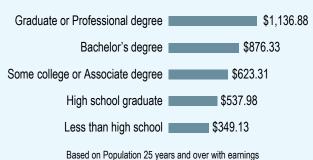
Education Pays

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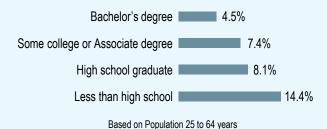
Higher Education

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

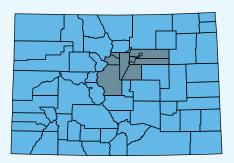
For Further Training www.e-colorado.org

For Job Opportunities www.connectingcolorado.com

Local Workforce Centers

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

www.coworkforce.com/EMP/WFCs.asp







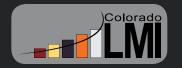
Colorado Careers

Know what jobs are expected to have the most openings.



Denver Metro

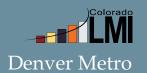
Based on Occupation Projections through 2020





Higher Education

Colorado Careers



Certificate/Associate Degree	Wage Range	Bachelor's Degree	Wage Range	Master's / Professional Degree	Wage Range
Registered Nurses	\$52,413 - \$78,987	Business Operations Specialists, All Other	\$38,792 - \$84,852	• Pharmacists	\$87,203 - \$123,240
Nursing Aides, Orderlies, & Attendants \$23,872 - \$31,915		Elementary School Teachers,	+ · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	 Postsecondary Teachers, All Other 	\$41,118 - \$52,601
Pharmacy Technicians	\$24,336 - \$35,667	Except Special Education	\$37,913 - \$59,973	Physical Therapists	\$54,865 - \$84,063
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	\$20,348 - \$34,816	Accountants & AuditorsMiddle School Teachers, Except	\$44,596 - \$86,468	 Mental Health & Substance Abuse Social Workers 	\$24,097 - \$40,065
Licensed Practical Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$38,981 - \$49,984	Special & Vocational Education • Secondary School Teachers, Except	\$38,999 - \$60,369	Clinical, Counseling, & School Psychologists	\$44,923 - \$104,419
Hairdressers, Hairstylists,		Special & Vocational Education	\$39,771 - \$62,936	Mental Health Counselors	\$29,714 - \$49,340
& Cosmetologists	\$17,269 - \$34,018	Management Analysts	\$51,168 - \$98,048	Physicians & Surgeons, All Other	\$93,157 - \$237,416
Dental Hygienists	\$62,198 - \$83,111	Financial Analysts	\$45,087 - \$105,121	Instructional Coordinators	\$41,713 - \$75,354
Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$50,041 - \$71,000	 Public Relations Specialists 	\$36,425 - \$76,383		ψ+1,710 ψ70,00+
Massage Therapists	\$22,596 - \$53,377	Construction Managers	\$66,308 - \$109,432	 Geoscientists, Except Hydrologists & Geographers 	\$56,586 - \$126,983
Fitness Trainers & Aerobics Instructors	\$23,986 - \$49,424	Child, Family, & School Social Workers	\$33,035 - \$62,507	Educational, Vocational, & School Counselors	\$32,995 - \$59,302
Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$35,099 - \$57,832	Civil Engineers	\$55,445 - \$95,543	• Lawyers	\$62,504 - \$163,792
Respiratory Therapists	\$46,444 - \$59,881	 Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists 	\$39,388 - \$66,082	Occupational Therapists	\$57,656 - \$82,859
 Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics 	\$22,802 - \$45,471	Special Education Teachers, Preschool, Kindergarten,		 Art, Drama, & Music Teachers, Postsecondary 	\$39,002 - \$64,369
Medical Records		& Elementary School	\$38,553 - \$63,782	Speech-Language Pathologists	\$55,930 - \$92,938
& Health Information Technicians	\$28,027 - \$47,014	Petroleum Engineers	\$92,667 - \$153,236	Environmental Scientists	
Surgical Technologists	\$36,105 - \$50,326	Kindergarten Teachers, Except Special Education	\$38,102 - \$59,221	& Specialists, Including Health	\$50,913 - \$97,953

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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