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# Fastest Growing Occupations

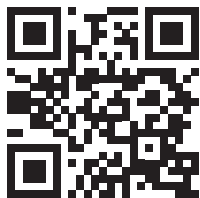
## Paying a \*Living Wage: High School Diploma/GED

Over the next five years, the list below highlights the fastest growing occupations in the Denver Metro area that require a high school diploma or GED. It also provides valuable insights, including the entry-level wage and the median posted wage for each occupation during the most recent quarter.

<p><b>Sales Representatives of Services, Except Advertising, Insurance, Financial Services, &amp; Travel</b></p> <p>Entry Level Wage <b>\$28.63</b></p> <p>Median Posted Wage <b>\$27.63</b></p>	<p><b>Police &amp; Sheriff's Patrol Officers</b></p> <p>Entry Level Wage <b>\$40.90</b></p> <p>Median Posted Wage <b>\$43.45</b></p>	<p><b>First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades &amp; Extraction Workers</b></p> <p>Entry Level Wage <b>\$32.97</b></p> <p>Median Posted Wage <b>\$34.58</b></p>	<p><b>First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, &amp; Repairers</b></p> <p>Entry Level Wage <b>\$30.64</b></p> <p>Median Posted Wage <b>\$33.11</b></p>	<p><b>First-Line Supervisors of Office &amp; Administrative Support Workers</b></p> <p>Entry Level Wage <b>\$28.17</b></p> <p>Median Posted Wage <b>\$29.85</b></p>
<p><b>Industrial Machinery Mechanics</b></p> <p>Entry Level Wage <b>\$28.13</b></p> <p>Median Posted Wage <b>\$28.18</b></p>	<p><b>Property, Real Estate, &amp; Community Association Managers</b></p> <p>Entry Level Wage <b>\$38.51</b></p> <p>Median Posted Wage <b>\$30.15</b></p>	<p><b>Chefs &amp; Head Cooks</b></p> <p>Entry Level Wage <b>\$27.75</b></p> <p>Median Posted Wage <b>\$31.20</b></p>	<p><b>First-Line Supervisors of Production &amp; Operating Workers</b></p> <p>Entry Level Wage <b>\$26.75</b></p> <p>Median Posted Wage <b>\$33.85</b></p>	<p><b>First-Line Supervisors of Non-Retail Sales Workers</b></p> <p>Entry Level Wage <b>\$36.12</b></p> <p>Median Posted Wage <b>\$28.18</b></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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