

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.

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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

Advanced Degree

		MEDIAN WAGE	
		Hourly	Annual
★5	Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	SALARY POSITION	\$176,442
★5	Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors	\$23.37	\$48,609
★5	Nurse Practitioners	\$60.45	\$125,735
★5	Physical Therapists	\$47.87	\$99,580
★5	Speech-Language Pathologists	\$47.23	\$98,234
★5	Nursing Instructors and Teachers, Postsecondary	SALARY POSITION	\$96,458
★4	Occupational Therapists	\$47.55	\$98,886
★4	Clinical and Counseling Psychologists	\$38.66	\$80,411
★4	Engineering Teachers, Postsecondary	SALARY POSITION	\$85,600
★4	Optometrists	\$65.43	\$136,079

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	Electricians	\$26.20	\$54,492
★5	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$28.26	\$58,793
★5	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	\$29.58	\$61,532
★4	First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	\$18.66	\$38,809
★4	Construction Laborers	\$20.36	\$42,348
★4	First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	\$33.28	\$69,218
★4	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	\$24.15	\$50,232
★4	Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	\$34.46	\$71,671
★4	Exercise Trainers and Group Fitness Instructors	\$21.20	\$44,113
★4	Fiberglass Laminators and Fabricators	\$20.72	\$43,101

Postsecondary Training**MEDIAN WAGE****Hourly Annual**

★4	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$22.47	\$46,752
★4	Medical Assistants	\$19.03	\$39,587
★4	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	\$24.12	\$50,172
★4	Dental Assistants	\$22.67	\$47,142
★4	Ophthalmic Medical Technicians	\$18.05	\$37,542
★3	Nursing Assistants	\$18.05	\$37,545
★3	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	\$22.70	\$47,224
★3	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$29.14	\$60,605
★3	Emergency Medical Technicians	\$18.02	\$37,479
★3	Computer User Support Specialists	\$27.42	\$57,051

Associate's Degree**MEDIAN WAGE****Hourly Annual**

★5	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$30.87	\$64,228
★5	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$32.92	\$68,462
★4	Registered Nurses	\$39.22	\$81,575
★4	Dental Hygienists	\$39.39	\$81,942
★4	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$38.18	\$79,430
★4	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians	\$34.70	\$72,159
★4	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	\$19.10	\$39,712
★4	Computer Network Support Specialists	\$29.90	\$62,194
★4	Medical Equipment Repairers	\$29.51	\$61,386
★4	Health Information Technologists and Medical Registrars	\$29.78	\$61,946

Bachelor's Degree**MEDIAN WAGE****Hourly Annual**

★5	Construction Managers	\$48.36	\$100,588
★5	Medical and Health Services Managers	\$52.53	\$109,249
★5	Chemists	\$31.54	\$65,613
★5	Software Developers	\$50.34	\$104,698
★5	Industrial Engineers	\$45.79	\$95,238
★5	Mechanical Engineers	\$47.72	\$99,253
★5	Natural Sciences Managers	\$75.39	\$156,817
★4	Buyers and Purchasing Agents	\$31.09	\$64,671
★4	Project Management Specialists	\$41.73	\$86,807
★4	Training and Development Specialists	\$25.66	\$53,356

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.