work Experience		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	First-Line Supervisors of Const. Trades & Extraction Workers	\$26.94	\$56,044
★	Electricians	\$22.69	\$47,205
★	Sheet Metal Workers	\$26.52	\$55,166
★	Plumbers, Pipefitters, & Steamfitters	\$19.63	\$40,833
★	Food Service Managers	\$22.07	\$45,903
★	Real Estate Brokers	\$27.33	\$56,838
★	Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers	\$31.08	\$64,650
★	First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation & Serving Workers	\$14.22	\$29,576
★	Carpenters	\$17.05	\$35,457
★	Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$20.55	\$42,739

Associate Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Dental Hygienists	\$34.42	\$71,599
★	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$29.63	\$61,621
★	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$33.36	\$69,379
★	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$18.70	\$38,904
★	Radiologic Technologists	\$23.33	\$48,536
★	Electrical & Electronics Engineering Technicians	\$39.98	\$83,164
★	Veterinary Technologists & Technicians	\$14.23	\$29,593
★	Air Traffic Controllers	\$43.12	\$89,679
★	Avionics Technicians	\$29.83	\$62,051
★	Computer Network Support Specialists	\$27.29	\$56,766

Postsecondary Training		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Heating, A/C, & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$17.44	\$36,281
★	Dental Assistants	\$20.67	\$42,985
★	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$17.08	\$35,524
★	Medical Assistants	\$14.52	\$30,201
★	Aircraft Mechanics & Service Technicians	\$28.18	\$58,615
★	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$20.92	\$43,513
★	Firefighters	\$18.36	\$38,199
★	Computer User Support Specialists	\$20.34	\$42,310
★	First-Line Supervisors of Fire Fighting & Prevention Workers	\$29.05	\$60,415
★	Massage Therapists	\$23.82	\$49,551

Bachelor's Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Registered Nurses	\$29.05	\$60,425
★	General & Operations Managers	\$42.93	\$89,299
★	Accountants & Auditors	\$31.30	\$65,108
★	Logisticians	\$36.46	\$75,829
★	Management Analysts	\$41.17	\$85,634
★	Construction Managers	\$48.11	\$100,063
★	Compliance Officers	\$28.38	\$59,037
★	Medical & Health Services Managers	\$43.55	\$90,588
★	Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	\$30.37	\$63,166
★	Mechanical Engineers	\$36.46	\$75,831