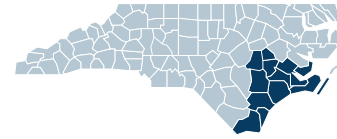


# SOUTHEAST Top 15 Star Jobs

Top careers with high wages and employment growth by education requirements



Advanced Degree	OES Hourly Wage*	Annual Openings**
★ Physical Therapists	\$41.48	43
★ Mental Health Counselors	\$20.03	27
★ Physician Assistants	\$46.19	26
★ Dentists, General	\$93.53	19
★ Healthcare Social Workers	\$22.22	16
★ Family & General Practitioners	\$88.62	14
★ Veterinarians	\$40.75	14
★ Nurse Practitioners	\$45.47	13
★ Surgeons	\$94.50	13
★ Education Administrators, Postsecondary	\$35.87	13
★ Speech-Language Pathologists	\$35.83	12
★ Occupational Therapists	\$37.79	11
★ Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	\$57,178 <sup>ii</sup>	9
★ Nursing Instructors & Teachers, Postsecondary	\$59,655 <sup>ii</sup>	8
★ Lawyers	\$41.26	34

\*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](http://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	\$21.24	140
★ Electricians	\$19.43	77
★ First-Line Supervisors of Const. Trades & Extraction Workers	\$25.11	71
★ Insurance Sales Agents	\$18.51	62
★ Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$23.76	30
★ First-Line Supervisors of Food Prep. & Serving Workers	\$14.33	189
★ Carpenters	\$15.59	96
★ Sales Reps., Wholesale & Mfg., <i>Except Technical &amp; Scientific Products</i>	\$22.01	79
★ Billing & Posting Clerks	\$14.84	67
★ Medical Secretaries	\$13.77	63
★ First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers & Repairers	\$28.14	58
★ Plumbers, Pipefitters & Steamfitters	\$19.02 <sup>i</sup>	46
★ Operating Engineers & Other Const. Equipment Operators	\$16.74	37
★ Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers	\$27.53	35
★ Bill & Account Collectors	\$14.32	34

## Postsecondary Training

★ Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$18.39	101
★ Heating, A/C & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$16.79	95
★ Computer User Support Specialists	\$21.19	66
★ Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$16.03	122
★ Medical Assistants	\$13.85	95
★ Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	\$14.80	63
★ Dental Assistants	\$16.55	56
★ Aircraft Mechanics & Service Technicians	\$25.38 <sup>i</sup>	30
★ Medical Records & Health Information Technicians	\$14.25	27
★ Surgical Technologists	\$17.08	14
★ Massage Therapists	\$17.33	8
★ Phlebotomists	\$13.08	16
★ First-Line Supervisors of Fire Fighting & Prevention Workers	\$26.88	13
★ Electrical & Electronics Repairers, Commercial & Industrial Equipment	\$27.86	9
★ Ophthalmic Medical Technicians	\$17.14	5

## Associate Degree

	OES Hourly Wage*	Annual Openings**
★ Registered Nurses	\$26.57	345
★ Dental Hygienists	\$30.43	39
★ Radiologic Technologists	\$23.01	27
★ Physical Therapist Assistants	\$29.98	17
★ Computer Network Support Specialists	\$22.02	17
★ Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$28.75	14
★ Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$18.24	51
★ Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technicians	\$18.03	26
★ Respiratory Therapists	\$25.16	12
★ Environmental Science & Protection Techs., Including Health	\$18.68	12
★ Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$26.68	10
★ Web Developers	\$18.50	9
★ Air Traffic Controllers	\$40.21	5
★ Electrical & Electronics Drafters	\$33.89	4
★ Cardiovascular Technologists & Technicians	\$27.66	4

## Bachelor's Degree

★ General & Operations Managers	\$45.28	153
★ Accountants & Auditors	\$29.28	101
★ Civil Engineers	\$35.14 <sup>i</sup>	45
★ Medical & Health Services Managers	\$41.97	40
★ Cost Estimators	\$26.31	31
★ Financial Managers	\$43.99	28
★ Management Analysts	\$35.15	27
★ Securities, Commodities & Financial Services Sales Agents	\$23.38	26
★ Logisticians	\$35.64	25
★ Loan Officers	\$30.40	25
★ Computer Systems Analysts	\$35.62	21
★ Software Developers, Applications	\$38.72	20
★ Network & Computer Systems Administrators	\$31.36	18
★ Computer & Information Systems Managers	\$51.63	12
★ Social & Community Service Managers	\$27.40	12