



# Colorado Career Outlook

## HIGHER EDUCATION

Based on occupational projections through 2032

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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](http://www.colmigateway.com)
- For more career and education planning, visit [mycoloradojourney.com](http://mycoloradojourney.com)
- For job opportunities, visit [connectingcolorado.com](http://connectingcolorado.com)



### Colorado Workforce Centers

Visit [cdle.colorado.gov/wfc](http://cdle.colorado.gov/wfc) to find your local workforce center.

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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](http://www.bls.gov/oes/oes_perc.htm).

### Higher Education - Certificate / Associate Degree

Occupation Title	25th Percentile Annual	Median Annual	75th Percentile Annual
Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	\$35,670	\$38,260	\$46,320
Electrical and Electronics Repairers, Commercial and Industrial Equipment	\$51,370	\$62,730	\$79,930
Massage Therapists	\$48,950	\$55,420	\$65,060
Medical Assistants	\$37,650	\$41,340	\$44,590
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	\$44,600	\$48,810	\$61,900
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	\$48,250	\$60,700	\$70,090
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$47,980	\$51,950	\$57,550
First-Line Supervisors of Firefighting and Prevention Workers	\$88,430	\$102,650	\$103,170
Architectural and Civil Drafters	\$51,170	\$61,420	\$75,570
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	\$38,760	\$48,940	\$63,950

### Higher Education - Bachelor's Degree

Occupation Title	25th Percentile Annual	Median Annual	75th Percentile Annual
Information Security Analysts	\$76,770	\$110,040	\$143,810
Logisticians	\$50,600	\$62,540	\$82,520
Software Developers	\$87,280	\$119,030	\$152,760
Data Scientists	\$64,750	\$96,370	\$109,590
Petroleum Engineers	\$97,730	\$129,840	\$174,640
Civil Engineers	\$67,340	\$76,920	\$98,390
Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors	\$39,970	\$44,520	\$59,580
Occupational Health and Safety Specialists	\$77,500	\$89,980	\$109,280
Industrial Engineers	\$76,700	\$94,600	\$119,230
Coaches and Scouts	\$33,010	\$41,350	\$59,940

### Higher Education - Master's / Professional Degree

Occupation Title	25th Percentile Annual	Median Annual	75th Percentile Annual
Statisticians	\$70,650	\$77,140	\$97,780
Veterinarians	\$76,040	\$92,760	\$123,800
Speech-Language Pathologists	\$75,540	\$92,320	\$111,440
Physical Therapists	\$85,120	\$98,060	\$105,560
Lawyers	\$93,630	\$129,900	\$169,200
Occupational Therapists	\$75,620	\$90,200	\$110,450
Instructional Coordinators	\$61,150	\$64,220	\$76,580
Business Teachers, Postsecondary	\$82,400	\$105,800	\$170,710
Healthcare Social Workers	\$39,520	\$45,570	\$56,520
School Psychologists	\$71,780	\$88,720	\$102,580