



# COLORADO CAREER OUTLOOK

## HIGHER EDUCATION *Eastern and Southern*

*Based on Occupational projections through 2031*



**COLORADO**  
Department of  
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)

### Contact a Workforce Center in Your Region

Visit one of these main hubs or [cdle.colorado.gov/wfc](http://cdle.colorado.gov/wfc) to find the most convenient workforce center for you.

**Alamosa Workforce Center**  
407 State Ave., Suite C  
Alamosa, CO 81101  
(719) 589-5118

**Fort Morgan Workforce Center**  
426 Ensign Street  
Fort Morgan, CO 80701  
(970) 867-9401

**La Junta Workforce Center**  
308 Santa Fe Ave.  
La Junta, CO 81050  
(719) 383-3191

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## Certificate / Associate Degree

Occupational Title	Wage Range
Physical Therapist Assistants	\$42,780 - \$64,710
Medical Assistants	\$29,570 - \$42,760
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$40,980 - \$54,080
Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics	\$28,030 - \$53,900
Firefighters	\$36,910 - \$61,220
Dental Assistants	\$32,960 - \$40,850
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	\$33,660 - \$55,700
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$34,160 - \$55,420

## Bachelor's Degree

Occupational Title	Wage Range
Coaches and Scouts	\$28,620 - \$51,780
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	\$35,070 - \$74,650
Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors	\$35,190 - \$59,220
Clinical Laboratory Technologists and Technicians	\$39,070 - \$69,090
Child, Family, and School Social Workers	\$34,840 - \$52,310
Human Resources Specialists	\$38,550 - \$71,590
Registered Nurses	\$56,590 - \$77,730
Compliance Officers	\$40,380 - \$73,910
Accountants and Auditors	\$44,230 - \$87,610
Property Appraisers and Assessors	\$34,580 - \$58,770

## Master's / Professional Degree

Occupational Title	Wage Range
Nurse Practitioners	\$69,780 - \$128,840
Nursing Instructors and Teachers, Postsecondary	\$41,570 - \$84,170
Educational, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselors	\$39,980 - \$56,850
Rehabilitation Counselors	\$26,270 - \$57,500
Lawyers	\$55,320 - \$138,810