# **Education Pays**

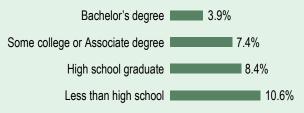
Colorado Labor Market Information

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

## Median Weekly Earnings in Colorado



# **Unemployment Rates in Colorado**



Based on population age 25 to 64 years

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2012 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.

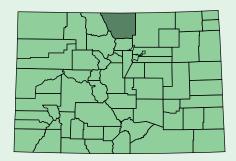
> For Further Information www.colmigateway.com

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



# **Higher Education**

Colorado

Know what jobs are expected to have the most openings.



# Ft. Collins -Loveland

**Based on Occupation Projections through 2022** 



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**Higher Education** 

# **Colorado areers**



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Certificate/Associate Degree	Wage Range	Bachelor's Degree	Wage Range	Master's / Professional Degree	Wage Range
Registered Nurses	\$50,018 - \$68,096	Software Developers, Systems     Software	\$76,873 - \$115,534	Mental Health Counselors	\$25,623 - \$50,474
General & Operations Managers	\$48,089 - \$127,982			Physical Therapists	\$47,633 - \$79,893
Nursing Aides & Attendants	\$21,452 - \$28,783	<ul> <li>Software Developers, Applications</li> </ul>	\$39,429 - \$97,005	Veterinarians	\$63,870 - \$78,801
Veterinary Technologists		<ul> <li>Accountants &amp; Auditors</li> </ul>	\$38,520 - \$74,020	• Lawyers	\$48,540 - \$115,08
& Technicians	\$22,052 - \$34,082	Management Analysts	\$45,450 - \$100,739	Medical Scientists, Except	<i>\</i> ,
<ul> <li>Hairdressers, Hairstylists, &amp; Cosmetologists</li> </ul>	\$17,012 - \$26,304	Market Research Analysts		Epidemiologists	\$36,128 - \$71,412
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Heating, Air Conditioning, & Refrigeration Mechanics		<ul> <li>Network &amp; Computer Systems Administrators</li> </ul>	\$47,858 - \$80,443	& Vocational Counselors	\$34,444 - \$51,632
& Installers	\$33,792 - \$48,412			Pharmacists	\$100,122 - \$126,9
Preschool Teachers	\$20,408 - \$32,235	Cost Estimators	\$38,289 - \$65,393	<ul> <li>Occupational Therapists</li> </ul>	\$56,041 - \$79,769
First-Line Supervisors of Production     & Operating Workers	\$40,447 - \$77,516	Mechanical Engineers	\$54,306 - \$101,276	Education Administrators,	
	φ+0,++7 - φ77,010	Civil Engineers	\$57,181 - \$92,894	Postsecondary	\$56,200 - \$119,24
Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$34,859 - \$50,965	Computer Hardware Engineers	\$78,108 - \$131,226	<ul> <li>Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary</li> </ul>	\$56,310 - \$121,06
Dental Assistants	\$25,946 - \$36,626	<ul> <li>Child, Family, &amp; School Social Workers</li> </ul>	\$25,415 - \$49,431	• Art, Drama, & Music Teachers,	
Massage Therapists	\$17,388 - \$34,694			Postsecondary	\$36,322 - \$68,900
Radiologic Technologists	<b>\$24.005</b>	Public Relations Specialists	\$28,565 - \$67,781	<ul> <li>Speech-Language Pathologists</li> </ul>	\$53,104 - \$83,596
& Technicians	\$31,065 - \$57,948	Web Developers	\$32,616 - \$55,003	Healthcare Social Workers	\$31,882 - \$48,077
Dental Hygienists	\$56,975 - \$71,604	Computer Network     Support Specialists	¢27 226 ¢70 607	Clinical, Counseling,	
Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$27,673 - \$50,323	Support Specialists	\$37,326 -\$79,607	& School Psychologists	\$50,043 - \$97,957
Firefighters	\$32,171 - \$62,996	Training & Development Specialists	\$35,708 - \$73,844	Family & General Practitioners	\$55,792 - \$123,00

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### **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. 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.

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