



# Colorado Career Outlook

## HIGHER EDUCATION

Based on occupational projections through 2032

## Fort Collins



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### 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.



#### Median Annual Earnings in Colorado

- Graduate or Professional degree . . . \$76,458
- Bachelor's degree . . . \$60,941
- Associate degree or some college . . . \$42,408
- High school graduate or GED . . . \$37,928
- Less than a high school diploma . . . \$31,706

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. Note: Data includes individuals 25 years and over with earnings.*

#### Colorado Unemployment Rates by Educational Attainment

- Less than a high school diploma . . . 3.2%
- High school graduate, no college . . . 1.9%
- Some college or associate degree . . . 3.8%
- Bachelor's degree and higher . . . 1.9%

*Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey. Note: Data is based on a 12-month average from January 2022 to December 2022 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 [www.colmigateway.com](http://www.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 your local workforce center.

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The median wage is the middle salary for each occupation. A percentile wage estimate shows what percentage of workers in an occupation earn less than or more than that amount. For more information, visit [www.bls.gov/oes/oes\\_perc.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oes/oes_perc.htm).

### Higher Education - Certificate / Associate Degree

Occupation Title	25th Percentile Annual	Median Annual	75th Percentile Annual
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	\$46,470	\$57,530	\$64,750
Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	\$36,190	\$39,690	\$48,210
Medical Assistants	\$38,100	\$41,270	\$47,930
Phlebotomists	\$32,240	\$41,000	\$45,670
Emergency Medical Technicians	\$31,400	\$38,950	\$38,950
Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	\$51,250	\$65,380	\$84,030
Environmental Science and Protection Technicians, Including Health	\$49,990	\$49,990	\$63,090
Massage Therapists	\$37,780	\$49,470	\$55,170
Chemical Technicians	\$43,530	\$59,850	\$78,290
Nursing Assistants	\$34,140	\$37,110	\$41,010

### Higher Education - Bachelor's Degree

Occupation Title	25th Percentile Annual	Median Annual	75th Percentile Annual
Information Security Analysts	\$78,230	\$106,210	\$135,260
Web Developers	\$57,240	\$75,290	\$81,540
Software Developers	\$85,210	\$116,310	\$137,390
Logisticians	\$70,740	\$87,720	\$112,990
Zoologists and Wildlife Biologists	\$63,840	\$76,810	\$94,870
Environmental Engineers	\$62,620	\$83,050	\$108,630
Coaches and Scouts	\$32,600	\$54,000	\$67,390
Architects, Except Landscape and Naval	\$50,870	\$79,890	\$82,820
Probation Officers and Correctional Treatment Specialists	\$46,360	\$59,780	\$66,790
Civil Engineers	\$73,770	\$84,560	\$106,350

### Higher Education - Master's / Professional Degree

Occupation Title	25th Percentile Annual	Median Annual	75th Percentile Annual
Nurse Practitioners	\$106,130	\$114,800	\$132,520
Statisticians	\$66,390	\$78,110	\$113,730
Veterinarians	\$71,830	\$93,180	\$125,630
Physician Assistants	\$105,700	\$124,990	\$137,610
Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	\$82,680	\$107,470	\$139,420
Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists	\$39,470	\$49,260	\$82,580
Speech-Language Pathologists	\$80,980	\$92,190	\$107,660
Lawyers	\$96,570	\$114,980	\$206,540
Physical Therapists	\$75,310	\$86,920	\$100,760
Occupational Therapists	\$81,930	\$91,660	\$106,250