



Industry Groups Sorted by Fastest Annualized Growth Rate	Annualized Percentage Growth Rate ¹
Ambulatory Health Care Services	3.68
Administrative and Support Services	3.40
Internet Publishing and Broadcasting	3.20
Museums, Historical Sites and Similiar Institutions	2.91
Warehousing and Storage	2.81
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book and Music Stores	2.80
Social Assistance	2.74
Amusement, Gambling and Recreational Industries	2.72
Support Activities for Transportation	2.71
Scenic and Sightseeing Transportation	2.66
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	2.65
Truck Transportation	2.56

When exploring different occupations, a very important factor to consider is the annual growth potential and number of openings of each occupation, as well as educational requirements and salary. ESC's *North Carolina Occupational Projections* provides career explorers with information that can be incorporated into their career planning and helps answer relevant questions, such as:

Which industries have the greatest growth potential in North Carolina?

Where should I begin looking when considering a career change?

What is the earning potential of these growing occupations?



North Carolina Occupational Projections 2004 - 2014



- *Occupations*
- *Average Salaries*
- *Annual Openings*

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North Carolina Occupational Projections 2004- 2014

Top 15 Fastest Growing Occupations Requiring a Bachelor's Degree ¹	Annual Average Openings ²
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education \$37,588/year*	1,630
Accountants and Auditors \$25.91/hour	970
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special & Vocational Education \$38,848/year*	950
Middle School Teachers, Except Special & Vocational Education \$38,232/year*	810
Computer Systems Analysts \$33.45/hour	600
Construction Managers \$33.24/hour	590
Computer Software Engineers, Applications \$37.11/hour	480
Network Systems & Data Communications Analysts \$30.40/hour	470
Network and Computer Systems Administrators \$29.31/hour	370
Computer Software Engineers, Systems Software \$39.96/hour	360
Special Education Teachers \$38,374/year*	360
Child, Family and School Social Workers \$17.81/hour	330
Insurance Sales Agents \$23.53/hour	320
Employment Specialists \$23.08/hour	290
Financial Analysts \$30.55/hour	270

Top 15 Fastest Growing Occupations Requiring an Associates Degree ¹	Annual Average Openings ²
Registered Nurses, including Nursing Administration and Instruction \$24.99/hour	4,100
Computer Support Specialists \$20.58/hour	630
Paralegals and Legal Assistants \$17.11/hour	340
Radiologic (X-Ray and Radiation Therapy) Technologists and Technicians \$21.87/hour	310
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians \$15.28/hour	290
Dental Hygienists \$27.59/hour	290
Medical Records and Health Information Technicians \$12.51/hour	260
Respiratory Therapists \$20.92/hour	180
Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technicians \$22.25/hour	160
Biological Technicians \$17.85/hour	130
Veterinary/Laboratory Animal Care Technologists and Technicians \$12.02/hour	130
Civil Engineering Technicians \$18.28/hour	120
Physical Therapist Assistants \$19.47/hour	120
Industrial Engineering Technicians \$22.97/hour	90
Diagnostic Medical Sonographers \$28.77/hour	90

Top 15 Fastest Growing Occupations Requiring Post-Secondary Vocational Training ¹	Annual Average Openings ²
Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants \$9.85/hour	1,940
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics \$17.29/hour	1,100
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education \$9.02/hour	810
Licensed Practical and Voc. Nurses \$16.80/hour	720
Medical Secretaries \$12.48/hour	540
Hairdresser, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists \$12.74/hour	400
Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists \$17.14/hour	380
Real Estate Sales Agents \$26.66/hour	370
Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors \$12.55/hour	290
Emerg. Med. Tech. and Paramedics \$13.35/hour	280
Legal Secretaries \$15.82/hour	230
Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians \$19.30/hour	220
Medical Transcriptionists \$14.03/hour	180
Library Technicians \$13.60/hour	150
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines \$17.17/hour	120

Source: 1-Occupational employment and Wages (OES) program annual survey, June 2006 release. 2-Projections Unit: 2004 to 2014 occupational and industrial employment projections. * Projected teacher salaries only available on an annual basis.

The occupational projections presented in this brochure were produced by ESC Labor Market Analysts. Analysts use industrial data to review historical patterns of employment to predict future employment. In addition, analysts examine changes in technology and other factors to predict the number, wage level and location of future jobs. The changes in occupations described in this brochure are based on historic trends and staffing patterns. However, significant events can alter these trends. Regardless, the need for additional skills and training will likely continue.

The Employment Security Commission of North Carolina staff provides employment and training, as well as services designed to aid individuals in selecting the right career path.