



COLORADO CAREER OUTLOOK

HIGHER EDUCATION *Denver*

Based on Occupational projections through 2031



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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.

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
- 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 the most convenient workforce center for you.

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Certificate / Associate Degree

Occupational Title	Wage Range
Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	\$34,540 - \$45,110
Phlebotomists	\$35,220 - \$47,600
Massage Therapists	\$36,190 - \$55,280
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	\$45,040 - \$77,760
Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	\$51,650 - \$91,000
Medical Assistants	\$35,890 - \$45,000
Dental Assistants	\$36,560 - \$50,330
Dental Hygienists	\$73,050 - \$99,210
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	\$28,990 - \$42,640
Radiologic Technologists	\$52,610 - \$79,960

Bachelor's Degree

Occupational Title	Wage Range
Information Security Analysts	\$62,360 - \$130,720
Interpreters and Translators	\$44,920 - \$74,220
Logisticians	\$55,790 - \$99,670
Airline Pilots, Copilots, and Flight Engineers	\$82,220 - \$202,610
Software Developers and Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers	\$66,190 - \$139,980
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	\$48,510 - \$103,190
Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors	\$37,840 - \$73,430
Web Developers and Digital Interface Designers	\$48,890 - \$111,510
Management Analysts	\$60,630 - \$119,150
Civil Engineers	\$67,260 - \$119,140

Master's / Professional Degree

Occupational Title	Wage Range
Nurse Practitioners	\$90,600 - \$127,960
Physician Assistants	\$89,940 - \$136,770
Speech-Language Pathologists	\$70,280 - \$106,180
Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	\$85,430 - \$216,070
Physical Therapists	\$67,240 - \$105,170
Lawyers	\$71,110 - \$180,120
Occupational Therapists	\$74,480 - \$105,670
Healthcare Social Workers	\$42,060 - \$69,560
Instructional Coordinators	\$56,610 - \$85,670
Educational, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselors	\$43,540 - \$69,570