

PROMISING OCCUPATIONS IN
Colorado

EDUCATION/
TRAINING
REQUIRED

AVERAGE
ANNUAL
OPENINGS

GROWTH
RATE

2014 ANNUAL WAGE

25th Percentile Median 75th Percentile

	EDUCATION/ TRAINING REQUIRED	AVERAGE ANNUAL OPENINGS	GROWTH RATE	25th Percentile	Median	75th Percentile
Registered nurses		1,930	26.2%	\$57,280	\$68,290	\$80,660
Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers	+ OJT	990	24.8%	\$35,060	\$43,120	\$52,170
Nursing assistants		700	21.7%	\$24,130	\$27,970	\$32,690
Teacher assistants		670	15.7%	\$22,070	\$26,120	\$30,850
Computer user support specialists	+ OJT	640	31.6%	\$40,160	\$50,910	\$66,140
Hairdressers, hairstylists, and cosmetologists		490	22.5%	\$18,790	\$22,730	\$30,230
Medical assistants		390	27.4%	\$27,760	\$32,390	\$37,090
Preschool teachers, except special education		320	23.2%	\$23,680	\$28,740	\$36,680
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses		300	24.2%	\$40,510	\$45,840	\$53,010
Paralegals and legal assistants		270	29.9%	\$39,630	\$49,200	\$62,700
Dental assistants		260	21.6%	\$31,390	\$37,500	\$46,280
Heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics and installers	+ OJT	240	35.2%	\$40,530	\$48,760	\$58,780
Dental hygienists		210	29.1%	\$70,530	\$81,090	\$89,850
Massage therapists		210	26.9%	\$27,000	\$38,470	\$56,790
Web developers		190	37.0%	\$41,820	\$55,230	\$77,420
Library technicians		180	13.5%	\$27,410	\$33,210	\$38,690
Emergency medical technicians and paramedics		170	23.9%	\$27,260	\$35,350	\$47,410
Firefighters	+ OJT	170	8.4%	\$36,330	\$49,070	\$63,140
Computer network support specialists		160	14.3%	\$49,080	\$64,880	\$87,120
Veterinary technologists and technicians		150	43.2%	\$25,790	\$30,440	\$35,870

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Radiologic technologists		130	25.9%	\$48,140	\$58,980	\$72,510
First-line supervisors of production and operating workers		120	6.6%	\$46,220	\$59,700	\$75,620

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