

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

Graduate or Professional degree	\$1,136.88
Bachelor's degree	\$876.33
Some college or Associate degree	\$623.31
High school graduate	\$537.98
Less than high school	\$349.13

Based on Population 25 years and over with earnings

Unemployment Rates in Colorado

Bachelor's degree	4.5%
Some college or Associate degree	7.4%
High school graduate	8.1%
Less than high school	14.4%

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.

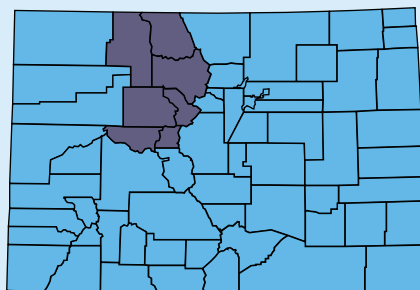
For Further Information
www.coworkforce.com/LMIGateway

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

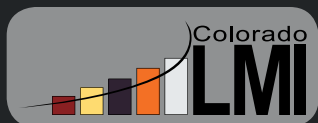
Colorado Careers

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



North Central Colorado

*Based on Occupation
Projections through 2020*



Higher Education

North Central Colorado

Certificate/Associate Degree	Wage Range	Bachelor's Degree	Wage Range	Master's / Professional Degree	Wage Range
• Registered Nurses	\$52,630 - \$79,731	• Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	\$37,857 - \$53,563	• Physical Therapists	\$41,669 - \$72,090
• Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	\$15,725 - \$35,095	• Business Operations Specialists, All Other	\$33,297 - \$70,434	• Pharmacists	\$50,752 - \$118,620
• Massage Therapists	\$16,636 - \$48,433	• Accountants & Auditors	\$39,344 - \$93,096	• Speech-Language Pathologists	\$65,840 - \$90,935
• Hairdressers, Hairstylists, & Cosmetologists	\$15,842 - \$26,598	• Middle School Teachers, Except Special & Vocational Education	\$37,418 - \$54,090	• Family & General Practitioners	\$113,404 - \$154,657
• Nursing Aides, Orderlies, & Attendants	\$26,487 - \$32,173	• Secondary School Teachers, Except Special & Vocational Education	\$34,120 - \$53,878	• Clinical, Counseling, & School Psychologists	\$48,609 - \$87,362
• Dental Hygienists	\$63,191 - \$84,196	• Medical & Health Services Managers	\$72,195 - \$118,655	• Chiropractors	N/A
• Interior Designers	\$36,555 - \$73,057	• Public Relations Specialists	\$35,161 - \$65,671	• Mental Health Counselors	N/A
• Pharmacy Technicians	\$27,875 - \$37,796	• Architects, Except Landscape & Naval	\$47,334 - \$93,088	• Occupational Therapists	\$49,979 - \$72,836
• Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	\$30,023 - \$53,876	• Physician Assistants	\$68,525 - \$88,716	• Surgeons	\$71,995 - \$218,181
• Fitness Trainers & Aerobics Instructors	\$21,285 - \$58,389	• Education Administrators, Elementary & Secondary School	\$61,441 - \$88,787	• Physicians & Surgeons, All Other	N/A
• Library Technicians	\$20,404 - \$28,328	• Management Analysts	\$51,628 - \$114,721	• Instructional Coordinators	\$50,083 - \$83,342
• Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$32,238 - \$41,225	• Kindergarten Teachers, Except Special Education	\$38,804 - \$52,139	• Librarians	\$21,653 - \$41,466
• Medical Records & Health Information Technicians	\$29,181 - \$48,538	• Construction Managers	\$75,894 - \$104,638	• Veterinarians	\$62,928 - \$80,388
• Physical Therapist Assistants	\$30,542 - \$47,759	• Special Education Teachers, Preschool, Kindergarten, & Elementary School	\$40,106 - \$56,659	• Urban & Regional Planners	\$50,550 - \$72,065
• Surgical Technologists	\$31,111 - \$52,146	• Civil Engineers	\$58,576 - \$91,295		

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.

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