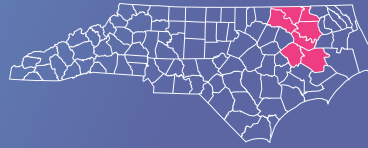


What are Star Jobs?

North Carolina's 5-Star Jobs represent occupations with the greatest projected employment potential through 2034. Occupations were rated from 1-5 stars based on wages, projected growth rates, and projected job openings.

GREENVILLE REGION



Beaufort | Bertie | Halifax | Hertford
Martin | Northampton | Pitt



For a complete list of Star Jobs and explanation of the rating process, scan the QR code or visit: www.commerce.nc.gov/star-jobs

Advanced Degree

		MEDIAN WAGE	
		Hourly	Annual
★5	Postsecondary Health Specialties Teachers	SALARY POSITION	\$176,442
★5	Nurse Practitioners	\$60.45	\$125,735
★5	Postsecondary Education Administrators	\$48.20	\$100,254
★5	Lawyers	\$45.80	\$95,263
★5	Physician Assistants	\$66.09	\$137,457
★5	Postsecondary Business Teachers	SALARY POSITION	\$105,769
★5	Dentists, General	\$93.56	\$194,600
★5	Biochemists and Biophysicists	\$49.87	\$103,736
★4	Educational, Guidance, and Career Counselors and Advisors	\$27.33	\$56,862
★4	Instructional Coordinators	\$29.04	\$60,396

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	\$30.78	\$64,016
★5	Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers	\$46.52	\$96,763
★4	Wholesale and Manufacturing Sales Representatives	\$28.68	\$59,670
★4	Electricians	\$26.20	\$54,492
★4	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$28.26	\$58,793
★4	Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	\$34.46	\$71,671
★4	Chemical Equipment Operators and Tenders	\$28.69	\$59,677
★4	Chefs and Head Cooks	\$29.35	\$61,038
★4	Construction and Building Inspectors	\$29.28	\$60,898
★4	Detectives and Criminal Investigators	\$29.98	\$62,350

Postsecondary Training

MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★4	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$29.14	\$60,605
★4	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	\$24.12	\$50,172
★4	First-Line Supervisors of Firefighting and Prevention Workers	\$29.34	\$61,030
★4	Computer Numerically Controlled Tool Programmers	\$27.54	\$57,268
★3	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$22.47	\$46,752
★3	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	\$22.70	\$47,224
★3	Computer User Support Specialists	\$27.42	\$57,051
★3	Medical Records Specialists	\$22.93	\$47,694
★3	Paramedics	\$22.69	\$47,183
★3	Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers	\$30.38	\$63,197

Associate's Degree

MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★5	Registered Nurses	\$39.22	\$81,575
★5	Dental Hygienists	\$39.39	\$81,942
★5	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$30.87	\$64,228
★5	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$38.18	\$79,430
★4	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians	\$34.70	\$72,159
★4	Medical Equipment Repairers	\$29.51	\$61,386
★4	Architectural and Civil Drafters	\$33.27	\$69,198
★3	Paralegals and Legal Assistants	\$22.77	\$47,359
★3	Chemical Technicians	\$22.01	\$45,771
★3	Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians	\$29.62	\$61,620

Bachelor's Degree

MEDIAN WAGE

Hourly Annual

★5	Medical and Health Services Managers	\$52.53	\$109,249
★5	Construction Managers	\$48.36	\$100,588
★5	Project Management Specialists	\$41.73	\$86,807
★5	Buyers and Purchasing Agents	\$31.09	\$64,671
★5	Financial Managers	\$63.32	\$131,708
★5	Computer Systems Analysts	\$47.44	\$98,676
★5	Industrial Production Managers	\$59.73	\$124,249
★5	Logisticians	\$31.13	\$64,755
★5	Chemists	\$31.54	\$65,613
★5	Civil Engineers	\$42.36	\$88,116

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.