

# Looking Ahead at the Next 10 Years...

## Lowest Anticipated Job Growth.....

Occupation/ Education Required	Average Entry-Level Wage	Average Annual Wage
<b>General Therapists</b> <i>Bachelor's degree</i> ..... † .....		
<b>Physician Assistants</b> <i>Bachelor's degree</i> .....	\$42,530	\$61,270
<b>Medical Records &amp; Health Information Technicians</b> <i>Associate degree</i> .....	\$24,175	\$29,417
<b>Pharmacists</b> <i>First professional degree</i> .....	\$58,613	\$68,534
<b>Surgical Technologists</b> <i>Postsecondary vocational training</i> ..	\$24,743	\$31,720
<b>Recreational Therapists</b> <i>Bachelor's degree</i> .....	\$20,372	\$28,228
<b>Radiologic Technicians &amp; Technologists</b> <i>Associate degree</i> .....	\$32,142	\$40,056
<b>Chiropractors</b> <i>First professional degree</i> .....	\$38,094	\$82,579
<b>Psychiatric Aides</b> <i>Short-term on-the-job-training</i> .....	\$20,588	\$23,084
<b>Dispensing Opticians</b> <i>Moderate-term on-the-job training</i> ..	\$21,291	\$30,463
<b>Dietitians &amp; Nutritionists</b> <i>Bachelor's degree</i> .....	\$30,773	\$41,085
<b>Medical Secretaries</b> <i>Postsecondary vocational training</i> ..	\$20,252	\$25,435
<b>Precision Dental Lab Technicians</b> <i>Long-term on-the-job training</i> ..... † .....		

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<b>Nursing Instructors</b> <i>Master's degree</i> .....	\$33,152	\$45,825
<b>Occupational Therapy Assistants</b> <i>Associate degree</i> .....	\$27,159	\$32,740
<b>Cardiology Technologists &amp; Technicians</b> <i>Associate degree</i> .....	\$26,125	\$39,173
<b>Medical Equipment Repairers</b> <i>Long-term on-the-job training</i> .....	\$39,617	\$49,421
<b>Optometrists</b> <i>First professional degree</i> .....	\$59,102	\$70,875
<b>Pharmacy Aides</b> <i>Short-term on-the-job-training</i> .....	\$18,837	\$22,319
<b>Medical Scientists</b> <i>Doctor's degree</i> .....	\$42,286	\$66,574
<b>Nuclear Medical Technologists</b> <i>Associate degree</i> .....	\$39,371	\$45,947
<b>Postsecondary Health Specialties Teachers</b> <i>Doctor's degree</i> .....	\$19,438	\$57,962
<b>Podiatrists</b> <i>First professional degree</i> .....	\$29,938	\$60,266
<b>Corrective &amp; Manual Arts Therapists</b> <i>Bachelor's degree</i> .....	†	†
<b>Dietetic Technicians</b> <i>Associate degree</i> .....	\$14,124	\$21,928
<b>Ambulance Drivers &amp; Attendants Except EMTs</b> <i>Short-term on-the-job-training</i> .....	\$15,243	\$22,868

† No Wage Data Available

# Denver Metro Hot Growth Industries

## Healthcare




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# Expectations

## For Occupations in the Denver Metro Healthcare Industry

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<b>Highest Anticipated Job Growth .....</b>			<b>Emergency Medical Technicians &amp; Paramedics</b>			<b>Respiratory Therapists</b>		
<b>Registered Nurses</b>			<i>Postsecondary vocational training</i> ..	\$21,001	\$30,583	<i>Associate degree</i> .....	\$29,683	\$36,649
<i>Associate degree</i> .....	\$37,327	\$49,084	<b>Psychologists</b>			<i>First professional degree</i> .....	\$33,411	\$82,620
<b>Home Health Aides</b>			<i>Master's degree</i> .....	†	†	<b>Medical &amp; Clinical Lab Technicians</b>		
<i>Short-term on-the-job-training</i> .....	\$19,072	\$27,747	<b>Dental Hygienists</b>			<i>Associate degree</i> .....	\$23,165	\$31,463
<b>Nursing Aides, Orderlies, &amp; Attendants</b>			<i>Associate degree</i> .....	†	†	<b>Physical Therapy Assistants</b>		
<i>Short-term on-the-job-training</i> .....	\$19,408	\$22,574	<b>General Health Service Workers</b>			<i>Associate degree</i> .....	\$27,817	\$34,577
<b>General Health Professionals &amp; Paraprofessionals</b>			<i>Short-term on-the-job-training</i> .....	\$19,792	\$26,382	<b>Psychiatric Technicians</b>		
<i>Associate degree</i> .....	\$20,329	\$31,569	<b>Below Average Anticipated Job Growth .....</b>			<i>Postsecondary vocational training</i> ..	\$22,338	\$28,881
<b>Medical Assistants</b>			<b>Occupational Therapists</b>			<i>First professional degree</i> .....	\$104,786	\$129,573
<i>Moderate-term on-the-job training</i> ..	\$22,870	\$28,089	<i>Bachelor's degree</i> .....	\$39,157	\$50,796	<b>Pharmacy Technicians</b>		
<b>Dental Assistants</b>			<b>Physical Therapists</b>			<i>Moderate-term on-the-job training</i> ..	\$23,218	\$27,451
<i>Moderate-term on-the-job training</i> ..	\$23,470	\$33,762	<i>Master's degree</i> .....	\$44,074	\$53,389	<b>Medical &amp; Clinical Lab Technologists</b>		
<b>Above Average Anticipated Job Growth.....</b>			<b>Postsecondary Health Diagnostics Teachers</b>			<i>Bachelor's degree</i> .....	\$36,053	\$43,307
<b>Medical &amp; Psychiatric Social Workers</b>			<i>Doctor's degree</i> .....	†	†	<i>Associate degrees here include vocational training/certification as well as two-year degrees.</i>		
<i>Master's degree</i> .....	\$29,254	\$38,211	<b>Speech Pathologists &amp; Audiologists</b>					
<b>Medical &amp; Health Services Managers</b>			<i>Master's degree</i> .....	\$38,691	\$49,955			
<i>Work experience plus degree</i> .....	\$46,647	\$68,002	<i>† No Wage Data Available</i>					
<b>Licensed Practical &amp; Vocational Nurses</b>			<p>This analysis is based on growth in absolute numbers from <i>Colorado Occupational Employment Outlook, 1998 – 2008</i> and includes only those occupations in or directly related to healthcare industries. All occupations listed are expected to experience positive growth over the next 10 years when compared with all other industries and occupations within the scope of the original report.</p>					
<i>Postsecondary vocational training</i> ..	\$30,057	\$34,381	<p>For further information, please visit the Colorado Occupational Employment Outlook website:  <a href="http://www.coworkforce.com/LMI/oeo/oeo.htm">http://www.coworkforce.com/LMI/oeo/oeo.htm</a>            Or, contact us at (303) 318-8890.</p>					
<b>Physicians &amp; Surgeons</b>								
<i>First professional degree</i> .....	†	†						