



# COLORADO CAREER OUTLOOK

## HIGHER EDUCATION *Denver*

*Based on Occupational projections through 2030*



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

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](http://colmgateway.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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**Certificate / Associate Degree**

Occupational Title	Wage Range
Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists	\$25,492 - \$49,935
Nursing Assistants	\$30,589 - \$38,337
Massage Therapists	\$28,265 - \$53,521
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$41,263 - \$62,051
Medical Assistants	\$33,438 - \$43,372
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	\$42,032 - \$78,128
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	\$40,935 - \$64,878
Dental Assistants	\$37,994 - \$50,502
Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	\$32,300 - \$41,518
Dental Hygienists	\$84,673 - \$95,053
Medical Dosimetrists, Medical Records Specialists, and Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other	\$37,155 - \$62,359
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	\$27,507 - \$44,959
Barbers	\$27,213 - \$43,844
Computer Network Support Specialists	\$49,913 - \$89,461
Web Developers and Digital Interface Designers	\$47,234 - \$97,653

**Bachelor's Degree**

Occupational Title	Wage Range
Registered Nurses	\$60,130 - \$88,883
Software Developers and Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers	\$75,196 - \$131,689
Project Management Specialists and Business Operations Specialists, All Other	\$54,350 - \$110,675
Accountants and Auditors	\$53,885 - \$106,027
General and Operations Managers	\$69,149 - \$198,579
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	\$47,677 - \$97,698
Management Analysts	\$63,845 - \$128,550
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	\$43,683 - \$67,965
Computer Occupations, All Other	\$71,027 - \$139,570
Human Resources Specialists	\$47,947 - \$90,081
Civil Engineers	\$65,368 - \$116,780
Network and Computer Systems Administrators	\$65,855 - \$110,732
Computer and Information Systems Managers	\$125,029 - \$204,658
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	\$43,933 - \$70,882
Construction Managers	\$69,126 - \$127,789

**Master's / Professional Degree**

Occupational Title	Wage Range
Lawyers	\$73,658 - \$191,266
Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	\$74,178 - \$209,113
Physical Therapists	\$69,531 - \$97,191
Speech-Language Pathologists	\$67,489 - \$105,831
Physician Assistants	\$83,031 - \$123,743
Veterinarians	\$75,136 - \$115,099
Educational, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselors	\$40,183 - \$64,429
Occupational Therapists	\$72,204 - \$103,418
Healthcare Social Workers	\$40,451 - \$67,944
Nurse Practitioners	\$84,341 - \$126,714
Pharmacists	\$67,631 - \$140,228
Education Administrators, Elementary and Secondary School	\$77,242 - \$109,845
Physicians, All Other; and Ophthalmologists, Except Pediatric	N/A
Clinical, Counseling, and School Psychologists	\$63,322 - \$117,752
Instructional Coordinators	\$50,905 - \$77,670