WAYNESVILLE-FRANKLIN REGION

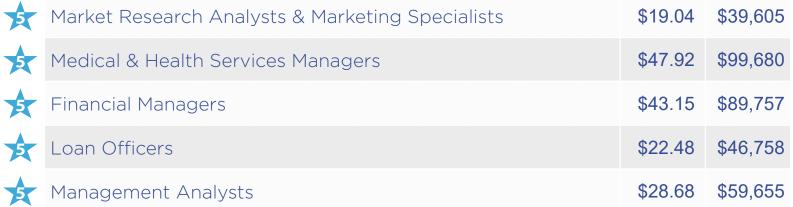
STAR JOBS TOP 10 BY EDUCATION 2021



Cherokee | Clay | Graham | Haywood Jackson | Macon | Swain

High	School & Work Experience	Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
	First-Line Supervisors of Const. Trades & Extraction Workers	\$25.62	\$53,279
5	First-Line Supervisors of Landscaping Workers	\$25.04	\$52,079
5	Food Service Managers	\$27.49	\$57,182
5	Chefs & Head Cooks	\$23.16	\$48,171
5	Insurance Sales Agents	\$33.82	\$70,336
5	Real Estate Sales Agents	\$27.84	\$57,909
*	Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers	\$35.50	\$73,845
	First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation & Serving Workers	\$16.80	\$34,943
*	Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	\$17.29	\$35,957
	Carpenters	\$17.92	\$37,276
Associate Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
×	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$25.34	\$52,709
	Dental Hygienists	\$28.69	\$59,681
×	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$36.34	\$75,594
	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$14.63	\$30,434
4	Civil Engineering Technicians	\$23.01 ⁱ	\$47,870 ⁱ
4	Radiologic Technologists	\$24.14	\$50,219
4	Veterinary Technologists & Technicians	\$18.67	\$38,837
	Respiratory Therapists	\$22.88	\$47,596
4	Computer Network Support Specialists	\$24.01	\$49,950
	Web Developers	\$30.59	\$63,627
Advanced Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
¥	Rehabilitation Counselors	\$19.93	\$41,455
×	Physicians & Surgeons	\$94.55 ⁱ	\$196,670 ⁱ
×	Physician Assistants	\$43.31	\$90,090
5	Nurse Practitioners	\$46.81	\$97,367
5	Business Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$93,322
5	Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A	\$61,456
*	Physical Therapists	\$41.25	\$85,810
*	Clinical, Counseling, & School Psychologists	\$26.22	\$54,534
*	Urban & Regional Planners	\$27.04	\$56,237
¥	Speech-Language Pathologists	\$36.19	\$75,267

Postsecondary Training		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
5	Heating, A/C, & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$17.52	\$36,432
¥	Massage Therapists	\$19.03 ⁱ	\$39,590 ⁱ
T	Computer User Support Specialists	\$20.91	\$43,503
4	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$17.34	\$36,071
4	Medical Assistants	\$14.45	\$30,054
4	Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	\$17.25	\$35,882
4	Dental Assistants	\$17.28	\$35,949
4	Audio & Video Equipment Technicians	\$19.05 ⁱ	\$39,620 ⁱ
4	Skincare Specialists	\$18.96 ⁱ	\$39,440 ⁱ
4	Ophthalmic Medical Technicians	\$17.04 ⁱ	\$35,440 ⁱ
Bachelor's Degree		Median Hourly Wage	Median Annual Wage
*	Registered Nurses	\$28.50	\$59,271
A	General & Operations Managers	\$40.08	\$83,364
A	Accountants & Auditors	\$27.99	\$58,222
¥	Sub. Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, & Mental Health Counselors	\$22.54 ⁱ	\$46,870 ⁱ
¥	Construction Managers	\$37.10	\$77,176
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All wage information is Prosperity Zone Sub-Region Median Hourly and Annual Wage data which was calculated based on the May 2018 Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) program of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The OEWS 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. State 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 2028. 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/starjobs.





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