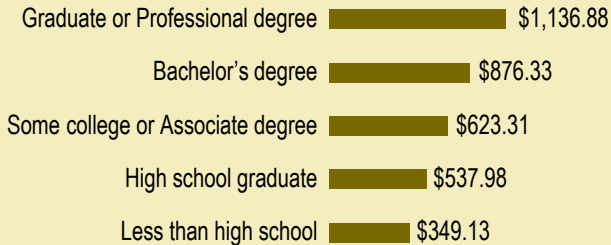


## Education Pays

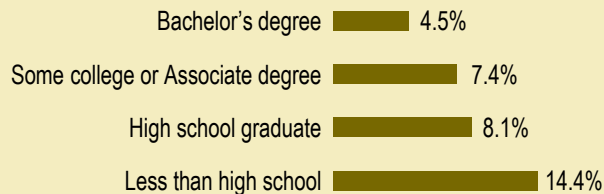
Education and training can benefit workers in their careers. Typically, the more education, the higher the weekly earnings and the lower the unemployment rate.

### Median Weekly Earnings in Colorado



Based on Population 25 years and over with earnings

### Unemployment Rates in Colorado



Based on Population 25 to 64 years

Source: U.S. Census Bureau,  
2009 American Community Survey

## Colorado Labor Market Information

**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  
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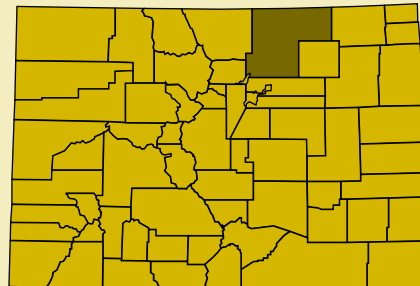
For Further Training  
[www.e-colorado.org](http://www.e-colorado.org)

For Job Opportunities  
[www.connectingcolorado.com](http://www.connectingcolorado.com)

### Local Workforce Centers

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

[www.coworkforce.com/EMP/WFCs.asp](http://www.coworkforce.com/EMP/WFCs.asp)



## Higher Education

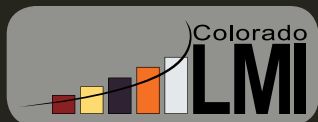
# Colorado Careers

*Know what jobs are expected  
to have the most openings.*



## Greeley

*Based on Occupation  
Projections through 2020*



## Higher Education

Certificate/Associate Degree	Wage Range	Bachelor's Degree	Wage Range	Master's / Professional Degree	Wage Range
• Registered Nurses	\$49,754 - \$71,236	• Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	\$33,832 - \$51,924	• Lawyers	\$55,515 - \$106,432
• Nursing Aides, Orderlies, & Attendants	\$20,904 - \$26,475	• Accountants & Auditors	\$36,879 - \$70,177	• Pharmacists	\$102,014 - \$117,022
• Welders, Cutters, Solderers, & Brazers	\$31,009 - \$42,185	• Business Operations Specialists, All Other	\$33,602 - \$71,145	• Veterinarians	\$61,138 - \$87,308
• Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$44,673 - \$63,292	• General & Operations Managers	\$57,328 - \$112,508	• Physical Therapists	\$52,110 - \$73,284
• Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	\$25,805 - \$49,359	• Middle School Teachers, Except Special & Vocational Education	\$33,853 - \$50,709	• Educational, Vocational, & School Counselors	\$33,056 - \$49,732
• Bus & Truck Mechanics & Diesel Engine Specialists	\$28,995 - \$44,204	• Secondary School Teachers, Except Special & Vocational Education	\$35,161 - \$53,360	• Occupational Therapists	\$52,925 - \$91,090
• Pharmacy Technicians	\$23,896 - \$33,932	• Construction Managers	\$66,406 - \$105,995	• Librarians	\$40,869 - \$65,551
• Veterinary Technologists & Technicians	\$22,596 - \$30,250	• Medical & Health Services Managers	\$55,150 - \$108,079	• Mental Health Counselors	\$24,256 - \$42,296
• Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	N/A	• Insurance Sales Agents	\$35,769 - \$59,768	• Family & General Practitioners	\$100,042 - \$169,597
• Preschool Teachers	\$19,086 - \$35,594	• Cost Estimators	\$35,009 - \$66,848	• Speech-Language Pathologists	\$54,553 - \$90,536
• Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$32,068 - \$51,788	• Industrial Engineers	\$57,245 - \$88,403	• Environmental Scientists & Specialists, Including Health	\$46,452 - \$69,955
• Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$33,120 - \$44,580	• Kindergarten Teachers, Except Special Education	\$32,282 - \$45,954		
• Library Technicians	\$21,282 - \$31,022	• Special Education Teachers, Preschool, Kindergarten, & Elementary School	\$37,028 - \$57,308		
• Dental Hygienists	\$67,998 - \$79,313	• Education Administrators, Elementary & Secondary School	\$63,229 - \$87,430		
• Massage Therapists	\$25,073 - \$39,841	• Child, Family, & School Social Workers	\$26,680 - \$51,828		

### 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.