



COLORADO CAREER OUTLOOK

HIGHER EDUCATION *Statewide*

Based on Occupational projections through 2030



In this overview, you'll find information on careers that are expected to be the fastest growing occupations within the next 10 years, along with the level of education or training needed for entry-level employment in these fields, and wage ranges for each. Wage information comes directly from Colorado businesses statewide.

If you are trying to decide on the type of job or career you would like to pursue, are considering a change in your current career path, or are interested in exploring further education or training, this information can help you plan and make informed decisions based on your lifestyle.

Education Pays

Education and training can be a great benefit to workers in their careers. Typically, more education results in higher weekly earnings and lower unemployment rates.

2019 Median Annual Earnings in Colorado

Graduate or Professional degree	\$71,616
Bachelor's degree	\$58,229
Associate degree or some college	\$40,819
High school graduate or GED	\$35,537
Less than a high school diploma	\$30,968

Based on population 25 years and older with earnings. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Colorado Unemployment Rates by Educational Attainment

Less than a high school diploma	8.7%
High school graduate, no college	7.8%
Some college or associate degree	5.5%
Bachelor's degree and higher	4.4%

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics Current Population Survey

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. Data are presented in a variety of ways: industry and occupational employment and wages, current and projected industry and occupation levels, occupation wages, and labor force statistics. LMI conducts various research projects and assists workforce centers and others with information requests.

- For more labor market information, visit colmgateway.com
- For more career and education planning, visit mycoloradojourney.com
- For job opportunities, visit connectingcolorado.com

Colorado Workforce Centers

Visit cdle.colorado.gov/wfc to find your local workforce center.

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Certificate / Associate Degree

Occupational Title	Wage Range
Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists	\$25,494 - \$47,879
Nursing Assistants	\$28,712 - \$37,354
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$39,592 - \$59,299
Medical Assistants	\$32,477 - \$42,321
Massage Therapists	\$28,417 - \$54,813
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	\$39,347 - \$63,801
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	\$40,149 - \$74,348
Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	\$30,642 - \$41,976
Dental Assistants	\$33,810 - \$48,996
Dental Hygienists	\$72,670 - \$94,374
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	\$27,484 - \$43,035
Medical Dosimetrists, Medical Records Specialists, and Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other	\$34,218 - \$58,739
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$43,454 - \$59,733
Web Developers and Digital Interface Designers	\$46,912 - \$96,175
Computer Network Support Specialists	\$49,508 - \$92,569

Bachelor's Degree

Occupational Title	Wage Range
Registered Nurses	\$58,644 - \$87,472
Software Developers and Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers	\$74,900 - \$131,603
Project Management Specialists and Business Operations Specialists, All Other	\$51,883 - \$109,144
Accountants and Auditors	\$50,837 - \$102,269
General and Operations Managers	\$65,082 - \$184,051
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	\$44,281 - \$94,848
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	\$41,362 - \$63,546
Management Analysts	\$60,044 - \$124,242
Computer Occupations, All Other	\$66,516 - \$133,039
Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors	\$34,589 - \$63,343
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	\$42,174 - \$65,836
Human Resources Specialists	\$45,354 - \$86,981
Civil Engineers	\$63,476 - \$116,034
Network and Computer Systems Administrators	\$61,890 - \$106,324
Construction Managers	\$67,674 - \$126,666

Master's / Professional Degree

Occupational Title	Wage Range
Lawyers	\$71,528 - \$186,730
Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	\$66,844 - \$195,103
Physical Therapists	\$65,210 - \$98,268
Speech-Language Pathologists	\$65,588 - \$104,004
Physician Assistants	\$81,766 - \$124,668
Veterinarians	\$63,906 - \$111,898
Educational, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselors	\$40,437 - \$63,035
Nurse Practitioners	\$81,846 - \$123,708
Occupational Therapists	\$70,570 - \$102,186
Healthcare Social Workers	\$38,665 - \$67,675
Physicians, All Other; and Ophthalmologists, Except Pediatric	N/A
Education Administrators, Elementary and Secondary School	\$73,060 - \$108,876
Pharmacists	\$81,450 - \$140,707
Clinical, Counseling, and School Psychologists	\$62,491 - \$118,121
Family Medicine Physicians	\$99,262 - \$249,153