



Colorado Career Outlook

HIGHER EDUCATION

Based on occupational projections through 2032

Eastern and Southern



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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 . . . \$76,458
- Bachelor's degree . . . \$60,941
- Associate degree or some college . . . \$42,408
- High school graduate or GED . . . \$37,928
- Less than a high school diploma . . . \$31,706

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 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 . . . 3.2%
- High school graduate, no college . . . 1.9%
- Some college or associate degree . . . 3.8%
- Bachelor's degree and higher . . . 1.9%

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey. Note: Data is based on a 12-month average from January 2022 to December 2022 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 www.colmigateway.com
- For more career and education planning, visit mycoloradojourney.com
- For job opportunities, visit connectingcolorado.com



Contact a Workforce Center in Your Region

Visit one of these main hubs or 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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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.

Higher Education - Certificate / Associate Degree

Occupation Title	25th Percentile Annual	Median Annual	75th Percentile Annual
Medical Assistants	\$34,310	\$36,990	\$42,180
Physical Therapist Assistants	\$52,020	\$63,930	\$69,920
Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers, Except Line Installers	\$53,330	\$70,010	\$76,090
Emergency Medical Technicians	\$27,060	\$30,180	\$33,650
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	\$33,420	\$43,950	\$55,830
Dental Assistants	\$37,440	\$38,320	\$46,300
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	\$34,130	\$40,850	\$62,020
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$49,820	\$57,290	\$61,510
Nursing Assistants	\$31,200	\$36,010	\$37,080
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	\$36,010	\$43,680	\$55,880

Higher Education - Bachelor's Degree

Occupation Title	25th Percentile Annual	Median Annual	75th Percentile Annual
Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors	\$39,830	\$48,450	\$64,900
Coaches and Scouts	\$37,530	\$47,630	\$52,240
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	\$40,130	\$59,580	\$81,970
Child, Family, and School Social Workers	\$37,900	\$46,450	\$51,620
Accountants and Auditors	\$52,140	\$67,780	\$88,680
Human Resources Specialists	\$44,840	\$59,570	\$80,200
Registered Nurses	\$64,620	\$77,530	\$82,990
Clinical Laboratory Technologists and Technicians	\$49,500	\$61,880	\$77,190
Compliance Officers	\$48,030	\$60,390	\$79,830
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	\$38,640	\$45,680	\$48,900

Higher Education - Master's / Professional Degree

Occupation Title	25th Percentile Annual	Median Annual	75th Percentile Annual
Nurse Practitioners	\$99,820	\$110,340	\$134,280
Physician Assistants	\$91,040	\$120,390	\$136,860
Nursing Instructors and Teachers, Postsecondary	\$59,280	\$77,370	\$83,420
Speech-Language Pathologists	\$73,710	\$94,330	\$100,730
Lawyers	\$66,040	\$94,990	\$130,000
Physical Therapists	\$82,960	\$99,770	\$110,020
Educational, Guidance, and Career Counselors and Advisors	\$44,040	\$47,700	\$50,160
Agricultural Sciences Teachers, Postsecondary	\$46,220	\$63,160	\$63,160
Librarians and Media Collections Specialists	\$34,310	\$44,400	\$54,140
Healthcare Social Workers	\$37,440	\$47,730	\$58,890