

PRIORITY OCCUPATIONS



CATAWBA REGION

PRIORITY OCCUPATIONS are identified based on current demand, projected growth, viability, and retention. These jobs are now available to countless jobseekers and are forecasted to become essential, thriving careers.

CAREER CLUSTER	EDUCATION REQUIREMENT	OCCUPATION	REGION ENTRY LEVEL WAGE ESTIMATE	AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE	OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING REQUIREMENT
Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources	No formal educational credential	Farm Labor Contractors	\$28,300	\$53,800	None
Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources	High school diploma or equivalent	Farm Equipment Mechanics and Service Technicians	\$36,900	\$51,900	None
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Control and Valve Installers and Repairers, Except Mechanical Door	\$41,800	\$62,800	None
Architecture & Construction	No formal educational credential	Tapers	\$39,900	\$53,400	License required by S.C.
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	\$53,900	\$71,200	None
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	\$50,500	\$67,400	License may be required by employer
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Electricians	\$41,500	\$50,900	License required by S.C.
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Pile Driver Operators	\$37,100	\$56,400	License required by S.C.
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Millwrights	\$49,900	\$57,900	None
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	\$39,700	\$46,200	None
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Highway Maintenance Workers	\$35,300	\$42,000	None
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Carpenters	\$36,500	\$45,200	License required by S.C.
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Mechanical Door Repairers	\$38,000	\$43,000	None
Architecture & Construction	High school diploma or equivalent	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	\$39,300	\$51,000	License required by S.C.
Architecture & Construction	No formal educational credential	Construction Laborers	\$30,500	\$36,800	License may be required by employer
Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Communications	No formal educational credential	Artists and Related Workers, All Other	\$33,400	\$65,800	None
Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Communications	High school diploma or equivalent	Telecommunications Line Installers and Repairers	\$43,300	\$52,400	None
Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Communications	High school diploma or equivalent	Photographers	\$30,300	\$42,000	None
Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Communications	High school diploma or equivalent	Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers, Except Line Installers	\$44,200	\$60,300	None
Business Management & Administration	High school diploma or equivalent	Personal Service Managers, All Other	\$42,000	\$46,200	None
Business Management & Administration	High school diploma or equivalent	Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers	\$65,700	\$106,400	None
Business Management & Administration	No formal educational credential	Postal Service Mail Carriers	\$39,400	\$55,500	None
Business Management & Administration	No formal educational credential	Postal Service Clerks	\$50,600	\$57,800	None

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Business Management & Administration	High school diploma or equivalent	First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	\$42,100	\$61,400	None
Finance	High school diploma or equivalent	Insurance Sales Agents	\$38,400	\$70,700	None
Finance	High school diploma or equivalent	Claims Adjusters, Examiners, and Investigators	\$52,900	\$69,700	License may be required by employer
Government & Public Administration	High school diploma or equivalent	Postmasters and Mail Superintendents	\$76,900	\$83,200	None
Government & Public Administration	High school diploma or equivalent	Transportation Inspectors	\$59,300	\$80,300	None
Health Science	High school diploma or equivalent	Hearing Aid Specialists	\$33,300	\$53,500	License may be required by employer
Health Science	High school diploma or equivalent	Pharmacy Technicians	\$34,000	\$38,100	License required by S.C.
Health Science	High school diploma or equivalent	Opticians, Dispensing	\$34,500	\$48,000	License required by S.C.
Health Science	High school diploma or equivalent	Medical Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	\$34,700	\$38,800	None
Hospitality & Tourism	High school diploma or equivalent	Food Service Managers	\$52,000	\$63,800	None
Human Services	High school diploma or equivalent	Social and Human Service Assistants	\$32,100	\$39,700	None
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	High school diploma or equivalent	Transit and Railroad Police	\$48,800	\$63,100	None
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	High school diploma or equivalent	First-Line Supervisors of Police and Detectives	\$72,800	\$92,000	None
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	High school diploma or equivalent	Detectives and Criminal Investigators	\$52,900	\$78,900	None
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	High school diploma or equivalent	Police and Sheriffs Patrol Officers	\$46,400	\$58,100	None
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	High school diploma or equivalent	First-Line Supervisors of Protective Service Workers, All Other	\$42,800	\$57,400	None
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	High school diploma or equivalent	Forest Fire Inspectors and Prevention Specialists	\$32,100	\$46,900	None
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	High school diploma or equivalent	Correctional Officers and Jailers	\$39,800	\$47,100	None
Manufacturing	High school diploma or equivalent	Chemical Plant and System Operators	\$50,500	\$77,900	License required by S.C.
Manufacturing	High school diploma or equivalent	Nuclear Power Reactor Operators	\$95,000	\$118,600	None
Manufacturing	High school diploma or equivalent	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$45,900	\$58,500	None
Manufacturing	High school diploma or equivalent	First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers	\$48,600	\$75,000	License may be required by employer
Manufacturing	High school diploma or equivalent	First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	\$48,000	\$66,100	None
Manufacturing	High school diploma or equivalent	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	\$33,800	\$45,800	None
Manufacturing	High school diploma or equivalent	Computer Numerically Controlled Tool Operators	\$38,800	\$49,800	None

