### **Education Pays**

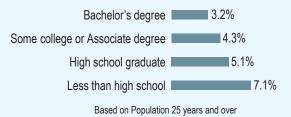
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Education and training can benefit workers in their careers. Typically, more education results in higher weekly earnings and lower unemployment rates.

### 2018 Median Annual Earnings in Colorado



### **Unemployment Rates in Colorado**



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics Current Population Survey July 2019 - June 2020 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.

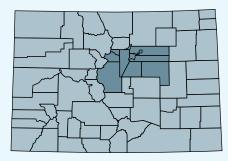
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For Job Opportunities connectingcolorado.com

### Local Workforce Centers

To find your local workforce center (303) 318-8850 colorado.gov/pacific/cdle/node/21591



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# **Higher Education**

# Colorado areers

Know what jobs are expected to have the most openings.



# **Denver Metro**

Based on Occupation Projections through 2029



## Higher Education





### Denver Metro

Certificate/Associate Degree	Wage Range
Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	s \$35,794 - \$59,153
Massage Therapists	\$29,945 - \$53,402
• Hairdressers, Hairstylists, & Cosmetologists	\$22,425 - \$39,833
Nursing Assistants	\$28,513 - \$37,180
Medical Assistants	\$30,180 - \$40,809
Heating, Air Conditioning, & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installe	rs \$36,296 - \$67,901
Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$40,547 - \$70,847
Automotive Service Technicians     & Mechanics	\$29,604 - \$59,404
Dental Assistants	\$31,049 - \$47,611
Veterinary Technologists     & Technicians	\$31,317 - \$40,051
Preschool Teachers	\$26,367 - \$37,137
Dental Hygienists	\$81,202 - \$92,986
Web Developers	\$51,135 - \$106,314
Emergency Medical Technicians     & Paramedics	\$31,661 - \$53,299
• Medical Records & Health Information	on

Bachelor's Degree	Wage Range
Software Developers, Applications	\$71,680 - \$123,215
Business Operations Specialists	\$49,594 - \$102,238
Registered Nurses	\$57,086 - \$84,468
General & Operations Managers	\$59,582 - \$185,611
Accountants & Auditors	\$51,158 - \$103,115
Market Research Analysts     & Marketing Specialists	\$45,264 - \$91,557
Construction Managers	\$61,405 - \$120,573
Managers	\$95,881 - \$174,187
Software Developers, Systems Software	\$85,576 - \$148,365
Elementary School Teachers	\$42,129 - \$64,654
Management Analysts	\$58,987 - \$111,087
Computer Occupations	\$68,507 - \$124,813
Civil Engineers	\$60,449 - \$111,176
Computer Systems Analysts	\$64,674 - \$110,955
Financial Managers	\$102,708 - \$208,102

• Lawyers	\$78,076 - \$194,968
<ul> <li>Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary</li> </ul>	\$67,216 - \$201,067
Physical Therapists	\$55,817 - \$93,564
Physician Assistants	\$76,199 - \$118,834
Nurse Practitioners	\$82,708 - \$122,355
Pharmacists	\$79,279 - \$137,540
Instructional Coordinators	\$48,663 - \$78,832
<ul> <li>Clinical, Counseling, &amp; School Psychologists</li> </ul>	\$55,071 - \$104,982
<ul> <li>Educational, Guidance, School, &amp; Vocational Counselors</li> </ul>	\$36,440 - \$61,554
Veterinarians	\$68,043 - \$114,538
<ul> <li>Education Administrators, Elementary &amp; Secondary School</li> </ul>	\$71,849 - \$105,955
Occupational Therapists	\$68,573 - \$100,658
Family & General Practitioners	\$150,875 - \$277,952
Speech-Language Pathologists	\$68,729 - \$109,436
<ul> <li>Nursing Instructors &amp; Teachers, Postsecondary</li> </ul>	\$24,376 - \$77,293

Master's / Professional Degree Wage Range

#### **Start Using This Information**

Are you:

**Technicians** 

- 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?

\$36,477 - \$62,726

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. Each list includes the occupations with the largest projected change in employment. That's where this brochure can help. First, review the lists of growing occupations as you narrow down your potential job choices. Second, 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 can determine your lifestyle. Notice that increased education and training can strongly affect wages.

> Labor Market Information Colorado Department of Labor and Employment Source: 2019 Occupational Employment Statistics