

Colorado Career Outlook

Higher Education



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Based on occupational projections through 2033

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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 - - \$83,202
- Bachelor's degree - - - - - \$67,578
- Associate degree or some college - - \$46,270
- High school graduate or GED - - - - \$41,596
- Less than a high school diploma - - \$35,024

Source

U.S. Census Bureau, 2022 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 - - - - 6.9%
- High school graduate, no college - - - - 3.0%
- Some college or associate degree - - - - 2.4%
- Bachelor's degree and higher - - - - - 1.7%

Source

Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

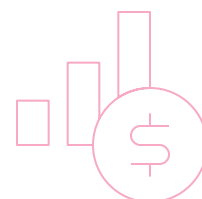
Note

Data is based on a 12-month average from January 2023 to December 2023 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 cdle.colorado.gov/lmi
- 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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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.

Certificate/Associates	25th Percentile Annual	Median Annual	75th Percentile Annual
Occupation Title			
Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	\$35,939	\$44,974	\$47,309
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	\$45,137	\$57,519	\$65,438
Electrical and Electronics Repairers, Commercial and Industrial Equipment	\$59,828	\$75,730	\$84,986
Massage Therapists	\$51,207	\$60,330	\$78,693
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	\$53,240	\$65,431	\$71,071
Medical Assistants	\$39,915	\$46,230	\$48,435
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	\$42,441	\$54,199	\$68,865
Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists	\$30,765	\$36,505	\$48,414
Dental Hygienists	\$97,176	\$101,417	\$103,538
Dental Assistants	\$35,330	\$46,879	\$51,664

Bachelor's Degree	25th Percentile Annual	Median Annual	75th Percentile Annual
Occupation Title			
Software Developers	\$91,321	\$121,851	\$156,310
Occupational Health and Safety Specialists	\$78,430	\$92,563	\$115,288
Civil Engineers	\$76,743	\$76,743	\$96,840
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	\$58,371	\$72,403	\$103,814
Project Management Specialists	\$74,984	\$87,984	\$104,717
Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors	\$40,044	\$50,009	\$64,081
Cost Estimators	\$59,887	\$77,599	\$94,994
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	\$50,260	\$60,474	\$65,952
Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	\$48,945	\$51,544	\$63,968
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	\$49,225	\$50,449	\$63,208

Master's/Professional Degree	25th Percentile Annual	Median Annual	75th Percentile Annual
Occupation Title			
Nurse Practitioners	\$83,656	\$120,423	\$130,282
Veterinarians	\$81,135	\$101,245	\$128,181
Speech-Language Pathologists	\$75,345	\$97,835	\$127,502
Business Teachers, Postsecondary	\$60,855	\$93,497	\$138,103
Lawyers	\$90,149	\$127,252	\$203,064
Educational, Guidance, and Career Counselors and Advisors	\$49,841	\$55,917	\$63,410
Physical Therapists	\$80,813	\$98,483	\$112,181
Instructional Coordinators	\$67,377	\$81,203	\$95,891
Librarians and Media Collections Specialists	\$54,708	\$65,176	\$65,176
Urban and Regional Planners	\$69,600	\$88,496	\$104,638