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

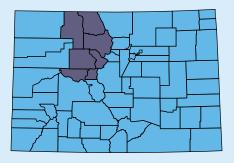
For Further Training www.collegeincolorado.org

For Job Opportunities www.connectingcolorado.com

#### **Local Workforce Centers**

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

www.coworkforce.com/EMP/WFCs.asp



# Colorado Careers

Know what jobs are expected to have the most openings.



North Central Colorado

Based on Occupation Projections through 2024







## Higher Education

## Colorado Careers



## North Central Colorado

Certificate/Associate Degree	Wage Range	Bachelor's Degree	Wage Range	Master's / Professional Degree	Wage Range
Registered Nurses	\$50,490 - \$81,326	General & Operations Managers	\$50,799 - \$126,045	Physical Therapists	\$58,854 - \$80,798
Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$36,935 - \$56,250	Accountants & Auditors	\$38,215 - \$83,971	• Lawyers	\$59,368 - \$98,007
		Construction Managers	\$53,838 - \$112,747	Physician Assistants	\$66,805 - \$116,091
Emergency Medical Technicians Paramedics	\$27,902 - \$55,591	Elementary School Teachers	\$37,739 - \$55,378	Occupational Therapists	\$57,311 - \$78,120
Preschool Teachers	\$24,022 - \$39,129	Market Research Analysts		Physicians & Surgeons	\$78,910 - \$175,329
Dental Hygienists	\$69,068 - \$84,770	& Marketing Specialists	\$39,278 - \$76,807	Veterinarians	\$48,038 - \$138,377
Massage Therapists	\$17,769 - \$54,231	<ul><li>Meeting, Convention, &amp; Event Planners</li></ul>	\$32,085 - \$51,077	Pharmacists	\$100,399 - \$138,501
Dental Assistants	\$34,841 - \$49,260	Middle School Teachers	\$38,418 - \$55,555	• Librarians	\$40,481 - \$74,921
Heating, Air Conditioning, & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$37,057 - \$58,407	Cost Estimators	\$38,135 - \$77,772	Urban & Regional Planners	\$54,800 - \$90,209
Nursing Assistants	\$26,940 - \$35,710	Recreation Workers	\$22,553 - \$38,263	Educational, Guidance, School, & Vocational Counselors	\$42,242 - \$57,773
Medical Assistants	\$32,116 - \$44,474	Architects	\$38,860 - \$77,265		Ψ+2,2+2 - ψ01,110
• Firefighters	\$27,354 - \$57,802	Management Analysts	\$43,446 - \$101,215	Education Administrators, Elementary & Secondary School	\$66,733 - \$93,480
Skincare Specialists	\$18,007 - \$36,112	Secondary School Teachers	\$39,056 - \$56,538	Instructional Coordinators	\$36,317 - \$82,707
Veterinary Technologists		Public Relations Specialists	\$30,392 - \$59,069	Community & Social Service	<b>#</b> 00,000, <b>#</b> 50,700
& Technicians	\$33,909 - \$38,845	Medical & Health Services		Specialists	\$33,393 - \$58,768
Web Developers	\$56,019 - \$78,731	Managers	\$66,545 - \$127,647	Healthcare Social Workers	\$37,096 - \$65,656
Radiologic Technologists	\$47,810 - \$74,601	Human Resources Specialists	\$41,042 - \$72,202	Rehabilitation Counselors	\$27,420 - \$42,748

#### **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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