



COLORADO CAREER OUTLOOK

HIGHER EDUCATION *Greeley*

Based on Occupational projections through 2030



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.

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Certificate / Associate Degree

Occupational Title	Wage Range
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$44,010 - \$58,510
Medical Assistants	\$29,199 - \$37,372
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	\$38,729 - \$73,096
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	\$30,850 - \$63,743
Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	\$35,385 - \$53,968
Nursing Assistants	\$27,614 - \$34,578
Dental Assistants	\$26,933 - \$40,873
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	\$26,726 - \$39,156
Electrical and Electronics Repairers, Commercial and Industrial Equipment	\$41,303 - \$64,972
Dental Hygienists	\$74,381 - \$88,624
Medical Dosimetrists, Medical Records Specialists, and Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other	\$32,500 - \$53,693
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$46,518 - \$67,182
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	\$50,172 - \$69,035
First-Line Supervisors of Fire Fighting and Prevention Workers	\$58,688 - \$86,486
Library Technicians	\$27,803 - \$39,300

Bachelor's Degree

Occupational Title	Wage Range
General and Operations Managers	\$64,153 - \$164,523
Accountants and Auditors	\$45,821 - \$99,365
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	\$40,472 - \$55,591
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	\$45,189 - \$95,866
Project Management Specialists and Business Operations Specialists, All Other	\$43,784 - \$102,359
Registered Nurses	\$56,330 - \$79,433
Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	\$40,177 - \$57,422
Cost Estimators	\$37,695 - \$77,422
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	\$41,401 - \$59,809
Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors	\$33,577 - \$56,269
Civil Engineers	\$59,137 - \$88,757
Human Resources Specialists	\$45,647 - \$79,513
Training and Development Specialists	\$34,373 - \$66,616
Software Developers and Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers	\$69,863 - \$110,255
Personal Service Managers; Entertainment & Recreation Managers, Except Gambling; and Managers, All Other	\$81,966 - \$159,306

Master's / Professional Degree

Occupational Title	Wage Range
Veterinarians	\$60,568 - \$90,381
Healthcare Social Workers	\$38,675 - \$61,304
Physician Assistants	\$78,038 - \$104,032
Educational, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselors	\$43,992 - \$59,174
Education Administrators, Elementary and Secondary School	\$72,834 - \$110,375
Speech-Language Pathologists	\$64,169 - \$105,184
Lawyers	\$65,024 - \$128,033
Physical Therapists	\$69,606 - \$101,580
Art, Drama, and Music Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A
Nurse Practitioners	\$78,451 - \$106,673
Occupational Therapists	\$64,408 - \$110,809
Pharmacists	\$59,839 - \$133,065
Dentists, General	\$105,222 - \$198,627
Clinical, Counseling, and School Psychologists	\$55,336 - \$112,775
Family Medicine Physicians	\$106,504 - \$158,935