

BOONE-WILKESBORO REGION

Top 10 Star Jobs

Top careers with high wages and employment growth by education requirements

Advanced Degree

| | | Median Hourly Wage | Median Annual Wage |
|---|--|----------------------|-----------------------|
| ★ | Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary | N/A | \$69,395 |
| ★ | Business Teachers, Postsecondary | N/A | \$67,043 |
| ★ | Mental Health & Substance Abuse Social Workers | \$21.75 | \$45,235 |
| ★ | Physician Assistants | \$43.00 | \$89,443 |
| ★ | Speech-Language Pathologists | \$45.77 | \$95,208 |
| ★ | Nursing Instructors & Teachers, Postsecondary | N/A | \$64,520 ⁱ |
| ★ | Nurse Practitioners | \$44.02 | \$91,558 |
| ★ | Clinical, Counseling, & School Psychologists | \$28.36 | \$58,993 |
| ★ | Physical Therapists | \$45.13 | \$93,869 |
| ★ | Veterinarians | \$44.02 ⁱ | \$91,550 ⁱ |

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



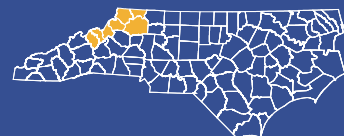
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| High School & Work Experience | | Median Hourly Wage | Median Annual Wage |
|-------------------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------------|
| ★ | First-Line Supervisors of Const. Trades & Extraction Workers | \$27.94 | \$58,119 |
| ★ | Electricians | \$26.72 | \$55,574 |
| ★ | Food Service Managers | \$26.21 | \$54,516 |
| ★ | Insurance Sales Agents | \$23.77 ⁱ | \$49,440 ⁱ |
| ★ | Property, Real Estate, & Community Association Managers | \$28.65 | \$59,596 |
| ★ | Chefs & Head Cooks | \$26.49 | \$55,104 |
| ★ | Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers | \$32.41 | \$67,407 |
| ★ | First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation & Serving Workers | \$14.53 | \$30,231 |
| ★ | Maintenance & Repair Workers, General | \$16.97 | \$35,304 |
| ★ | Carpenters | \$17.99 | \$37,427 |

| Associate Degree | | Median Hourly Wage | Median Annual Wage |
|------------------|---|----------------------|-----------------------|
| ★ | Physical Therapist Assistants | \$31.93 | \$66,413 |
| ★ | Respiratory Therapists | \$26.99 | \$56,138 |
| ★ | Occupational Therapy Assistants | \$35.85 | \$74,563 |
| ★ | Paralegals & Legal Assistants | \$14.83 | \$30,842 |
| ★ | Radiologic Technologists | \$26.68 | \$55,497 |
| ★ | Veterinary Technologists & Technicians | \$18.00 | \$37,440 |
| ★ | Computer Network Support Specialists | \$28.31 | \$58,881 |
| ★ | Diagnostic Medical Sonographers | \$28.77 | \$59,835 |
| ★ | Web Developers | \$29.79 | \$61,955 |
| ★ | Environmental Science & Protection Technicians, Inc. Health | \$19.70 ⁱ | \$40,990 ⁱ |

| Postsecondary Training | | Median Hourly Wage | Median Annual Wage |
|------------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------------|
| ★ | Heating, A/C, & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers | \$22.42 | \$46,626 |
| ★ | Computer User Support Specialists | \$23.80 | \$49,501 |
| ★ | Dental Assistants | \$18.21 | \$37,870 |
| ★ | Medical Assistants | \$15.42 | \$32,074 |
| ★ | Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses | \$21.19 | \$44,073 |
| ★ | Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics | \$17.00 | \$35,361 |
| ★ | Medical Records & Health Information Technicians | \$20.20 | \$42,009 |
| ★ | Surgical Technologists | \$20.82 ⁱ | \$43,300 ⁱ |
| ★ | Massage Therapists | \$19.03 ⁱ | \$39,590 ⁱ |
| ★ | Audio & Video Equipment Technicians | \$19.05 ⁱ | \$39,620 ⁱ |

| Bachelor's Degree | | Median Hourly Wage | Median Annual Wage |
|-------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| ★ | Registered Nurses | \$27.92 | \$58,084 |
| ★ | General & Operations Managers | \$40.68 | \$84,610 |
| ★ | Accountants & Auditors | \$29.44 | \$61,241 |
| ★ | Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists | \$27.45 | \$57,098 |
| ★ | Sub. Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, & Mental Health Counselors | \$23.32 | \$48,502 |
| ★ | Loan Officers | \$22.70 | \$47,225 |
| ★ | Financial Managers | \$38.85 | \$80,813 |
| ★ | Medical & Health Services Managers | \$41.97 | \$87,296 |
| ★ | Const. Managers | \$47.37 | \$98,530 |
| ★ | Software Developers, Applications | \$36.98 | \$76,910 |