



# COLORADO CAREER OUTLOOK

## HIGHER EDUCATION *Boulder*

*Based on Occupational projections through 2031*



**COLORADO**  
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Labor and Employment  
Office of Labor Market Information

### Are you searching for a new career path or looking for that perfect job?

You can use the information in this flyer to help you plan and make informed decisions based on your interests and lifestyle. This overview provides information based on wages and projected demand for occupations within the next 10 years, along with the level of education or training needed for entry-level employment in these fields.

### Education Pays

Further education and training may be a great benefit to your career. Typically, more education results in higher weekly earnings and lower unemployment rates.

#### 2019 Median Annual Earnings in Colorado

Graduate or Professional degree .....	\$71,561
Bachelor's degree .....	\$55,870
Associate degree or some college .....	\$40,012
High school graduate or GED .....	\$35,143
Less than a high school diploma .....	\$29,258

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates*

#### Colorado Unemployment Rates by Educational Attainment

Less than a high school diploma .....	8.5%
High school graduate, no college .....	5.4%
Some college or associate degree .....	5.4%
Bachelor's degree and higher .....	3.1%

*Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey. Note: Data is based on a 12-month average from January 2021 to December 2021 and includes individuals 25 years and over.*

### Colorado Labor Market Information

The Office of Labor Market Information (LMI) within the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment collects and analyzes information about labor market trends throughout Colorado.

- For more labor market information, visit [colmigateway.com](http://colmigateway.com)
- For more career and education planning, visit [mycoloradojourney.com](http://mycoloradojourney.com)
- For job opportunities, visit [connectingcolorado.com](http://connectingcolorado.com)

### Colorado Workforce Centers

Visit [cdle.colorado.gov/wfc](http://cdle.colorado.gov/wfc) to find the most convenient workforce center for you.

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## Certificate / Associate Degree

Occupational Title	Wage Range
Physical Therapist Assistants	\$35,520 - \$64,380
Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	\$34,430 - \$46,180
Computer Network Support Specialists	\$51,350 - \$82,650
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	\$51,040 - \$73,180
Massage Therapists	\$39,940 - \$60,920
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	\$42,950 - \$72,030
Phlebotomists	\$36,260 - \$45,270
Medical Assistants	\$34,800 - \$43,640
Chemical Technicians	\$37,980 - \$69,430
Architectural and Civil Drafters	\$47,230 - \$75,550

## Bachelor's Degree

Occupational Title	Wage Range
Software Developers and Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers	\$69,050 - \$145,790
Logisticians	\$63,180 - \$102,350
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	\$48,570 - \$109,370
Management Analysts	\$62,060 - \$130,770
Coaches and Scouts	\$30,230 - \$71,490
Web Developers and Digital Interface Designers	\$53,780 - \$109,290
Geoscientists, Except Hydrologists and Geographers	\$64,100 - \$150,500
Producers and Directors	\$41,920 - \$101,780
Civil Engineers	\$63,280 - \$130,200
Environmental Scientists and Specialists, Including Health	\$72,170 - \$105,950

## Master's / Professional Degree

Occupational Title	Wage Range
Nurse Practitioners	\$94,480 - \$129,870
Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	\$61,280 - \$156,930
Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists	\$69,540 - \$160,490
Veterinarians	\$70,820 - \$120,070
Physician Assistants	\$96,090 - \$137,110
Speech-Language Pathologists	\$74,430 - \$112,570
Engineering Teachers, Postsecondary	\$64,990 - \$136,210
Instructional Coordinators	\$57,580 - \$91,540
Psychology Teachers, Postsecondary	\$42,960 - \$89,430
Art, Drama, and Music Teachers, Postsecondary	\$40,200 - \$81,810