

# ROCKY MOUNT-WILSON 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	\$23.61	\$49,112
★	Physician Assistants	\$49.53	\$103,020
★	Speech-Language Pathologists	\$36.31	\$75,529
★	Physical Therapists	\$40.04	\$83,284
★	Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$58,062
★	Nursing Instructors & Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$63,144
★	Clinical, Counseling, & School Psychologists	\$31.63	\$65,781
★	Nurse Practitioners	\$43.85	\$91,214
★	Veterinarians	\$40.37	\$83,979
★	Lawyers	\$38.04	\$79,128

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)
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High School & Work Experience		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	First-Line Supervisors of Const. Trades & Extraction Workers	\$29.59	\$61,552
★	Electricians	\$21.52	\$44,756
★	Plumbers, Pipefitters, & Steamfitters	\$20.94	\$43,563
★	Insurance Sales Agents	\$21.88	\$45,511
★	Food Service Managers	\$25.01	\$52,021
★	First-Line Supervisors of Landscaping Workers	\$28.60	\$59,492
★	Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	\$21.29	\$44,274
★	First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation & Serving Workers	\$14.55	\$30,258
★	Carpenters	\$14.84	\$30,876
★	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, & Brazers	\$18.50	\$38,487

Associate Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Web Developers	\$23.25	\$48,359
★	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$30.42	\$63,281
★	Dental Hygienists	\$32.23	\$67,034
★	Respiratory Therapists	\$27.87	\$57,971
★	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$32.49	\$67,573
★	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$17.67	\$36,754
★	Radiologic Technologists	\$26.23	\$54,569
★	Computer Network Support Specialists	\$22.67	\$47,156
★	Electrical & Electronics Engineering Technicians	\$27.74	\$57,692
★	Veterinary Technologists & Technicians	\$14.33	\$29,816

Postsecondary Training		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Heating, A/C, & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$19.54	\$40,637
★	Computer User Support Specialists	\$20.95	\$43,576
★	Dental Assistants	\$21.81	\$45,355
★	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$18.12	\$37,680
★	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$21.80	\$45,350
★	Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	\$16.96 <sup>i</sup>	\$35,280 <sup>i</sup>
★	Computer Numerically Controlled Machine Tool Programmers	\$22.19 <sup>i</sup>	\$46,150 <sup>i</sup>
★	Massage Therapists	\$19.03 <sup>i</sup>	\$39,590 <sup>i</sup>
★	Medical Assistants	\$14.03	\$29,180
★	Firefighters	\$15.41	\$32,059

Bachelor's Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Registered Nurses	\$28.98	\$60,271
★	General & Operations Managers	\$46.86	\$97,468
★	Accountants & Auditors	\$34.42	\$71,589
★	Software Developers, Applications	\$42.67	\$88,744
★	Construction Managers	\$43.21	\$89,875
★	Computer & Information Systems Managers	\$75.96	\$158,000
★	Loan Officers	\$28.99	\$60,302
★	Industrial Engineers	\$39.63	\$82,439
★	Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	\$29.01	\$60,343
★	Financial Managers	\$60.42	\$125,676