

Colorado Career Outlook

Higher Education



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Based on occupational projections through 2033

Pueblo

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.

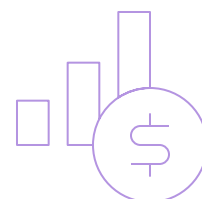
Note

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			
Massage Therapists	\$36,506	\$49,658	\$61,181
Physical Therapist Assistants	\$51,938	\$61,318	\$73,922
Ophthalmic Medical Technicians	\$35,606	\$37,775	\$46,019
Medical Assistants	\$37,267	\$39,998	\$45,185
Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$55,819	\$63,777	\$71,169
Dental Hygienists	\$94,586	\$96,676	\$97,705
Dental Assistants	\$35,444	\$43,787	\$48,456
Phlebotomists	\$38,041	\$43,340	\$46,825
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	\$46,762	\$56,776	\$73,595
Nursing Assistants	\$37,751	\$41,072	\$45,531

Bachelor's Degree	25th Percentile Annual	Median Annual	75th Percentile Annual
Occupation Title			
Mechanical Engineers	\$76,353	\$94,939	\$123,620
Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors	\$48,171	\$49,307	\$66,887
Industrial Engineers	\$81,048	\$103,096	\$126,267
Software Developers	\$84,126	\$105,445	\$141,326
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	\$49,049	\$69,213	\$94,060
Child, Family, and School Social Workers	\$42,773	\$46,982	\$53,194
Compliance Officers	\$56,867	\$66,789	\$84,589
Meeting, Convention, and Event Planners	\$39,134	\$47,557	\$59,298
Fundraisers	\$46,797	\$61,035	\$82,226
Training and Development Specialists	\$36,148	\$61,004	\$77,068

Master's/Professional Degree	25th Percentile Annual	Median Annual	75th Percentile Annual
Occupation Title			
Nurse Practitioners	\$100,381	\$112,923	\$134,544
Physician Assistants	\$108,659	\$133,435	\$136,024
Nursing Instructors and Teachers, Postsecondary	\$44,407	\$68,056	\$109,175
Physical Therapists	\$79,717	\$98,517	\$108,788
Speech-Language Pathologists	\$86,666	\$101,041	\$124,232
Healthcare Social Workers	\$43,841	\$50,507	\$60,919
Occupational Therapists	\$83,978	\$101,177	\$124,789
Educational, Guidance, and Career Counselors and Advisors	\$47,131	\$51,672	\$65,171
Librarians and Media Collections Specialists	\$52,048	\$55,598	\$63,266
Rehabilitation Counselors	\$37,712	\$43,333	\$54,538