

Get Flexible—Occupations with Options

Are you looking for jobs that you can find in a variety of different places and industries? If you like the idea of a “portable” career, an [article](#) from the Bureau of Labor Statistics has identified a dozen occupations that may provide the flexibility you’re seeking. Take a look at the projected number of new jobs and rate of growth for these careers in North Carolina.

10-Year Estimate of North Carolina’s New Occupations with Options

Occupations	New Jobs	Growth
Customer Service Representatives	12,500	Faster than Average
Secretaries & Administrative Assistants, <small>Except Legal, Medical & Executive</small>	12,500	Faster than Average
General & Operations Managers	8,000	Average
General Office Clerks	5,500	Average
Accountants & Auditors	5,500	Faster than Average
Applications Software Developers	4,000	Faster than Average
Computer User Support Specialists	3,500	Faster than Average
Computer Systems Analysts	3,500	Much Faster than Average
Management Analysts	3,500	Much Faster than Average
Financial Managers	2,500	Faster than Average
Human Resources Specialists	1,000	Average
Sales Managers	500	Average

Source: North Carolina 2012-22 Occupational Projections, N.C. Department of Commerce, LEAD

Even though an occupation requires distinct skills, types of knowledge, and abilities, the industry you choose to work in affects important job characteristics.

- Work schedules can be very different based on when services are needed and when products are available and needed.
- Wages are likely to be affected by the type of industry and job location.
- Work settings may vary.
- Benefits may differ.

More jobs are likely to be found in growing industries. In North Carolina, sectors with the highest new job growth include Health Care and Social Assistance; Professional, Scientific and Technical Services; and Construction.