Education Pays

Colorado Labor Market Information

Higher Education

Education and training can benefit workers in their careers. Typically, the more education, the higher the weekly earnings and the lower the unemployment rate.

Median Weekly Earnings in Colorado



Unemployment Rates in Colorado



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 American Community Survey Labor Market Information (LMI) in the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment collects and analyzes information about labor market trends throughout Colorado. Data are presented in a variety of ways: industry employment and wages, current and projected industry and occupation levels, occupation wages, and labor force employment and wages. LMI conducts various research projects and assists workforce centers and others with customized regional information requests.

For Further Information www.coworkforce.com/LMIGateway

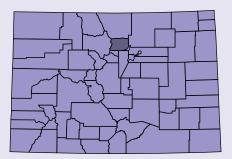
For Further Training www.e-colorado.org

For Job Opportunities www.connectingcolorado.com

Local Workforce Centers

To find your local workforce center (303) 318-8850

www.coworkforce.com/EMP/WFCs.asp



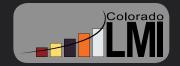
Colorado Careers

Know what jobs are expected to have the most openings.



Boulder

Based on Occupation Projections through 2020









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Colorado Careers



	Certificate/Associate Degree	Wage Range	Bachelor's Degree	Wage Range	Master's / Professional Degree	Wage Range
	• Registered Nurses	\$51,727 - \$76,119	Business Operations Specialists, All Other	\$33,470 - \$91,898	Physical Therapists	\$49,809 - \$76,216
	Nursing Aides, Orderlies, & Attendants	\$23,521 - \$31,529	Management Analysts	\$41,327 - \$96,456	• Pharmacists	\$83,666 - \$120,587
	• Fitness Trainers & Aerobics Instructors	\$24,959 - \$49,743	Accountants & Auditors	\$43,861 - \$89,281	Rehabilitation Counselors	\$22,613 - \$33,489
	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	\$22,118 - \$49,783	Financial Analysts	N/A	Environmental Scientists & Specialists, Including Health	\$38,350 - \$75,171
	Pharmacy Technicians	\$26,007 - \$34,680	Personal Financial Advisors	\$33,176 - \$60,122	Mental Health Counselors	\$25,487 - \$47,257
	Licensed Practical Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$20,007 - \$34,000	• Chemists	\$43,592 - \$93,034	Veterinarians	\$47,911 - \$75,291
		\$35,292 - \$48,584	Public Relations Specialists	\$32,329 - \$80,986	Occupational Therapists	\$59,474 - \$81,120
	Hairdressers, Hairstylists,& Cosmetologists	\$20,671 - \$48,939	Aerospace Engineers	\$64,297 - \$113,849	Mental Health & Substance Abuse Social Workers	\$32,188 - \$42,625
	Dental Hygienists	\$69,807 - \$86,994	Industrial Engineers	\$67,897 - \$104,426	Physicians & Surgeons, All Other	\$125,587 - \$222,705
	Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$54,939 - \$72,552	Medical & Health Services Managers	\$53,536 - \$98,317		Ψ123,301 - Ψ222,103
	Surgical Technologists	\$40,124 - \$54,584	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	\$38,783 - \$57,830	Geoscientists, Except Hydrologists Geographers	\$47,573 - \$95,070
	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$37,752 - \$52,884			Urban & Regional Planners	\$52,493 - \$73,053
	Respiratory Therapists	\$46,981 - \$58,270	Civil Engineers	\$57,519 - \$92,972	Hydrologists	\$60,748 - \$110,887
	Medical Records Health Information Technicians	\$27,450 - \$42,632	Architects, Except Landscape Naval	\$25,474 - \$65,481	• Clergy	\$34,640 - \$53,944
	Interior Designers	\$28,195 - \$51,580	Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists	\$53,400 - \$69,407	Chiropractors	\$27,841 - \$44,213
	Cardiovascular Technologists & Technicians	\$35,010 - \$65,859	Physician Assistants	\$64,211 - \$95,799	Social Scientists Related Workers, All Other	\$56,164 - \$86,643

Start Using This Information

Are you.

- Trying to decide what kind of job or career you would like?
- Considering a change in your current career direction?
- Interested in exploring further education or training but need a goal in mind?

Then the labor market information in this brochure could be helpful to you!

There are two Colorado Careers brochures:

- Jobs Requiring Higher Education
- Jobs Requiring On-The-Job Training

Each brochure is divided into levels of education and training required for entry-level employment in the listed occupations. You will want to begin your career decision making process by evaluating your interests, skills, and experience. Next, you will want to consider the number of job opportunities likely to be available to you. That's where this brochure can help.

First, review the lists of growing occupations as you narrow down your potential job choices. Secondly, look at the wage figures. This information comes directly from Colorado businesses in the geographic locations specified on your brochure. Wage information is important because your wages will determine your lifestyle. Notice that increased education and training can strongly affect wages.

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