



COLORADO CAREER OUTLOOK

HIGHER EDUCATION *Colorado Springs*

Based on Occupational projections through 2030



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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
- 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
Nursing Assistants	\$28,787 - \$35,205
Medical Assistants	\$32,020 - \$40,231
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$38,467 - \$53,452
Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists	\$25,718 - \$49,190
Massage Therapists	\$31,448 - \$48,252
Dental Assistants	\$30,085 - \$47,592
Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	\$31,544 - \$41,877
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	\$39,949 - \$62,609
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	\$27,448 - \$39,052
Dental Hygienists	\$70,021 - \$86,176
Medical Dosimetrists, Medical Records Specialists, and Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other	\$34,691 - \$56,899
Phlebotomists	\$32,500 - \$40,490
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	\$33,436 - \$62,912
Radiologic Technologists	\$49,394 - \$72,186
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$45,129 - \$63,071

Bachelor's Degree

Occupational Title	Wage Range
Registered Nurses	\$56,342 - \$86,795
Software Developers and Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers	\$76,185 - \$129,304
Project Management Specialists and Business Operations Specialists, All Other	\$49,441 - \$106,855
General and Operations Managers	\$63,384 - \$163,348
Accountants and Auditors	\$45,939 - \$90,381
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	\$37,530 - \$79,811
Computer Occupations, All Other	\$64,469 - \$113,823
Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors	\$29,509 - \$58,574
Management Analysts	\$54,880 - \$103,634
Network and Computer Systems Administrators	\$55,878 - \$96,678
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education Information Security Analysts	\$38,521 - \$55,823
Information Security Analysts	\$79,586 - \$127,303
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	\$41,294 - \$57,544
Personal Service Managers; Entertainment & Recreation Managers, Except Gambling; and Managers, All Other	\$78,677 - \$144,469
Construction Managers	\$68,732 - \$108,262

Master's / Professional Degree

Occupational Title	Wage Range
Physical Therapists	\$54,092 - \$101,945
Lawyers	\$59,214 - \$150,518
Speech-Language Pathologists	\$58,945 - \$100,788
Veterinarians	\$64,607 - \$109,531
Occupational Therapists	\$66,114 - \$100,196
Nurse Practitioners	\$70,755 - \$117,302
Healthcare Social Workers	\$32,584 - \$65,103
Family Medicine Physicians	\$55,131 - \$222,585
Physician Assistants	\$88,473 - \$118,049
Educational, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselors	\$43,596 - \$60,108
Physicians, All Other; and Ophthalmologists, Except Pediatric	\$117,827 - \$274,866
Education Administrators, Elementary and Secondary School	\$72,200 - \$107,348
Marriage and Family Therapists	\$36,877 - \$54,084
Instructional Coordinators	\$45,263 - \$86,513
Clinical, Counseling, and School Psychologists	\$54,092 - \$101,945

Source: 2020 Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics