

<i>Industries With Growing Employment³</i>	<i>Annual Openings²</i>
<i>Educational Services</i>	<i>163</i>
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<i>Amusement, Gambling & Recreation Industries</i>	<i>53</i>
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Source: 3 - LMI Projections Program, 2006-2016

High Country WDB Area

Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Mitchell, Watauga,
Wilkes & Yancey Counties



Long-Term Occupational Projections produced by the Labor Market Information Division of the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina provide relevant information used by job seekers, counselors, employers, education planners and economic developers.

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- NC Occupational and Industry Projections:** Complete reports for NC Statewide and the 24 Workforce Development Board areas. Under **Occupational Information**, select NC Occupational Projections or under **Industry Information**, select NC Industry Projections.
- Occupation Descriptions:** Job tasks, work activities, needed skills and abilities for specific occupations. Under **Information Access Tools**, select O*NET then Find Occupations.
- Video Briefs of Occupations:** Closed captioned videos that describe many occupations. Under **Career Management Tools**, select NC Career Resources.

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Bachelor's Degree Growing Occupations ¹	Annual Openings ²	Associates Degree Growing Occupations ¹	Annual Openings ²	Vocational Training Growing Occupations ¹	Annual Openings ²
<i>Education Administrators, Elementary & Secondary School \$63,550</i>	87	<i>Registered Nurses \$50,116</i>	588	<i>Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education \$18,073</i>	209
<i>Financial Managers \$63,171</i>	77	<i>Computer Support Specialists \$32,785</i>	92	<i>Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics \$31,256</i>	162
<i>Sales Managers \$62,600</i>	74	<i>Dental Hygienists \$59,644</i>	41	<i>Fitness Trainers & Aerobics Instructors \$23,550</i>	136
<i>Education Administrators, Postsecondary *\$66,912</i>	56	<i>Medical Records & Health Information Technicians \$26,894</i>	39	<i>Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants \$19,688</i>	125
<i>Medical & Health Services Managers \$68,200</i>	46	<i>Life, Physical & Social Science Technicians, All Other *\$37,763</i>	38	<i>Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses \$35,242</i>	115
<i>Training & Development Specialists \$44,078</i>	36	<i>Radiologic Technologists & Technicians \$44,384</i>	37	<i>Real Estate Sales Agents \$45,307</i>	102
<i>Management Analysts \$50,433</i>	34	<i>Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technicians \$29,955</i>	26	<i>Bus & Truck Mechanics & Diesel Engine Specialists \$33,339</i>	64
<i>Vocational Education Teachers, Secondary School \$44,087</i>	33	<i>Paralegals & Legal Assistants \$37,380</i>	24	<i>Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics \$31,074</i>	57
<i>Computer & Information Systems Managers \$94,726</i>	29	<i>Respiratory Therapists \$47,325</i>	22	<i>Library Technicians \$20,024</i>	47
<i>Education Administrators, Preschool & Child Care Center/Program \$23,262</i>	24	<i>Civil Engineering Technicians *\$40,219</i>	18	<i>Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers \$23,138</i>	38
<i>Administrative Services Managers *\$65,628</i>	24	<i>Physical Therapist Assistants \$42,700</i>	16	<i>Hairdressers, Hairstylists & Cosmetologists \$14,829</i>	38
<i>Engineering Managers \$91,163</i>	16	<i>Veterinary Technologists & Technicians \$22,179</i>	14	<i>Surgical Technologists \$31,294</i>	29
<i>Public Relations Managers *\$78,788</i>	14	<i>Computer Specialists, All Other *\$68,129</i>	13	<i>Computer, Automated Teller & Office Machine Repairers \$27,962</i>	28
<i>Advertising & Promotions Managers *\$64,907</i>	7	<i>Legal Secretaries \$26,770</i>	11	<i>Massage Therapists *\$41,822</i>	14

Sources: 1-Occupational Employment and Wages (OES) program survey. NOTE: Wages provided represent the median annual wage, which is the midpoint between the highest paid 50% and the lowest paid 50% of workers in that occupation.

2-LMI Projections Program: 2006-2016 job growth and replacement (total openings) for occupational and industrial employment.

*Only statewide annual wage available.

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