

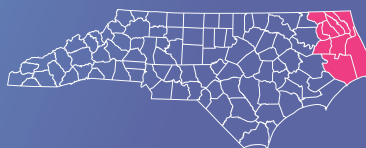
What are Star Jobs?

North Carolina's 5-Star Jobs represent occupations with the greatest projected employment potential through 2032. 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, scan the QR code or visit: www.commerce.nc.gov/data-tools-reports/labor-market-data-tools/employment-projections#StarJobs-274

ELIZABETH CITY REGION



Camden | Chowan | Currituck | Dare
Gates | Hyde | Pasquotank
Perquimans | Tyrrell | Washington

Advanced Degree

		MEDIAN WAGE	
		Hourly	Annual
★5	Nurse Practitioners	\$56.08	\$116,641
★5	Physician Assistants	\$55.54	\$115,523
★5	Physical Therapists	\$49.81	\$103,590
★5	Speech-Language Pathologists	\$39.15	\$81,439
★4	Instructional Coordinators	\$28.94	\$60,183
★4	Healthcare Social Workers	\$29.70	\$61,777
★4	Veterinarians	\$53.65	\$111,587
★4	Occupational Therapists	\$51.03	\$106,143
★4	Biological Science Teachers, Postsecondary	SALARY POSITION	\$65,729
★3	Lawyers	\$46.02	\$95,721

All wages are based on LEAD analysis of data of Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) 2024 Data released in May 2025.

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Top 10 careers with high wages and employment growth, grouped by education requirements. >

High School & Work Experience

		MEDIAN WAGE	
		Hourly	Annual
★5	Food Service Managers	\$34.07	\$70,870
★5	Insurance Sales Agents	\$23.36	\$48,574
★5	Electricians	\$24.63	\$51,231
★5	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$27.95	\$58,132
★5	Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers	\$41.86	\$87,065
★4	Construction Laborers	\$18.97	\$39,457
★4	First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	\$31.41	\$65,329
★4	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	\$22.69	\$47,198
★4	First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	\$32.94	\$68,501
★4	Fiberglass Laminators and Fabricators	\$18.79	\$39,076

Postsecondary Training

		MEDIAN WAGE	
		Hourly	Annual
★4	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	\$22.62	\$47,050
★4	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	\$23.94	\$49,788
★4	Medical Assistants	\$18.31	\$38,071
★4	Avionics Technicians	\$37.22	\$77,412
★4	Dental Assistants	\$22.39	\$46,572
★4	Electrical and Electronics Repairers, Commercial and Industrial Equipment	\$44.44	\$92,437
★3	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$22.46	\$46,726
★3	Nursing Assistants	\$17.26	\$35,887
★3	Emergency Medical Technicians	\$20.93	\$43,543
★3	Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	\$39.16	\$81,458

Associate’s Degree

		MEDIAN WAGE	
		Hourly	Annual
★5	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$30.47	\$63,373
★5	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$39.24	\$81,625
★5	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$35.84	\$74,544
★4	Registered Nurses	\$37.28	\$77,545
★4	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	\$32.69	\$67,987
★4	Respiratory Therapists	\$32.93	\$68,504
★4	Computer Network Support Specialists	\$33.65	\$70,004
★3	Morticians, Undertakers, and Funeral Arrangers	\$30.16	\$62,748
★2	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	\$18.30	\$38,055
★2	Paralegals and Legal Assistants	\$23.69	\$49,273

Bachelor’s Degree

		MEDIAN WAGE	
		Hourly	Annual
★5	Construction Managers	\$44.30	\$92,143
★5	Management Analysts	\$50.94	\$105,955
★5	Medical and Health Services Managers	\$47.08	\$97,925
★5	Software Developers	\$48.13	\$100,130
★5	Logisticians	\$38.12	\$79,282
★5	Computer and Information Systems Managers	\$73.52	\$152,926
★5	Industrial Engineers	\$42.26	\$87,899
★4	General and Operations Managers	\$39.82	\$82,834
★4	Accountants and Auditors	\$35.54	\$73,921
★4	Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	\$28.87	\$60,050

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.