

# PINEHURST-ROCKINGHAM REGION

## Top 10 Star Jobs

Top careers with high wages and employment growth by education requirements

### Advanced Degree

	Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★ Healthcare Social Workers	\$24.69	\$51,359
★ Physician Assistants	\$59.72	\$124,217
★ Physical Therapists	\$44.64	\$92,846
★ Speech-Language Pathologists	\$26.28	\$54,664
★ Physicians & Surgeons, All Other	\$94.55 <sup>i</sup>	\$196,670 <sup>i</sup>
★ Rehabilitation Counselors	\$21.74	\$45,213
★ Nurse Practitioners	\$53.89	\$112,099
★ Clinical, Counseling, & School Psychologists	\$28.86	\$60,037
★ Mental Health & Substance Abuse Social Workers	\$23.34 <sup>i</sup>	\$48,550 <sup>i</sup>
★ Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$105,520 <sup>i</sup>

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)



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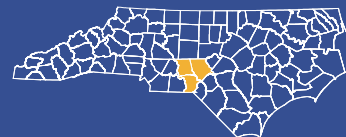
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High School & Work Experience		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	First-Line Supervisors of Const. Trades & Extraction Workers	\$30.85	\$64,178
★	Medical Secretaries	\$15.83	\$32,929
★	Electricians	\$18.70	\$38,886
★	Plumbers, Pipefitters, & Steamfitters	\$20.08	\$41,767
★	Insurance Sales Agents	\$21.24	\$44,180
★	Food Service Managers	\$24.89	\$51,776
★	First-Line Supervisors of Landscaping Workers	\$26.70	\$55,540
★	Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers	\$29.37	\$61,099
★	Real Estate Sales Agents	\$43.70	\$90,896
★	Property, Real Estate, & Community Association Managers	\$35.25	\$73,315

Postsecondary Training		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Medical Assistants	\$15.90	\$33,074
★	Dental Assistants	\$17.91	\$37,251
★	Heating, A/C, & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$20.25	\$42,128
★	Computer User Support Specialists	\$22.01	\$45,780
★	Massage Therapists	\$29.98	\$62,366
★	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$18.67	\$38,825
★	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$21.70	\$45,137
★	Phlebotomists	\$14.51	\$30,183
★	Medical Records & Health Information Technicians	\$16.65	\$34,634
★	Surgical Technologists	\$21.00	\$43,677

Associate Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$29.24	\$60,814
★	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$20.70	\$43,066
★	Radiologic Technologists	\$27.22	\$56,627
★	Dental Hygienists	\$26.55	\$55,232
★	Respiratory Therapists	\$27.12 <sup>i</sup>	\$56,410 <sup>i</sup>
★	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$22.94	\$47,722
★	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$32.18 <sup>i</sup>	\$66,930 <sup>i</sup>
★	Morticians, Undertakers, & Funeral Directors	\$27.07 <sup>i</sup>	\$56,310 <sup>i</sup>
★	Civil Engineering Technicians	\$23.62	\$49,129
★	Veterinary Technologists & Technicians	\$15.67 <sup>i</sup>	\$32,600 <sup>i</sup>

Bachelor's Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Registered Nurses	\$28.84	\$59,985
★	General & Operations Managers	\$47.62	\$99,052
★	Accountants & Auditors	\$31.61	\$65,750
★	Sub. Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, & Mental Health Counselors	\$21.34	\$44,384
★	Medical & Health Services Managers	\$46.84	\$97,434
★	Construction Managers	\$52.88	\$109,983
★	Clinical Laboratory Technologists & Technicians	\$24.02 <sup>i</sup>	\$49,950 <sup>i</sup>
★	Training & Development Specialists	\$30.78	\$64,015
★	Management Analysts	\$38.75	\$80,593
★	Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	\$21.55	\$44,822