



COLORADO CAREER OUTLOOK

HIGHER EDUCATION *Grand Junction*

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	\$28,620 - \$39,370
Massage Therapists	\$37,560 - \$64,100
Medical Assistants	\$29,780 - \$39,450
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	\$39,900 - \$57,090
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$41,300 - \$54,660
Dental Assistants	\$30,190 - \$42,830
Radiologic Technologists	\$47,810 - \$71,180
Dental Hygienists	\$59,920 - \$84,020
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	\$37,830 - \$58,370
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$39,520 - \$57,510

Bachelor's Degree

Occupational Title	Wage Range
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	\$32,000 - \$68,200
Coaches and Scouts	\$27,330 - \$56,810
Software Developers and Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers	\$63,370 - \$125,060
Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors	\$34,240 - \$56,890
Management Analysts	\$41,350 - \$85,070
Civil Engineers	\$56,100 - \$98,360
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	\$45,860 - \$69,740
Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	\$45,490 - \$68,670
Clinical Laboratory Technologists and Technicians	\$36,670 - \$68,450
Registered Nurses	\$59,580 - \$87,930

Master's / Professional Degree

Occupational Title	Wage Range
Nurse Practitioners	\$90,290 - \$121,410
Educational, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselors	\$46,350 - \$69,680
Lawyers	\$57,250 - \$129,210
Healthcare Social Workers	\$41,050 - \$64,800