

GOLDSBORO-KINSTON REGION

Top 10 Star Jobs

Top careers with high wages and employment growth by education requirements

Advanced Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Pharmacists	\$65.64	\$136,534
★	Physical Therapists	\$36.22	\$75,334
★	Lawyers	\$36.02	\$74,924
★	Speech-Language Pathologists	\$28.04	\$58,329
★	Healthcare Social Workers	\$22.93	\$47,689
★	Nurse Practitioners	\$45.58	\$94,800
★	Physician Assistants	\$42.41	\$88,211
★	Mental Health Counselors	\$18.78	\$39,062
★	Clinical, Counseling & School Psychologists	\$27.64	\$57,486
★	Occupational Therapists	\$37.11	\$77,198

All wage information (except where noted) is Regional Median Hourly and Annual Wage data which was calculated based on 2016 release of 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. Prosperity Zone Median Wage

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 2024. 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, visit www.nccommerce.com/lead/data-tools/star-jobs



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High School & Work Experience		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	First-Line Supervisors of Office & Admin. Support Workers	\$21.27	\$44,233
★	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$21.08	\$43,854
★	First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers & Repairers	\$29.03	\$60,383
★	Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers	\$24.78	\$51,546
★	Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal & Plastic	\$16.98	\$35,309
★	Insurance Sales Agents	\$19.31	\$40,175
★	Electricians	\$20.94	\$43,552
★	First-Line Supervisors of Constr. Trades & Extraction Workers	\$23.90	\$49,715
★	Customer Service Representatives	\$13.52	\$28,122
★	Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	\$15.37	\$31,970

Associate Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technicians	\$17.27	\$35,929
★	Respiratory Therapists	\$24.39	\$50,737
★	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$28.46	\$59,203
★	Dental Hygienists	\$29.02	\$60,368
★	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$28.61	\$59,500
★	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$26.83	\$55,800
★	Preschool Teachers, <i>Except Special Education</i>	\$13.42	\$27,912
★	Radiologic Technologists	\$22.97	\$47,781
★	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$17.14	\$35,652
★	Electrical & Electronics Engineering Technicians	\$37.72	\$78,450

Postsecondary Training		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$19.07	\$39,675
★	Computer User Support Specialists	\$21.71	\$45,162
★	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$15.07	\$31,338
★	Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	\$15.03	\$31,258
★	Firefighters	\$16.95	\$35,257
★	Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	\$14.98	\$31,156
★	Dental Assistants	\$17.96	\$37,349
★	Heating, A/C & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$15.31	\$31,837
★	Medical Records & Health Information Technicians	\$15.25	\$31,718
★	First-Line Supervisors of Fire Fighting & Prevention Workers	\$27.65	\$57,504

Bachelor's Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Registered Nurses	\$26.85	\$55,853
★	General & Operations Managers	\$43.32	\$90,107
★	Accountants & Auditors	\$27.00	\$56,153
★	Financial Managers	\$47.00	\$97,755
★	Computer Systems Analysts	\$28.91	\$60,131
★	Software Developers, Applications	\$35.63	\$74,112
★	Medical & Health Services Managers	\$43.87	\$91,251
★	Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	\$23.19	\$48,240
★	Management Analysts	\$27.93	\$58,097
★	Computer & Information Systems Managers	\$47.06	\$97,884