

# WAYNESVILLE-FRANKLIN REGION

## Top 10 Star Jobs

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

Advanced Degree	Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★ Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$62,083
★ Pharmacists	\$58.02	\$120,675
★ Physical Therapists	\$39.55	\$82,259
★ Education Administrators, Postsecondary	\$44.50	\$92,554
★ Healthcare Social Workers	\$19.03	\$39,589
★ Speech-Language Pathologists	\$21.39	\$44,498
★ Clinical, Counseling & School Psychologists	\$26.94	\$56,031
★ Nurse Practitioners	\$44.23	\$92,001
★ Physician Assistants	\$43.32	\$90,115
★ Nursing Instructors & Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$62,128

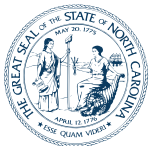
All wage information (except where noted) is Regional Median Hourly and Annual Wage data which was calculated based on 2016 release of the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) program of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The OES program produces employment and wage estimates annually for more than 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](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	\$20.74	\$43,144
★	First-Line Supervisors of Constr. Trades & Extraction Workers	\$24.55	\$51,070
★	Electricians	\$18.85	\$39,202
★	Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers	\$32.59	\$67,783
★	First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers & Repairers	\$27.11	\$56,384
★	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$25.82	\$53,699
★	Property, Real Estate & Community Association Managers	\$47.36	\$98,508
★	Chefs & Head Cooks	\$27.26	\$56,694
★	Customer Service Representatives	\$13.27	\$27,598
★	First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation & Serving Workers	\$13.42	\$27,918

Associate Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technicians	\$18.61	\$38,710
★	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$25.70	\$53,460
★	Respiratory Therapists	\$24.45 <sup>i</sup>	\$50,857 <sup>i</sup>
★	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$30.99 <sup>i</sup>	\$64,459 <sup>i</sup>
★	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$14.10	\$29,331
★	Computer Network Support Specialists	\$17.50	\$36,398
★	Preschool Teachers, <i>Except Special Education</i>	\$11.84	\$24,618
★	Radiologic Technologists	\$24.11 <sup>i</sup>	\$50,158 <sup>i</sup>
★	Electrical & Electronics Engineering Technicians	\$24.57	\$51,105
★	Human Resources Assistants, <i>Except Payroll &amp; Timekeeping</i>	\$15.54	\$32,320

Postsecondary Training		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$18.04	\$37,529
★	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$17.48	\$36,362
★	Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	\$16.74	\$34,817
★	Heating, A/C & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$15.86	\$32,991
★	Medical Assistants	\$13.70	\$28,501
★	First-Line Supervisors of Fire Fighting & Prevention Workers	\$21.52	\$44,761
★	Firefighters	\$11.49	\$23,899
★	Computer User Support Specialists	\$13.14	\$27,335
★	Library Technicians	\$12.01	\$24,988
★	Phlebotomists	\$11.74	\$24,419

Bachelor's Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
★	Registered Nurses	\$25.96	\$54,007
★	General & Operations Managers	\$46.31	\$96,328
★	Accountants & Auditors	\$26.61	\$55,345
★	Software Developers, Applications	\$27.45	\$57,093
★	Computer Systems Analysts	\$27.35	\$56,888
★	Construction Managers	\$38.55	\$80,190
★	Financial Managers	\$43.86	\$91,222
★	Management Analysts	\$41.26	\$85,817
★	Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	\$25.34	\$52,711
★	Medical & Health Services Managers	\$48.75	\$101,404