



COLORADO CAREER OUTLOOK

HIGHER EDUCATION *Eastern & Southern*

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 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 your local workforce center.

This workforce product was funded by a grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration. The product was created by the recipient and does not necessarily reflect the official position of the U.S. Department of Labor. The U.S. Department of Labor makes no guarantees, warranties, or assurances of any kind, express or implied, with respect to such information, including any information on linked sites and including, but not limited to, accuracy of the information or its completeness, timeliness, usefulness, adequacy, continued availability, or ownership. This product is copyrighted by the institution that created it. Internal use by an organization and/or personal use by an individual for non-commercial purposes is permissible. All other uses require the prior authorization of the copyright owner.

Certificate / Associate Degree

Occupational Title	Wage Range
Nursing Assistants	\$27,449 - \$33,611
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$33,612 - \$52,880
Medical Assistants	\$27,602 - \$37,005
Dental Assistants	\$26,874 - \$36,639
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	\$27,872 - \$43,693
Dental Hygienists	\$74,895 - \$88,383
Wind Turbine Service Technicians	N/A
Medical Dosimetrists, Medical Records Specialists, and Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other	\$30,645 - \$47,458
Respiratory Therapists	\$43,575 - \$59,202
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$36,699 - \$50,597
Physical Therapist Assistants	\$44,848 - \$68,780
Cooks, Private Household	N/A
Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers, Except Line Installers	\$47,297 - \$67,750
Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	\$27,134 - \$30,407
Radiologic Technologists	\$50,569 - \$70,354

Bachelor's Degree

Occupational Title	Wage Range
Registered Nurses	\$51,749 - \$73,441
General and Operations Managers	\$59,224 - \$131,178
Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors	\$37,659 - \$61,140
Community and Social Service Specialists, All Other	\$26,536 - \$41,879
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	\$34,632 - \$45,161
Project Management Specialists and Business Operations Specialists, All Other	\$39,479 - \$82,376
Accountants and Auditors	\$37,159 - \$72,031
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	\$34,984 - \$46,635
Medical and Health Services Managers	\$64,839 - \$134,878
Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	\$35,025 - \$48,542
Child, Family, and School Social Workers	\$29,331 - \$48,579
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	\$34,804 - \$77,267
Human Resources Specialists	\$33,994 - \$66,328
Financial Managers	\$76,904 - \$137,645
Compliance Officers	\$40,494 - \$74,187

Master's / Professional Degree

Occupational Title	Wage Range
Nurse Practitioners	\$78,735 - \$127,215
Physician Assistants	\$43,854 - \$132,422
Physical Therapists	\$58,602 - \$101,657
Family Medicine Physicians	\$148,656 - \$286,793
Educational, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselors	\$27,663 - \$49,553
Speech-Language Pathologists	\$57,479 - \$90,171
Veterinarians	\$42,603 - \$69,041
Nursing Instructors and Teachers, Postsecondary	\$35,643 - \$79,368
Rehabilitation Counselors	\$25,083 - \$52,852
Education Administrators, Elementary and Secondary School	\$57,300 - \$82,800
Business Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A
Occupational Therapists	\$66,020 - \$101,949
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers	\$30,762 - \$46,075
General Internal Medicine Physicians	N/A
Healthcare Social Workers	\$31,258 - \$51,006