Career Cluster	Education Requirement	Occupation	Region Entry Level Wage Estimate	Average Annual Wage	Occupational Licensing Requirement
Marketing	High school diploma or equivalent	First-Line Supervisors of Non-Retail Sales Workers	\$59,800	\$102,600	None
Marketing	High school diploma or equivalent	Property, Real Estate, and Community Association Managers	\$45,000	\$74,700	License may be required by employer
Marketing	High school diploma or equivalent	Sales Representatives of Services, Except Advertising, Insurance, Financial Services, and Travel	\$40,100	\$73,800	None
Marketing	High school diploma or equivalent	Real Estate Brokers	\$57,800	\$105,100	License required by S.C.
Marketing	High school diploma or equivalent	Real Estate Sales Agents	\$33,800	\$55,300	License required by S.C.
Marketing	High school diploma or equivalent	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	\$32,400	\$51,800	None
Marketing	High school diploma or equivalent	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	\$41,600	\$76,300	None
Marketing	High school diploma or equivalent	Driver/Sales Workers	\$18,500	\$33,100	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	High school diploma or equivalent	Rail Car Repairers	\$44,700	\$60,800	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	High school diploma or equivalent	Rail-Track Laying and Maintenance Equipment Operators	\$43,800	\$52,900	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	High school diploma or equivalent	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	\$41,100	\$53,600	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	High school diploma or equivalent	Rail Yard Engineers, Dinkey Operators, and Hostlers	\$39,700	\$54,600	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	High school diploma or equivalent	Automotive Body and Related Repairers	\$40,000	\$57,200	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	High school diploma or equivalent	First-Line Supervisors of Transportation and Material Moving Workers, Except Aircraft Cargo Handling Supervisors	\$41,600	\$57,300	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	High school diploma or equivalent	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$40,800	\$51,900	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	High school diploma or equivalent	Light Truck Drivers	\$28,300	\$40,600	None
Architecture & Construction	Associate's degree	Architectural and Civil Drafters	\$42,000	\$60,200	License may be required by employer
Architecture & Construction	Postsecondary nondegree award	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	\$41,000	\$51,800	None
Health Science	Associate's degree	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$68,700	\$77,200	License may be required by employer
Health Science	Postsecondary nondegree award	Surgical Technologists	\$46,100	\$49,800	License may be required by employer
Health Science	Associate's degree	Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists	\$67,500	\$76,600	License may be required by employer
Health Science	Associate's degree	Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians	\$34,600	\$56,800	License may be required by employer
Health Science	Associate's degree	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	\$33,600	\$38,900	License required by S.C.
Health Science	Associate's degree	Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$57,300	\$66,800	License required by S.C.
Health Science	Bachelor's degree	Registered Nurses	\$63,500	\$77,100	License required by S.C.
Health Science	Postsecondary nondegree award	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$48,400	\$54,000	License required by S.C.

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Health Science	Associate's degree	Physical Therapist Assistants	\$54,900	\$63,100	License required by S.C.
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	Associate's degree	Paralegals and Legal Assistants	\$43,300	\$57,800	None
Manufacturing	Associate's degree	Mechanical Engineering Technologists and Technicians	\$46,700	\$56,000	None
Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics	Bachelor's degree	Conservation Scientists	\$38,000	\$61,800	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	Postsecondary nondegree award	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	\$31,600	\$50,700	None
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	Postsecondary nondegree award	Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	\$50,800	\$68,200	None