



# COLORADO CAREER OUTLOOK

## HIGHER EDUCATION *Statewide*

*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
Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	\$32,240 - \$43,800
Phlebotomists	\$33,000 - \$44,270
Massage Therapists	\$34,680 - \$56,310
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	\$42,450 - \$74,410
Medical Assistants	\$33,930 - \$43,410
Computer Network Support Specialists	\$49,670 - \$85,980
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	\$28,660 - \$42,230
Dental Hygienists	\$67,720 - \$96,440
Dental Assistants	\$34,100 - \$48,490
Radiologic Technologists	\$51,430 - \$77,390

## Bachelor's Degree

Occupational Title	Wage Range
Information Security Analysts	\$63,960 - \$131,500
Interpreters and Translators	\$44,740 - \$74,250
Logisticians	\$54,850 - \$98,680
Software Developers and Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers	\$66,400 - \$139,040
Airline Pilots, Copilots, and Flight Engineers	\$82,150 - \$201,330
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	\$44,610 - \$98,910
Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors	\$36,300 - \$68,540
Web Developers and Digital Interface Designers	\$45,990 - \$104,910
Management Analysts	\$60,560 - \$119,190
Coaches and Scouts	\$28,490 - \$61,080

## Master's / Professional Degree

Occupational Title	Wage Range
Nurse Practitioners	\$87,000 - \$125,450
Physician Assistants	\$90,390 - \$134,340
Speech-Language Pathologists	\$69,300 - \$105,440
Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	\$78,680 - \$209,970
Physical Therapists	\$64,280 - \$102,620
Occupational Therapists	\$71,980 - \$103,740
Lawyers	\$68,460 - \$178,100
Healthcare Social Workers	\$40,100 - \$67,700
Educational, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselors	\$42,910 - \$67,060
Instructional Coordinators	\$55,020 - \$85,550