Colorado Labor Market Information

Higher Education

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

2014 Median Annual Earnings in Colorado

Graduate or Professional degree \$63,105

Bachelor's degree \$48,120

Some college or Associate degree \$34,718

High school graduate \$29,691

Less than high school \$21,047

Based on Population 25 years and over with earnings

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey

Unemployment Rates in Colorado

Bachelor's degree 2.2%

Some college or Associate degree 3.9%

High school graduate 4.9%

Less than high school 6.0%

Based on Population 25 years and over

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics Current Population Survey November 2014 - October 2015 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

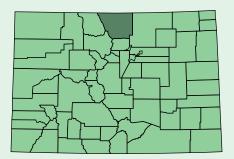
For Further Training www.collegeincolorado.org

For Job Opportunities www.connectingcolorado.com

Local Workforce Centers

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

www.coworkforce.com/EMP/WFCs.asp



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Colorado Careers Know what jobs are expected to have the most openings.



Ft. Collins -Loveland

Based on Occupation Projections through 2024



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Certificate/Associate Degree	Wage Range	Bachelor's Degree	Wage Range	Master's / Professional Degree	Wage Range
Software Developers, Systems Software	\$50,480 - \$73,034	Software Developers, Systems Software	\$77,627 - \$122,319	Physical Therapists	\$50,286 - \$81,346
Nursing Assistants	\$23,348 - \$31,008	General & Operations Managers	\$45,324 - \$126,197	Mental Health Counselors	\$30,764 - \$56,871
Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$ \$22,348 - \$41,629	Accountants & Auditors	\$38,178 - \$75,679	• Lawyers	\$55,430 - \$180,051
 Heating, Air Conditioning, & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers 	\$38,366 - \$55,919	Software Developers, Applications	\$43,895 - \$92,908	Healthcare Social Workers Physician Assistants	\$32,678 - \$53,783 \$77,233 - \$111,993
Medical Assistants	\$25,249 - \$33,217	Market Research Analysts		Physician AssistantsEducational, Guidance, School,	\$11,233 - \$111,993
Massage Therapists	\$20,177 - \$46,249	& Marketing Specialists	\$32,424 - \$92,350	& Vocational Counselors	\$35,462 - \$54,530
Veterinary Technologists Technicians	\$21,754 - \$31,525	Elementary School Teachers	\$38,016 - \$54,777	Occupational Therapists	\$57,989 - \$87,148
Hairdressers, Hairstylists, & Cosmetologists	\$17,872 - \$30,516	Computer Systems Analysts	\$61,745 - \$103,146	• Pharmacists	\$102,738 - \$129,322
Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$38,572 - \$48,575	Construction Managers Civil Engineers	\$60,209 - \$103,645 \$49,729 - \$120,604	 Education Administrators, Postsecondary 	\$58,569 - \$121,943
Web Developers	\$24,570 - \$49,498	Management Analysts	\$42,245 - \$95,408	Veterinarians	\$68,875 - \$92,062
Preschool Teachers	\$20,705 - \$31,341	Cost Estimators	\$38,798 - \$70,511	Dentists, General	\$50,257 - \$184,581
Dental Assistants	\$28,952 - \$39,315	Middle School Teachers	\$38,196 - \$55,405	Nurse Practitioners	\$62,187 - \$101,209
Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	\$24,119 - \$44,528	Secondary School Teachers	\$37,701 - \$55,434	Community & Social Service Specialists	\$25,546 - \$52,701
Computer Network Support Specialists	\$45,320 - \$89,338	Computer Occupations	\$66,558 - \$105,343	Speech-Language Pathologists	\$61,527 - \$96,740
First-Line Supervisors of Production & Operating Workers	\$42,723 - \$76,255	Human Resources Specialists	\$36,957 - \$82,967	Education Administrators, Elementary & Secondary School	\$67,479 - \$99,863

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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