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Fastest Growing Occupations

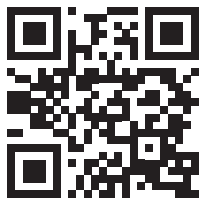
Paying a *Living Wage: Associate's Degree

Over the next five years, the list below highlights the fastest growing occupations in the Denver Metro area that require an associate's degree. It also provides valuable insights, including the entry-level wage and the median posted wage for each occupation during the most recent quarter.

<p>Computer Network Support Specialists</p> <p>Entry Level Wage \$31.95</p> <p>Median Posted Wage \$38.52</p>	<p>Paralegals & Legal Assistants</p> <p>Entry Level Wage \$28.00</p> <p>Median Posted Wage \$33.60</p>	<p>Dental Hygienists</p> <p>Entry Level Wage \$48.23</p> <p>Median Posted Wage \$57.48</p>	<p>Physical Therapist Assistants</p> <p>Entry Level Wage \$28.25</p> <p>Median Posted Wage \$32.62</p>	<p>Architectural & Civil Drafters</p> <p>Entry Level Wage \$29.86</p> <p>Median Posted Wage \$38.03</p>
<p>Occupational Therapy Assistants</p> <p>Entry Level Wage \$29.44</p> <p>Median Posted Wage \$33.60</p>	<p>Medical Equipment Repairers</p> <p>Entry Level Wage \$28.32</p> <p>Median Posted Wage \$31.88</p>	<p>Respiratory Therapists</p> <p>Entry Level Wage \$32.35</p> <p>Median Posted Wage \$37.54</p>	<p>Electrical & Electronic Engineering Technologists</p> <p>Entry Level Wage \$28.67</p> <p>Median Posted Wage \$35.63</p>	<p>Engineering Technologists & Technicians, Except Drafters, All Other</p> <p>Entry Level Wage \$27.90</p> <p>Median Posted Wage \$33.11</p>

The entry-level wage is the amount of money someone usually earns when they first start a job. The median posted wage is the middle amount being offered by employers posting jobs—half of the job postings offer more, and half offer less (Source: Lightcast).

*According to the [MIT Living Wage Calculator](https://livingwage.mit.edu/metros/19740) (https://livingwage.mit.edu/metros/19740), the current living wage for the Denver Metro area is \$26.47/hr. for one adult.



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