



# COLORADO CAREER OUTLOOK

## HIGHER EDUCATION *Pueblo*

*Based on Occupational projections through 2030*



**COLORADO**  
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Office of Labor Market Information

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 [colmgateway.com](http://colmgateway.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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## Certificate / Associate Degree

Occupational Title	Wage Range
Nursing Assistants	\$28,129 - \$34,426
Medical Assistants	\$28,518 - \$37,151
Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists	N/A
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$34,931 - \$49,697
Medical Dosimetrists, Medical Records Specialists, and Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other	\$30,864 - \$54,338
Dental Assistants	\$33,115 - \$45,439
Physical Therapist Assistants	\$37,645 - \$59,909
Phlebotomists	\$29,728 - \$43,874
Dental Hygienists	\$56,869 - \$77,860
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	\$31,428 - \$52,076
Respiratory Therapists	\$51,241 - \$69,765
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	\$25,315 - \$34,375
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$39,476 - \$53,739
Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$46,284 - \$59,103
Surgical Technologists	\$42,078 - \$60,804

## Bachelor's Degree

Occupational Title	Wage Range
Registered Nurses	\$56,252 - \$86,332
Construction Managers	\$47,780 - \$102,093
Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors	\$35,998 - \$61,978
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	\$42,049 - \$56,438
General and Operations Managers	\$55,817 - \$152,134
Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	\$40,651 - \$55,861
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	\$43,035 - \$60,285
Medical and Health Services Managers	\$68,509 - \$122,420
Child, Family, and School Social Workers	\$34,460 - \$48,923
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	\$33,076 - \$60,920
Community and Social Service Specialists, All Other	\$26,654 - \$53,861
Cost Estimators	\$38,045 - \$81,025
Coaches and Scouts	N/A
Mechanical Engineers	\$66,284 - \$111,057
Special Education Teachers, Kindergarten and Elementary School	\$42,368 - \$58,113

## Master's / Professional Degree

Occupational Title	Wage Range
Nurse Practitioners	\$72,209 - \$119,644
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers	\$29,279 - \$52,007
Physical Therapists	\$67,043 - \$107,416
Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	N/A
Healthcare Social Workers	\$44,466 - \$68,711
Educational, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselors	\$43,668 - \$65,754
Physician Assistants	\$103,779 - \$146,265
Physicians, All Other; and Ophthalmologists, Except Pediatric	N/A
Education Administrators, Elementary and Secondary School	\$78,158 - \$95,648
Speech-Language Pathologists	\$59,803 - \$100,079
Occupational Therapists	\$73,976 - \$105,109
Pharmacists	\$113,691 - \$136,633
Education Administrators, Postsecondary	N/A
Optometrists	\$87,959 - \$141,143
Psychiatrists	\$112,371 - \$281,318