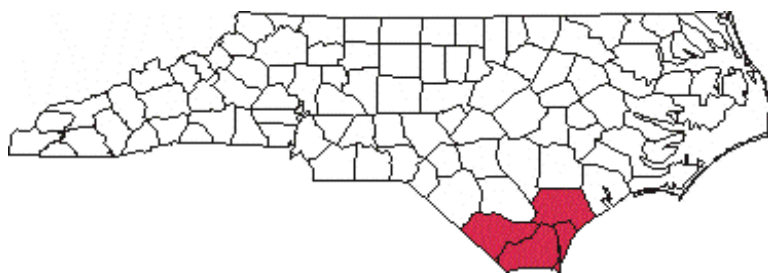


<b>Fastest Growing Industry Groups</b>	<b>Annualized Percentage Growth Rate<sup>3</sup></b>
Ambulatory Health Care Services	3.11
Health & Personal Care Stores	2.91
Building Material & Garden Equipment & Supplies Dealers	2.72
Food Services & Drinking Places	2.70
Social Assistance	2.64
Administrative & Support Services	2.51
Furniture & Home Furnishings Stores	2.45
Educational Services	2.41
Specialty Trade Contractors	2.38
Securities, Commodity Contracts & Other Financial Investments & Related Activities	2.32

Source: 3 - LMI Projections Program, 2004-2014

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**I** mportant 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.
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<b>Bachelor's Degree Growing Occupations Based on Annual Total Openings <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>State Median Wage<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Associate Degree Growing Occupations Based on Annual Total Openings <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>State Median Wage<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Vocational Training Growing Occupations Based on Annual Total Openings <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>State Median Wage<sup>2</sup></b>
<i>Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Ed.</i>	\$36,718/year*	<i>Registered Nurses</i>	\$24.14/hour	<i>Nursing Aides, Orderlies &amp; Attendants</i>	\$9.77/hour
<i>Secondary School Teachers, Except Special &amp; Vocational Education</i>	\$38,032/year*	<i>Paralegals &amp; Legal Assistants</i>	\$16.21/hour	<i>Automotive Service Technicians &amp; Mechanics</i>	\$16.15/hour
<i>Accountants and Auditors</i>	\$24.03/hour	<i>Computer Support Specialists</i>	\$19.20/hour	<i>Preschool Teachers, Except Special Ed.</i>	\$8.31/hour
<i>Middle School Teachers, Except Special &amp; Vocational Education</i>	\$37,064/year*	<i>Radiologic Technologists &amp; Technicians</i>	\$21.67/hour	<i>Real Estate Sales Agents</i>	\$20.36/hour
<i>Construction Managers</i>	\$30.91/hour	<i>Medical &amp; Clinical Laboratory Technicians</i>	\$14.97/hour	<i>Licensed Practical &amp; Vocational Nurses</i>	\$16.69/hour
<i>Computer Systems Analysts</i>	\$31.22/hour	<i>Medical Records &amp; Health Information Technicians</i>	\$11.73/hour	<i>Medical Secretaries</i>	\$12.23/hour
<i>Special Education Teachers, Preschool &amp; K-5</i>	\$37,617/year*	<i>Dental Hygienists</i>	\$28.39/hour	<i>Hairdressers, Hairstylists &amp; Cosmetologists</i>	\$10.04/hour
<i>Child, Family &amp; School Social Workers</i>	\$17.05/hour	<i>Respiratory Therapists</i>	\$20.73/hour	<i>Fitness Trainers &amp; Aerobics Instructors</i>	\$11.65/hour
<i>Insurance Sales Agents</i>	\$16.94/hour	<i>Physical Therapist Assistants</i>	\$19.41/hour	<i>Emergency Medical Technicians &amp; Paramedics</i>	\$12.91/hour
<i>Network Systems &amp; Data Communications Analysts</i>	\$29.19/hour	<i>Civil Engineering Technicians</i>	\$18.18/hour	<i>Legal Secretaries</i>	\$15.36/hour
<i>Medical &amp; Clinical Laboratory Technologists</i>	\$21.20/hour	<i>Veterinary Technologists &amp; Technicians</i>	\$11.83/hour	<i>Bus &amp; Truck Mechanics &amp; Diesel Engine Specialists</i>	\$16.80/hour
<i>Computer Software Engineers, Applications</i>	\$36.16/hour	<i>Biological Technicians</i>	\$16.86/hour	<i>Medical Transcriptionists</i>	\$13.62/hour
<i>Network &amp; Computer Systems Administrators</i>	\$27.41/hour	<i>Diagnostic Medical Sonographers</i>	\$26.77/hour	<i>Barbers</i>	\$14.65/hour
<i>Physician Assistants</i>	\$33.54/hour	<i>Cardiovascular Technologists &amp; Technicians</i>	\$19.49/hour	<i>Library Technicians</i>	\$12.69/hour
<i>Loan Officers</i>	\$21.47/hour	<i>Chemical Technicians</i>	\$17.85/hour	<i>Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines</i>	\$17.03/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.

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