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.

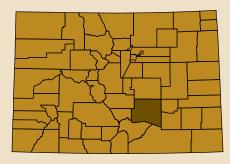
For Further Information www.colmigateway

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.



Pueblo

Based on Occupation Projections through 2021









Higher Education

Careers



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Certificate/Associate Degree	Wage Range	Bachelor's Degree	Wage Range	Master's / Professional Degree	Wage Range
Registered Nurses Licensed Practical & Licensed	\$48,856 - \$71,354	Mental Health & Substance Abuse Social Workers	\$27,890 - \$43,574	• Educational, Guidance, School, & Vocational Counselors	\$22,425 - \$51,213
Vocational Nurses	\$32,485 - \$44,000	Accountants & Auditors	\$39,316 - \$78,092	Mental Health Counselors	\$17,524 - \$46,964
Dental Hygienists Radiologic Technologists	\$45,344 - \$80,134	• Child, Family, & School Social Workers	\$24,864 - \$43,837	Clinical, Counseling, & School Psychologists	\$53,318 - \$90,290
& TechniciansHeating, Air Conditioning,	\$46,996 - \$62,731	Special Education Teachers, Preschool, Kindergarten, School	\$34,793 - \$50,180	Pharmacists	\$101,881 - \$127,301
& Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$32,577 - \$43,746	& Elementary School • Network & Computer Sustained Administrators		Physical Therapists	\$60,245 - \$98,363
Veterinary Technologists & Technicians	\$19,515 - \$31,535	Systems Administrators Cost Estimators 	\$38,678 - \$64,798 \$42,041 - \$70,920	Speech-Language Pathologists	\$63,726 - \$99,209
Dental Assistants	\$30,734 - \$37,898	Kindergarten Teachers	\$31,668 - \$47,708	Occupational Therapists	\$53,594 - \$89,028
Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$34,812 - \$63,699	Civil Engineers	\$59,938 - \$103,980	Healthcare Social Workers	\$36,173 - \$55,817
Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	\$22,140 - \$53,426	Software Developers, Applications	\$47,109 - \$81,587	Rehabilitation Counselors	\$19,891 - \$41,907
 Eligibility Interviewers, Government Programs 	\$26,948 - \$40,893	Training & Development Specialists	\$24,336 - \$43,283	Instructional Coordinators	\$30,202 - \$52,679
Health Technologists & Technicians	\$24,481 - \$43,000	Recreation Workers	\$17,284 - \$24,720	Curators	\$16,983 - \$30,028
Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$34,754 - \$37,656	Medical & Health Services Managers	\$51,672 - \$101,651	Family & General Practitioners	\$108,026 - \$252,182
Physical Therapist Assistants	\$27,161 - \$47,430	Teachers & Instructors	\$23,322 - \$49,931	Veterinarians	\$64,784 - \$117,553
Medical Records & Health Information Technicians	\$22,014 - \$42,565	Community & Social Service Specialists	\$20,601 - \$36,261	• Lawyers	\$45,252 - \$105,252
Surgical Technologists	\$33,757 - \$49,487	Dietitians & Nutritionists	\$44,706 - \$58,867	Physician Assistants	\$51,190 - \$90,819

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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