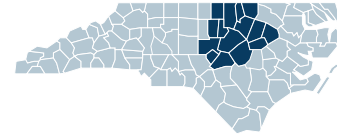


NORTH CENTRAL Top 15 Star Jobs

Top careers with high wages and employment growth by education requirements



Advanced Degree

	OES Hourly Wage ⁱ	Annual Openings ^{**}
★ Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	\$111,518 ⁱⁱ	286
★ Medical Scientists, <i>Except Epidemiologists</i>	\$40.49	110
★ Pharmacists	\$58.40	98
★ Physical Therapists	\$36.46	93
★ Education Administrators, Postsecondary	\$43.11	82
★ Physician Assistants	\$43.83	59
★ Nurse Practitioners	\$43.57	57
★ Healthcare Social Workers	\$26.32	55
★ Mental Health Counselors	\$22.81	54
★ Statisticians	\$46.70	50
★ Speech-Language Pathologists	\$32.26	46
★ Dentists, General	\$92.67	37
★ Family & General Practitioners	\$89.98	37
★ Occupational Therapists	\$37.95	32
★ Biological Science Teachers, Postsecondary	\$90,294 ⁱⁱ	30

*All wage information is from the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) program of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The OES 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. 2015 Statewide Median Hourly Wage ii. 2015 Regional Median Annual Wage

** Total Average Annual Openings include the total number of jobs available due to growth and replacement needs per year.

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 2022. Occupations were rated from 1-5 stars based on wages, projected growth rates, and projected job openings. For a complete list of Star Jobs, additional information about each career, and explanation of the rating process, visit www.nccommerce.com/lead/data-tools/star-jobs



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High School & Work Experience

	OES Hourly Wage*	Annual Openings**
★ First-Line Supervisors of Office & Admin. Support Workers	\$24.04	395
★ First-Line Supervisors of Const. Trades & Extraction Workers	\$26.44	218
★ Electricians	\$18.36	206
★ Plumbers, Pipefitters & Steamfitters	\$21.32	117
★ Property, Real Estate & Community Association Managers	\$29.72	54
★ Secretaries & Admin. Assistants, <i>Except Legal, Medical & Executive</i>	\$16.48	587
★ Sales Rep., Wholesale & Mfg., <i>Except Technical & Scientific Products</i>	\$26.59	377
★ Carpenters	\$15.62	174
★ Billing & Posting Clerks	\$17.41	169
★ First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers & Repairers	\$28.85	155
★ Medical Secretaries	\$15.47	117
★ Insurance Sales Agents	\$21.02	112
★ Claims Adjusters, Examiners & Investigators	\$25.14	62
★ Real Estate Sales Agents	\$24.83	56
★ Elevator Installers & Repairers	\$34.46 ⁱ	10

Associate Degree

	OES Hourly Wage*	Annual Openings**
★ Registered Nurses	\$29.50	986
★ Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technicians	\$20.32	109
★ Dental Hygienists	\$33.37	93
★ Radiologic Technologists	\$27.45	74
★ Web Developers	\$31.06	53
★ Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$31.82	25
★ Cardiovascular Technologists & Technicians	\$30.90	23
★ Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$21.95	117
★ Social Science Research Assistants	\$20.79	59
★ Respiratory Therapists	\$26.26	35
★ Physical Therapist Assistants	\$28.43	22
★ Medical Equipment Repairers	\$25.49	20
★ Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$26.72	11
★ Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists	\$32.29	10
★ Nuclear Medicine Technologists	\$32.58	7

Postsecondary Training

★ Computer User Support Specialists	\$24.34	289
★ Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$21.15	176
★ Heating, A/C & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$19.21	165
★ Massage Therapists	\$17.81	63
★ Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$17.92	229
★ Medical Assistants	\$14.51	148
★ Dental Assistants	\$18.68	104
★ Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	\$15.42	93
★ Medical Records & Health Information Technicians	\$16.74	68
★ Phlebotomists	\$14.12	41
★ Surgical Technologists	\$19.97	37
★ First-Line Supervisors of Fire Fighting & Prevention Workers	\$26.23	35
★ Telecom. Equipment Installers & Repairers, <i>Except Line Installers</i>	\$23.27	57
★ Library Technicians	\$15.40	52
★ Computer, Automated Teller & Office Machine Repairers	\$19.86	50

Bachelor's Degree

★ General & Operations Managers	\$56.02	540
★ Software Developers, Applications	\$44.20	420
★ Computer Systems Analysts	\$40.19	225
★ Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	\$30.90	198
★ Management Analysts	\$40.45	167
★ Civil Engineers	\$35.53	158
★ Software Developers, Systems Software	\$50.59	154
★ Computer & Information Systems Managers	\$60.28	152
★ Construction Managers	\$41.63	142
★ Financial Managers	\$52.82	125
★ Medical & Health Services Managers	\$46.51	122
★ Securities, Commodities & Financial Services Sales Agents	\$32.60	112
★ Financial Analysts	\$34.62	99
★ Personal Financial Advisors	\$48.45	92
★ Information Security Analysts	\$40.95	71