

Colorado Career Outlook

Higher Education



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Based on occupational projections through 2033

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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 - - \$83,202
- Bachelor's degree - - - - - \$67,578
- Associate degree or some college - - \$46,270
- High school graduate or GED - - - - \$41,596
- Less than a high school diploma - - \$35,024

Source

U.S. Census Bureau, 2022 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 - - - - 6.9%
- High school graduate, no college - - - - 3.0%
- Some college or associate degree - - - - 2.4%
- Bachelor's degree and higher - - - - - 1.7%

Source

Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

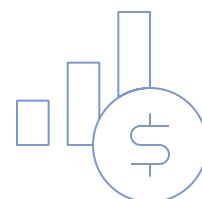
Note

Data is based on a 12-month average from January 2023 to December 2023 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 cdle.colorado.gov/lmi
- 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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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.

Certificate/Associates	25th Percentile Annual	Median Annual	75th Percentile Annual
Occupation Title			
Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	\$38,830	\$49,457	\$50,759
Physical Therapist Assistants	\$59,488	\$65,142	\$75,398
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	\$51,002	\$61,848	\$78,063
Massage Therapists	\$55,486	\$56,106	\$61,287
Medical Assistants	\$43,988	\$46,365	\$51,889
Commercial Pilots	\$83,647	\$116,122	\$159,293
Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	\$65,955	\$78,639	\$113,152
Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	\$64,707	\$81,751	\$97,148
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	\$57,956	\$75,484	\$93,245
Skincare Specialists	\$46,207	\$50,737	\$64,756

Bachelor's Degree	25th Percentile Annual	Median Annual	75th Percentile Annual
Occupation Title			
Information Security Analysts	\$96,658	\$123,593	\$152,238
Data Scientists	\$84,640	\$111,752	\$135,092
Software Developers	\$105,723	\$134,992	\$166,480
Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors	\$45,904	\$58,363	\$76,280
Airline Pilots, Copilots, and Flight Engineers	\$114,855	\$176,923	\$237,146
Database Architects	\$111,764	\$136,760	\$172,456
Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers	\$93,288	\$119,995	\$127,744
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	\$61,134	\$79,130	\$104,529
Management Analysts	\$76,622	\$94,551	\$125,313
Architects, Except Landscape and Naval	\$77,726	\$96,014	\$120,458

Master's/Professional Degree	25th Percentile Annual	Median Annual	75th Percentile Annual
Occupation Title			
Nurse Practitioners	\$102,072	\$124,407	\$137,770
Statisticians	\$71,926	\$94,806	\$128,860
Veterinarians	\$95,558	\$124,027	\$132,083
Physician Assistants	\$117,151	\$128,785	\$139,448
Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	\$52,295	\$67,449	\$67,449
Speech-Language Pathologists	\$88,170	\$108,214	\$134,690
Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists	\$83,281	\$97,133	\$138,144
Physical Therapists	\$81,648	\$99,287	\$109,457
Occupational Therapists	\$90,300	\$103,323	\$118,549
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers	\$48,799	\$62,423	\$70,839