

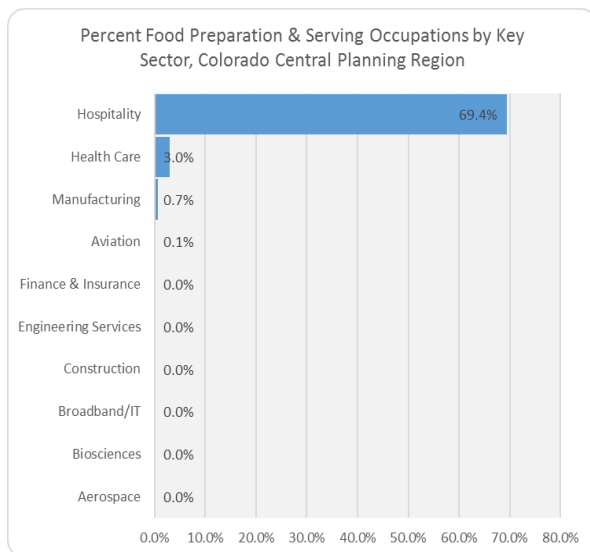
**Career Pathways
Core Business Group
Food Preparation and Serving Occupations**

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

Employment by Occupational Grouping, Colorado Central Planning Region					
SOC	Description	2015 Jobs	2020 Jobs	Change	Percent Change
35-1000	Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	11,382	13,024	1,642	14.4%
35-2000	Cooks and Food Preparation Workers	33,437	37,851	4,414	13.2%
35-3000	Food and Beverage Serving Workers	96,910	108,438	11,528	11.9%
35-9000	Other Food Preparation and Serving Related Workers	18,038	19,785	1,747	9.7%

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



Food preparation and serving occupations make up just over 8.6% of the total employment in the Colorado Central Planning Region, which is made up of greater metro Denver, Boulder and Larimer counties. Note that while these occupations make up nearly 70% of employment in the hospitality sector, they also prepare and serve food in hospitals and nursing centers, prepare meals for in-flight passengers on airlines, and cook foods and whole meals as part of the manufacturing process.

The reader should also note that nearly 93% of the occupations in this grouping require less than a high school diploma, and just over 7% require only a high school diploma. NO occupations with significant employment in this grouping require any postsecondary training at typical entry level. For this reason, careful consideration of training cost versus expected wage is recommended before choosing a college-level training program.

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Food Preparation and Serving Occupations, Denver-Aurora-Lakewood MSA, Boulder and Larimer Counties						
SOC	Description	2016 Jobs	2020 Jobs	2016 - 2020 Change	2016 - 2020 % Change	Typical Entry Level Education
35-1011	Chefs and Head Cooks	1,514	1,634	120	7.9%	High school diploma or equivalent
35-1012	First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	10,292	11,395	1,103	10.7%	High school diploma or equivalent
35-2011	Cooks, Fast Food	3,152	3,564	412	13.1%	Less than high school
35-2012	Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria	3,705	4,051	346	9.3%	Less than high school
35-2013	Cooks, Private Household	15	16	1	6.7%	Postsecondary non-degree award
35-2014	Cooks, Restaurant	17,658	19,418	1,760	10.0%	Less than high school
35-2015	Cooks, Short Order	1,269	1,384	115	9.1%	Less than high school
35-2019	Cooks, All Other	175	186	11	6.3%	Less than high school
35-2021	Food Preparation Workers	8,604	9,231	627	7.3%	Less than high school
35-3011	Bartenders	7,392	7,966	574	7.8%	Less than high school
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	48,106	53,008	4,902	10.2%	Less than high school
35-3022	Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, and Coffee Shop	3,100	3,385	285	9.2%	Less than high school
35-3031	Waiters and Waitresses	36,296	38,726	2,430	6.7%	Less than high school
35-3041	Food Servers, Nonrestaurant	5,086	5,428	342	6.7%	Less than high school
35-9011	Dining Room and Cafeteria Attendants and Bartender Helpers	4,987	5,357	370	7.4%	Less than high school
35-9021	Dishwashers	5,398	5,830	432	8.0%	Less than high school
35-9031	Hosts and Hostesses, Restaurant, Lounge, and Coffee Shop	7,334	7,765	431	5.9%	Less than high school
35-9099	Food Preparation and Serving Related Workers, All Other	814	862	48	5.9%	Less than high school
	Totals	164,898	179,205	14,307	8.7%	

Source: EMSI 2016.1 QCEW, Non-QCEW & Self-Employed Class of Worker

Food preparation and serving occupations are in steady demand throughout the region, and employment in these occupations is expected to grow nearly 9% over the next five years.

How can I learn more about food preparation and serving 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	Job Postings	Training Opportunities	Credentials	Apprenticeship Opportunities
Chefs and Head Cooks	Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation & Serving Workers	Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Cooks, Fast Food	Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria	Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Cooks, Private Household	Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Cooks, Restaurant	Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Cooks, Short Order	Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Cooks, All Other	Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Food Preparation Workers	Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Bartenders	Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Combined Food Preparation & Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, & Coffee Shop	Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Waiters and Waitresses	Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Food Servers, Non-restaurant	Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Dining Room and Cafeteria Attendants and Bartender Helpers	Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Dishwashers	Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Hosts and Hostesses, Restaurant, Lounge & Coffee Shop	Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship
Food Preparation & Serving Related Workers, All Other	Wage	Jobs	Training	Credential	Apprenticeship