

<b>Fastest Growing Industry Groups</b>	<b>Annualized Percentage Growth Rate<sup>3</sup></b>
<i>Performing Arts, Spectator Sports &amp; Related Industries</i>	3.28
<i>Administrative &amp; Support Services</i>	2.72
<i>Ambulatory Health Care Services</i>	2.71
<i>Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional &amp; Similar Organizations</i>	2.70
<i>Amusement, Gambling &amp; Recreation Industries</i>	2.65
<i>Primary Metal Manufacturing</i>	2.62
<i>Social Assistance</i>	2.43
<i>Securities, Commodity Contracts &amp; Other Financial Investments &amp; Related Activities</i>	2.32
<i>Warehousing &amp; Storage</i>	2.26
<i>Educational Services</i>	2.25

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.
- **Economic Developers:** To assess job growth opportunities.

For complete projections reports, go to:

**Employment Security Commission  
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Bar-B-Que Center Restaurant, Lexington. Photo courtesy of Bill Russ, NC Division of Tourism.



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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>Computer Support Specialists</i>	\$19.20/hour	<i>Automotive Service Technicians &amp; Mechanics</i>	\$16.15/hour
<i>Middle School Teachers, Except Special &amp; Vocational Education</i>	\$37,064/year*	<i>Dental Hygienists</i>	\$28.39/hour	<i>Preschool Teachers, Except Special Ed.</i>	\$8.31/hour
<i>Accountants &amp; Auditors</i>	\$24.03/hour	<i>Paralegals &amp; Legal Assistants</i>	\$16.21/hour	<i>Licensed Practical &amp; Vocational Nurses</i>	\$16.69/hour
<i>Construction Managers</i>	\$30.91/hour	<i>Radiologic Technologists &amp; Technicians</i>	\$21.67/hour	<i>Bus &amp; Truck Mechanics</i>	\$16.80/hour
<i>Special Education Teachers, Preschool K-5</i>	\$37,617/year*	<i>Medical &amp; Clinical Laboratory Technicians</i>	\$14.97/hour	<i>Medical Secretaries</i>	\$12.23/hour
<i>Industrial Engineers</i>	\$30.45/hour	<i>Medical Records &amp; Health Information Technicians</i>	\$11.73/hour	<i>Fitness Trainers &amp; Aerobics Instructors</i>	\$11.65/hour
<i>Child, Family &amp; School Social Workers</i>	\$17.05/hour	<i>Respiratory Therapists</i>	\$20.73/hour	<i>Mechanical Drafters</i>	\$21.36/hour
<i>Directors, Religious Activities &amp; Education</i>	\$18.61/hour	<i>Industrial Engineering Technicians</i>	\$20.76/hour	<i>Hairdressers, Hairstylists &amp; Cosmetologists</i>	\$10.04/hour
<i>Network &amp; Computer Systems Administrators</i>	\$27.41/hour	<i>Veterinary Technologists &amp; Technicians</i>	\$11.83/hour	<i>Emergency Medical Tech. &amp; Paramedics</i>	\$12.91/hour
<i>Network Systems &amp; Data Communications Analysts</i>	\$29.19/hour	<i>Physical Therapist Assistants</i>	\$19.41/hour	<i>Real Estate Sales Agents</i>	\$20.36/hour
<i>Insurance Sales Agents</i>	\$16.94/hour	<i>Biological Technicians</i>	\$16.86/hour	<i>Library Technicians</i>	\$12.69/hour
<i>Computer Systems Analysts</i>	\$31.22/hour	<i>Electrical &amp; Electronic Engineering Technicians</i>	\$22.63/hour	<i>Architectural &amp; Civil Drafters</i>	\$19.51/hour
<i>Kindergarten Teachers, Except Special Ed.</i>	\$36,125/year*	<i>Diagnostic Medical Sonographers</i>	\$26.77/hour	<i>Legal Secretaries</i>	\$15.36/hour
<i>Mechanical Engineers</i>	\$30.50/hour	<i>Funeral Directors</i>	\$22.14/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.

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.