Education Pays

Colorado Labor Market Information

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



Based on Population 25 to 64 years

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011 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.

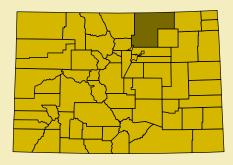
For Further Information www.colmigateway

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

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Know what jobs are expected to have the most openings.



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Based on Occupation Projections through 2021



Colorado



Higher Education

Certificate/Associate Degree	Wage Range	Bachelor's Degree	Wage Range	Master's / Professional Degree	Wage Range
Registered Nurses	\$50,313 - \$73,394	Elementary School Teachers	\$34,228 - \$52,639	• Lawyers	\$54,295 - \$109,650
General & Operations Managers	\$56,969 - \$123,172	Accountants & Auditors	\$35,650 - \$71,735	• Educational, Guidance, School,	
Nursing Aides, Orderlies, & Attendants	\$21,250 - \$28,450	Compliance Officers	\$39,494 - \$68,595	& Vocational Counselors Art, Drama, & Music Teachers, 	\$34,001 - \$50,087
Hairdressers, Hairstylists, & Cosmetologists	\$17,273 - \$23,904	Middle School Teachers	\$34,314 - \$51,442	Postsecondary	\$23,175 - \$56,579
• Firefighters	\$33,719 - \$63,174	Petroleum Engineers	\$78,385 - \$149,413	Veterinarians	\$63,082 - \$87,849
First-Line Supervisors of Production		Secondary School Teachers	\$35,326 - \$54,052	 Education Administrators, Elementary & Secondary School 	, \$64,159 - \$89,408
& Operating Workers • Veterinary Technologists	\$40,491 - \$73,480	Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	\$36,920 - \$76,479	• Pharmacists	\$102,428 - \$118,972
& Technicians	\$22,854 - \$30,903	Human Resources, Training,		Physical Therapists	\$46,738 - \$78,216
Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$33,490 - \$49,316	& Labor Relations Specialists	\$34,233 - \$70,205	Healthcare Social Workers	\$34,070 - \$56,642
Preschool Teachers	\$20,498 - \$37,649	Cost Estimators	\$34,745 - \$66,437	Mental Health Counselors	\$21,871 - \$42,559
Library Technicians	\$21,633 - \$33,280	Recreation Workers	\$18,305 - \$29,821	Speech-Language Pathologists	\$60,148 - \$90,716
Engineering Technicians	\$45,607 - \$68,080	Computer Systems Analysts	\$59,477 - \$99,762	 Clinical, Counseling, 	
Dental Hygienists	\$65,364 - \$80,504	Child, Family, & School Social		& School Psychologists	\$49,468 - \$90,245
Heating, Air Conditioning,		Workers	\$29,078 - \$51,541	Librarians	\$39,535 - \$66,751
& Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$31,643 - \$48,825	Public Relations Specialists	\$21,352 - \$63,711	Occupational Therapists	\$56,141 - \$90,263
		Industrial Engineers	\$59,583 - \$90,840		
Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$37,912 - \$52,106	-		Physician Assistants	\$68,925 - \$105,474
Construction Managers	\$62,905 - \$98,971	Kindergarten Teachers	\$34,354 - \$47,519	Urban & Regional Planners	\$47,934 - \$80,555

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 EducationJobs 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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