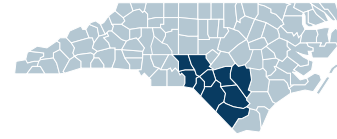


SANDHILLS Top 15 Star Jobs

Top careers with high wages and employment growth by education requirements



Advanced Degree	OES Hourly Wage*	Annual Openings**
★ Pharmacists	\$63.32	29
★ Physician Assistants	\$44.87	27
★ Physical Therapists	\$40.30	24
★ Speech-Language Pathologists	\$28.70	17
★ Family & General Practitioners	\$85.14	16
★ Occupational Therapists	\$31.10	15
★ Nurse Practitioners	\$44.80	13
★ Dentists, General	\$93.59	13
★ Education Administrators, Postsecondary	\$35.16	10
★ Nursing Instructors & Teachers, Postsecondary	\$60,120 ⁱⁱⁱ	8
★ Lawyers	\$41.31	14
★ Mental Health Counselors	\$20.51	13
★ Healthcare Social Workers	\$21.44	13
★ Veterinarians	\$42.62	8
★ Business Teachers, Postsecondary	\$69,121 ^{iv}	7

*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 iii. 2015 Statewide Median Annual Wage

ii. 2014 National Median Hourly Wage iv. 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
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Annual
Openings**

★	First-Line Supervisors of Office & Admin. Support Workers	\$21.08	114
★	First-Line Supervisors of Const. Trades & Extraction Workers	\$23.82	40
★	Secretaries & Admin. Assistants, <i>Except Legal, Medical & Executive</i>	\$14.11	149
★	Social & Human Service Assistants	\$14.03	54
★	First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers & Repairers	\$27.32	46
★	Medical Secretaries	\$13.52	45
★	Electricians	\$18.08	29
★	Operating Engineers & Other Constr. Equipment Operators	\$16.21	28
★	Self-Enrichment Education Teachers	\$12.76	26
★	Insurance Sales Agents	\$18.74	25
★	Plumbers, Pipefitters & Steamfitters	\$17.69	20
★	First-Line Supervisors of Police & Detectives	\$28.43	15
★	Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers	\$25.40	12
★	Crane & Tower Operators	\$21.46 ⁱ	8
★	Substance Abuse & Behavioral Disorder Counselors	\$18.20	6

Associate Degree

OES
Hourly
Wage*

Annual
Openings**

★	Registered Nurses	\$27.84	267
★	Dental Hygienists	\$31.68	22
★	Computer Network Support Specialists	\$26.85	13
★	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$26.13	13
★	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$30.94	11
★	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$24.60	10
★	Radiologic Technologists	\$23.93	20
★	Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technicians	\$17.90	17
★	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$17.25	15
★	Respiratory Therapists	\$23.84	11
★	Cardiovascular Technologists & Technicians	\$26.51	4
★	Web Developers	\$24.03	4
★	Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists	\$29.96	3
★	Nuclear Medicine Technologists	\$30.87 ⁱ	3
★	Radiation Therapists	\$34.89	2

Postsecondary Training

★	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$19.81	125
★	Computer User Support Specialists	\$20.92	28
★	Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	\$14.05	56
★	Heating, A/C & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$17.88	41
★	Dental Assistants	\$17.75	31
★	Medical Records & Health Information Technicians	\$14.31	22
★	Telecom. Equipment Installers & Repairers, <i>Except Line Installers</i>	\$22.46	15
★	Surgical Technologists	\$19.09	10
★	Nursing Assistants	\$10.04	316
★	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$15.98	89
★	Medical Assistants	\$12.63	48
★	Firefighters	\$14.09	37
★	Library Technicians	\$14.46	19
★	Phlebotomists	\$12.29	15
★	First-Line Supervisors of Fire Fighting & Prevention Workers	\$26.78	9

Bachelor's Degree

★	General & Operations Managers	\$47.93	98
★	Interpreters & Translators	\$20.96 ⁱⁱ	61
★	Accountants & Auditors	\$29.68	59
★	Medical & Health Services Managers	\$42.06	28
★	Public Relations Specialists	\$24.97	23
★	Training & Development Specialists	\$31.45	21
★	Logisticians	\$37.88	18
★	Cost Estimators	\$23.54	17
★	Financial Managers	\$48.32	16
★	Social & Community Service Managers	\$26.09	15
★	Network & Computer Systems Administrators	\$33.17	14
★	Software Developers, Applications	\$41.92	12
★	Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	\$26.13	12
★	Marketing Managers	\$53.95	8
★	Computer Systems Analysts	\$35.62	7