

# JACKSONVILLE-NEW BERN REGION

## Top 10 Star Jobs

*Top careers with high wages and employment growth by education requirements*

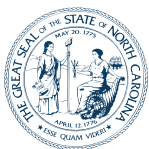
Advanced Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Pharmacists	\$61.15	\$127,185
★	Physical Therapists	\$35.67	\$74,184
★	Lawyers	\$45.47	\$94,585
★	Speech-Language Pathologists	\$37.27	\$77,524
★	Physician Assistants	\$45.13	\$93,861
★	Nurse Practitioners	\$54.44	\$113,245
★	Mental Health Counselors	\$22.81	\$47,437
★	Healthcare Social Workers	\$22.98	\$47,806
★	Occupational Therapists	\$35.69	\$74,230
★	Clinical, Counseling & School Psychologists	\$38.86	\$80,824

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.

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](http://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	\$20.22	\$42,063
★	First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers & Repairers	\$29.41	\$61,182
★	Electricians	\$18.71	\$38,923
★	First-Line Supervisors of Constr. Trades & Extraction Workers	\$23.69	\$49,279
★	Machinists	\$28.55	\$59,375
★	Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers	\$30.37	\$63,177
★	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$25.81	\$53,692
★	Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal & Plastic	\$18.54	\$38,569
★	Opticians, Dispensing	\$19.30	\$40,150
★	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	\$17.15	\$35,680

Associate Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technicians	\$20.47	\$42,586
★	Dental Hygienists	\$30.15	\$62,711
★	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$30.08	\$62,561
★	Respiratory Therapists	\$24.49	\$50,936
★	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$32.33	\$67,237
★	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$28.06	\$58,364
★	Cardiovascular Technologists & Technicians	\$27.36	\$56,911
★	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$17.35	\$36,079
★	Radiologic Technologists	\$23.00	\$47,830
★	Electrical & Electronics Engineering Technicians	\$38.24	\$79,540

Postsecondary Training		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$18.23	\$37,918
★	Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	\$18.51	\$38,503
★	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$16.38	\$34,063
★	Medical Assistants	\$13.14	\$27,334
★	Firefighters	\$16.07	\$33,425
★	Dental Assistants	\$17.57	\$36,544
★	Computer User Support Specialists	\$18.63	\$38,752
★	Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	\$15.36	\$31,954
★	Heating, A/C & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$18.15	\$37,748
★	Medical Records & Health Information Technicians	\$14.41	\$29,965

Bachelor's Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Registered Nurses	\$26.90	\$55,943
★	General & Operations Managers	\$38.43	\$79,930
★	Accountants & Auditors	\$28.13	\$58,512
★	Management Analysts	\$34.32	\$71,393
★	Medical & Health Services Managers	\$42.81	\$89,039
★	Computer Systems Analysts	\$33.02	\$68,674
★	Financial Managers	\$44.17	\$91,877
★	Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	\$30.18	\$62,770
★	Civil Engineers	\$35.06	\$72,916
★	Construction Managers	\$38.87	\$80,850