### **Education Pays**

# Colorado Labor Market Information

**Higher Education** 

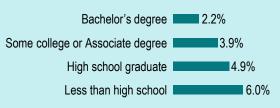
Education and training can benefit workers in their careers. Typically, more education results in higher weekly earnings and lower unemployment rates.

#### 2014 Median Annual Earnings in Colorado



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey

**Unemployment Rates in Colorado** 



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

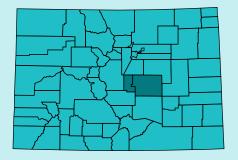
For Further Training www.collegeincolorado.org

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

Know what jobs are expected to have the most openings.



# **Colorado Springs**

Based on Occupation Projections through 2024







## Higher Education

## Colorado Careers



## Colorado Springs

Certificate/Associate Degree	Wage Range	Bachelor's Degree	Wage Range	Master's / Professional Degree	Wage Range
Registered Nurses	\$52,289 - \$70,655	General & Operations Managers	\$53,170 - \$143,197	Mental Health Counselors	\$33,272 - \$61,483
Nursing Assistants	\$21,490 - \$28,209	Elementary School Teachers	\$33,856 - \$51,944	Physical Therapists	\$62,354 - \$84,232
Medical Assistants	\$25,488 - \$32,841	Software Developers, Applications	\$66,885 - \$121,201	• Educational, Guidance, School,	
Preschool Teachers	\$20,844 - \$35,658	Accountants & Auditors	\$38,871 - \$79,114	& Vocational Counselors	\$35,073 - \$51,853
Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$30,053 - \$43,988	Market Research Analysts     Marketing Specialists	\$35,609 - \$80,651	Pharmacists     Healthcare Social Workers	\$104,365 - \$129,053 \$34,287 - \$53,564
Dental Assistants	\$29,611 - \$42,719	Middle School Teachers	\$33,757 - \$51,362	Physician Assistants	\$78,138 - \$95,379
Dental Hygienists	\$62,960 - \$76,381	Computer Systems Analysts	\$69,070 - \$110,729	Occupational Therapists	\$60,340 - \$87,075
Hairdressers, Hairstylists,     & Cosmetologists	\$17,819 - \$30,443	Secondary School Teachers     Cofficial Development	\$34,993 - \$52,500	Community & Social Service	
Heating, Air Conditioning, & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$40,663 - \$58,292	Software Developers, Systems Software     Cost Estimators	\$77,483 - \$125,482 \$36,047 - \$66,947	Specialists  • Family & General Practitioners	\$27,504 - \$48,394 \$75,738 - \$156,276
Licensed Practical     & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$37,681 - \$47,896	Child, Family,     & School Social Workers	\$27,246 - \$50,802	Education Administrators,     Elementary & Secondary School	\$63,658 - \$90,066
Emergency Medical Technicians     & Paramedics	\$26,518 - \$38,337	Network & Computer Systems     Administrators	\$49,774 - \$86,375	Speech-Language Pathologists	\$61,651 - \$107,182
Massage Therapists	\$21,940 - \$48,174	Medical & Health Services		Nurse Practitioners	\$69,609 - \$99,965
Web Developers	\$34,328 - \$64,444	Managers	\$54,000 - \$134,848	Instructional Coordinators	\$44,420 - \$97,819
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technicians	\$24,455 - \$45,356	Meeting, Convention,     & Event Planners	\$23,631 - \$49,595	Clinical, Counseling,     & School Psychologists	\$45,269 - \$84,896
Radiologic Technologists	\$42,900 - \$64,138	Construction Managers	\$67,844 - \$127,851	Rehabilitation Counselors	\$22,882 - \$39,588

#### **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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