



# Colorado Career Outlook

## HIGHER EDUCATION

Based on occupational projections through 2032

## Colorado Springs



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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
Physical Therapist Assistants	\$48,500	\$59,200	\$68,090
Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	\$35,480	\$42,090	\$47,080
Medical Assistants	\$37,910	\$40,470	\$45,930
Phlebotomists	\$35,160	\$40,800	\$43,370
Massage Therapists	\$46,660	\$48,240	\$50,050
Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers, Except Line Installers	\$47,670	\$73,550	\$74,450
Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	\$59,260	\$66,190	\$83,450
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	\$46,170	\$54,410	\$63,590
Nursing Assistants	\$34,370	\$36,240	\$39,110
Computer Network Support Specialists	\$53,150	\$64,280	\$78,760

#### Higher Education - Bachelor's Degree

Occupation Title	25th Percentile Annual	Median Annual	75th Percentile Annual
Information Security Analysts	\$86,180	\$106,000	\$139,320
Interpreters and Translators	\$56,220	\$81,850	\$87,030
Software Developers	\$102,190	\$131,790	\$163,640
Data Scientists	\$75,150	\$103,990	\$136,380
Web Developers	\$47,730	\$47,730	\$82,130
Industrial Engineers	\$74,820	\$98,610	\$130,170
Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors	\$36,830	\$49,220	\$74,640
Aerospace Engineers	\$105,090	\$129,180	\$169,310
Logisticians	\$72,840	\$87,710	\$104,740
Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers	\$79,920	\$102,620	\$131,180

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

Occupation Title	25th Percentile Annual	Median Annual	75th Percentile Annual
Nurse Practitioners	\$99,130	\$115,310	\$128,240
Physician Assistants	\$109,990	\$119,100	\$137,340
Physical Therapists	\$78,210	\$90,970	\$103,250
Speech-Language Pathologists	\$80,090	\$93,600	\$107,750
Occupational Therapists	\$76,840	\$83,350	\$98,890
Healthcare Social Workers	\$42,650	\$59,230	\$66,520
Lawyers	\$75,810	\$93,370	\$136,620
Educational, Guidance, and Career Counselors and Advisors	\$48,780	\$51,680	\$62,750
Pharmacists	\$120,150	\$135,570	\$149,490
Librarians and Media Collections Specialists	\$49,730	\$61,180	\$64,800