

Career Pathways
Business Operations Sector
Financial Specialists

All industries are made up of three groups of people:

- The **core business group**, which produce the goods or provide the services
- The **business operations group**, which is charged with advertising, marketing, budgeting and sales
- The **administration & support** group, which performs tasks that support the core and business operations groups

Both the **business operations** and **administration & support** groups can perform the same basic functions across all industry groups or ‘sectors.’ For this reason, these occupations groups are ‘sectors’ in their own right. For instance, there are accountants in hospitals and in construction companies because the accounting function is necessary for all business.

The **business operations** group of occupations makes up about 8.7% of employment in greater metro Denver, Boulder and Larimer counties, and includes several occupational groupings:

- Advertising, marketing, promotion and sales managers
- Operations specialties managers
- Business operations specialists
- **Financial specialists**

This table shows the number of jobs in each section of the **business operations** group.

Employment in Business Operations Sector, Greater Metro Denver, Boulder and Larimer Counties					
SOC	Description	2015 Jobs	2020 Jobs	Change	Percent Change
11-2000	Advertising, Marketing, Promotions, Public Relations, and Sales Manager	7,528	8,476	948	12.6%
11-3000	Operations Specialties Managers	16,782	18,996	2,214	13.2%
13-1000	Business Operations Specialists	87,663	96,831	9,168	10.5%
13-2000	Financial Specialists	49,364	54,267	4,903	9.9%

Source: EMSI 2015.3 QCEW, Non-QCEW & Self-Employed Class of Worker

There are 13 different occupations in the financial specialist group. This table shows employment in each of the 13 occupations, as well as the usual entry level education required.

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Financial Specialist Occupations, Greater Metro Denver, Boulder & Larimer Counties						
SOC	Description	2015 Jobs	2020 Jobs	2015 - 2020 Change	Percent Change	Typical Entry Level Education
13-2011	Accountants and Auditors	27,747	30,334	2,587	9.3%	Bachelor's degree
13-2021	Appraisers and Assessors of Real Estate	1,679	4,434	658	39.2%	Bachelor's degree
13-2031	Budget Analysts	724	4,062	640	88.4%	Bachelor's degree
13-2041	Credit Analysts	1,220	4,212	289	23.7%	Bachelor's degree
13-2051	Financial Analysts	3,422	3,028	212	6.2%	Bachelor's degree
13-2052	Personal Financial Advisors	3,776	1,789	132	3.5%	High school diploma or equivalent
13-2053	Insurance Underwriters	968	1,321	101	10.4%	Bachelor's degree
13-2061	Financial Examiners	504	1,763	84	16.7%	Bachelor's degree
13-2071	Credit Counselors	232	793	69	29.7%	Bachelor's degree
13-2072	Loan Officers	3,923	295	63	1.6%	Bachelor's degree
13-2081	Tax Examiners and Collectors, and Revenue Agents	696	549	45	6.5%	Bachelor's degree
13-2082	Tax Preparers	1,657	715	19	1.1%	Bachelor's degree
13-2099	Financial Specialists, All Other	2,816	973	5	0.2%	Bachelor's degree
	Total	49,364	54,267	4,904	9.9%	

Source: EMSI 2015.3 QCEW, Non-QCEW & Self-Employed Class of Worker

Financial occupations are in high demand in the region and are expected to grow nearly 10% over the next five years.

How can I learn more about financial specialty career pathways?

Use the table below to access information on job descriptions, local wage information, training programs, credentials and apprenticeship opportunities. Simply click on each link for the information you need.

Occupation Information	Local Wage Information	Job Postings	Training Opportunities	Credentials	Apprenticeship Opportunities
Accountants & Auditors	Local Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Real Estate Appraisers	Local Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Budget Analysts	Local Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Credit Analysts	Local Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Financial Analysts	Local Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Personal Financial Advisors	Local Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Insurance Underwriters	Local Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Financial Examiners	Local Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Credit Counselors	Local Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Loan Officers	Local Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Tax Examiners, Collectors and Revenue Agents	Local Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeships
Tax Preparers	Local Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeships
Financial Specialists, All Other	Local Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeships