



# COLORADO CAREER OUTLOOK

## HIGHER EDUCATION *Fort Collins*

*Based on Occupational projections through 2031*



**COLORADO**  
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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
Massage Therapists	\$37,590 - \$60,600
Phlebotomists	\$30,100 - \$41,860
Medical Assistants	\$34,380 - \$43,380
Radiologic Technologists	\$47,150 - \$72,300
Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	\$31,940 - \$44,010
Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics	\$29,000 - \$63,560
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	\$41,980 - \$65,590
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$34,580 - \$56,110
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	\$28,140 - \$39,250
Dental Assistants	\$35,050 - \$52,450

## Bachelor's Degree

Occupational Title	Wage Range
Logisticians	\$50,720 - \$99,660
Software Developers and Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers	\$66,750 - \$138,530
Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors	\$36,580 - \$66,210
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	\$39,070 - \$86,860
Web Developers and Digital Interface Designers	\$42,920 - \$90,230
Coaches and Scouts	\$27,070 - \$62,300
Clinical Laboratory Technologists and Technicians	\$37,470 - \$68,670
Environmental Scientists and Specialists, Including Health	\$48,940 - \$100,220
Meeting, Convention, and Event Planners	\$33,210 - \$57,970
Registered Nurses	\$62,850 - \$86,560

## Master's / Professional Degree

Occupational Title	Wage Range
Nurse Practitioners	\$93,150 - \$129,210
Physician Assistants	\$97,390 - \$131,420
Speech-Language Pathologists	\$70,320 - \$100,440
Physical Therapists	\$60,120 - \$96,070
Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	\$67,140 - \$140,540
Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists	\$42,810 - \$77,260
Occupational Therapists	\$68,690 - \$97,470
Veterinarians	\$57,080 - \$112,420
Lawyers	\$68,720 - \$166,100
Educational, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselors	\$43,800 - \$67,270