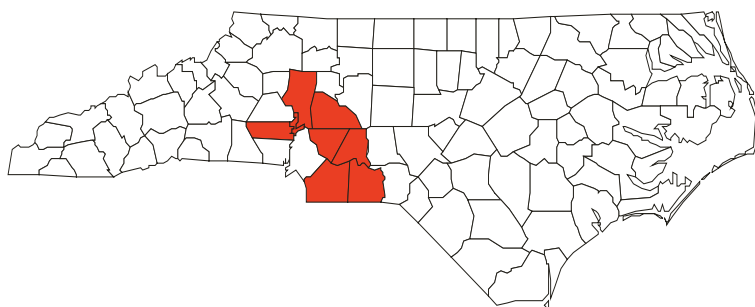


Fastest Growing Industry Groups	Annualized Percentage Growth Rate ³
Ambulatory Health Care Services	3.57
Internet Publishing & Broadcasting	3.54
Performing Arts, Spectator Sports & Related Industries	3.51
Warehousing & Storage	3.37
Administrative & Support Services	3.12
Air Transportation	3.04
Amusement, Gambling, Recreation Industries	2.99
Museums, Historical Sites	2.80
Funds, Trusts & Other Financial Vehicles	2.72
Securities, Commodity Contracts & Other Financial Investments & Related Activities	2.65

Source: 3 - LMI Projections Program, 2004-2014

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Important factors to consider when exploring different occupations are the annual growth potential, number of openings in the occupation, educational requirements and salary. The Employment Security Commission of North Carolina's Long Term Occupational Projections provide this information, which can be used in a variety of ways:

- **Students, Job Seekers and Counselors:** To explore employment in occupations and industries.
- **Employers:** To examine expected employment in industries and occupations.
- **Educational Institutions:** To determine course offerings.
- **Researchers:** To analyze North Carolina's labor market.
- **Planners:** To develop training opportunities for clients.
- **Economic Developers:** To assess job growth opportunities.

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Bachelor's Degree Growing Occupations Based on Annual Total Openings ¹	State Median Wage²	Associate Degree Growing Occupations Based on Annual Total Openings ¹	State Median Wage²	Vocational Training Growing Occupations Based on Annual Total Openings ¹	State Median Wage²
<i>Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Ed.</i>	\$36,718/year*	<i>Registered Nurses</i>	\$24.14/hour	<i>Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants</i>	\$9.77/hour
<i>Secondary School Teachers, Except Special & Vocational Education</i>	\$38,032/year*	<i>Computer Support Specialists</i>	\$19.20/hour	<i>Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics</i>	\$16.15/hour
<i>Middle School Teachers, Except Special & Vocational Education</i>	\$37,064/year*	<i>Radiologic Technologists & Technicians</i>	\$21.67/hour	<i>Preschool Teachers, Except Special Ed.</i>	\$8.31/hour
<i>Accountants & Auditors</i>	\$24.03/hour	<i>Dental Hygienists</i>	\$28.39/hour	<i>Licensed Practical & Vocational Nurses</i>	\$16.69/hour
<i>Construction Managers</i>	\$30.91/hour	<i>Medical Records & Health Information Technicians</i>	\$11.73/hour	<i>Medical Secretaries</i>	\$12.23/hour
<i>Special Education Teachers, Preschool & K-5</i>	\$37,617/year*	<i>Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technicians</i>	\$14.97/hour	<i>Hairdressers, Hairstylists & Cosmetologists</i>	\$10.04/hour
<i>Computer Systems Analysts</i>	\$31.22/hour	<i>Paralegals & Legal Assistants</i>	\$16.21/hour	<i>Bus & Truck Mechanics & Diesel Engine Specialists</i>	\$16.80/hour
<i>Child, Family & School Social Workers</i>	\$17.05/hour	<i>Respiratory Therapists</i>	\$20.73/hour	<i>Fitness Trainers & Aerobics Instructors</i>	\$11.65/hour
<i>Industrial Engineers</i>	\$30.45/hour	<i>Veterinary Technologists & Technicians</i>	\$11.83/hour	<i>Emergency Medical Tech. & Paramedics</i>	\$12.91/hour
<i>Network & Computer Systems Administrators</i>	\$27.41/hour	<i>Physical Therapist Assistants</i>	\$19.41/hour	<i>Real Estate Sales Agents</i>	\$20.36/hour
<i>Mechanical Engineers</i>	\$30.50/hour	<i>Civil Engineering Technicians</i>	\$18.18/hour	<i>Library Technicians</i>	\$12.69/hour
<i>Network Systems & Data Communications Analysts</i>	\$29.19/hour	<i>Biological Technicians</i>	\$16.86/hour	<i>Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines</i>	\$17.03/hour
<i>Computer Software Engineers, Applications</i>	\$36.16/hour	<i>Diagnostic Medical Sonographers</i>	\$26.77/hour	<i>Medical Transcriptionists</i>	\$13.62/hour
<i>Employment, Recruitment & Placement Specialists</i>	\$19.20/hour	<i>Electrical & Electronic Engineering Technicians</i>	\$22.63/hour	<i>Legal Secretaries</i>	\$15.36/hour
<i>Computer Software Engineers, Sys. Software</i>	\$38.97/hour	<i>Cardiovascular Technologists & Technicians</i>	\$19.49/hour	<i>Barbers</i>	\$14.65/hour

Sources: 1-LMI Projections Program: 2004-2014 job growth and replacement (total openings) for occupational and industrial employment. 2-Occupational Employment and Wages (OES) program annual survey. NOTE: Median wage is the midpoint between the highest and lowest wage. *Projected teacher salaries only available on an annual basis.

Occupational employment projections and related job outlook information are valuable sources of labor market information widely used for planning and preparation of educational and training programs for future labor force needs and for developing career information. The occupational projections presented in this brochure were produced by analysts in the Labor Market Information Division of the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina. Guidelines and procedures defined by the U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) are used to ensure consistency in the gathering and dissemination of industry and occupational projections. Analysts use industrial data to review historical trends, staffing patterns, and to predict future employment growth or decline of an occupation within a geographical area. The accuracy of projections for individual occupations is subject to error because of many unknown factors that may affect the economy over the 10-year projection period and should not be used as a sole source of decision-making information.

The occupational projections listed in this brochure represent two aspects of employment opportunity growth—new job creation and existing job replacement.