#### **Education Pays**

#### Colorado Labor Market Information

**Labor Market Information** (LMI) in the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment collects and

throughout Colorado. Data are presented in a variety of ways: industry employment and wages, current and

projected industry and occupation levels, occupation

LMI conducts various research projects and assists workforce centers and others with customized regional

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analyzes information about labor market trends

wages, and labor force employment and wages.

information requests.

On-The-Job Training

## Colorado

Know what jobs are expected to have the most openings.

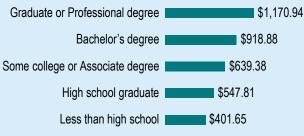


**Central Colorado** 

Based on Occupation Projections through 2022

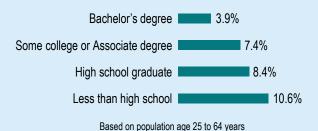
Education and training can benefit workers in their careers. Typically, more education results in higher weekly earnings and lower unemployment rates.

#### Median Weekly Earnings in Colorado



Based on population age 25 years and over with earnings

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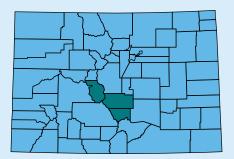
**Unemployment Rates in Colorado** 

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012 American Community Survey

#### **Local Workforce Centers**

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

www.coworkforce.com/EMP/WFCs.asp









On-The-Job Training

### Colorado Careers



#### Central Colorado

Short-Term Training	Wage Range	Moderate-Term Training	Wage Range	Long-Term Training	Wage Range
Combined Food Preparation     & Serving Workers	\$16,943 - \$20,080	Correctional Officers & Jailers     Cooks, Restaurant	\$42,118 - \$50,317	Automotive Service Technicians     & Mechanics	\$18,908 - \$38,689
Waiters & Waitresses	\$17,035 - \$20,300	Cooks, Restaurant	\$17,712 - \$26,347	Business Operations Specialists	\$34,368 - \$66,335
Retail Salespersons	\$17,308 - \$31,855	Bookkeeping, Accounting,     & Auditing Clerks	\$17,087 - \$35,565	First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades & Extraction Workers	\$49,959 - \$69,214
Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	s \$25,204 - \$36,737	Insurance Sales Agents	\$27,668 - \$47,038	Photographers	NA NA
<ul> <li>Landscaping &amp; Groundskeeping Workers</li> </ul>	\$19,756 - \$32,067	First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation & Serving Workers	\$25,469 - \$46,242	Butchers & Meat Cutters	\$24,299 - \$30,275
Janitors & Cleaners, Except Maids     & Housekeeping Cleaners	\$17,950 - \$27,479	<ul> <li>First-Line Supervisors of Correctional Officers</li> </ul>	\$59,073 - \$69,432	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	\$28,831 - \$39,231
Receptionists & Information Clerks	\$18,464 - \$27,483	Operating Engineers & Other Construction Equipment Operators	\$29,566 - \$48,809	Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant & System Operators	\$25,202 - \$46,816
Office Clerks, General	\$18,487 - \$34,344	Managers	\$73,221 - \$96,489	Purchasing Agents, Except Wholesale, Retail, & Farm Products	\$33,363 - \$47,054
Dishwashers	\$17,004 - \$17,561	Maintenance & Repair Workers	\$21,372 - \$36,510	Bus & Truck Mechanics	ψοο,σοσ - ψ+1,σο+
Home Health Aides     Secretaries & Administrative	\$17,006 - \$24,520	First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, & Repairers	\$42,279 - \$57,502	Bus & Huck Mechanics     & Diesel Engine Specialists     Machinists	NA NA \$20,117 - \$40,691
Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, & Executive	\$19,958 - \$33,388	Executive Secretaries & Executive Administrative Assistants	\$31,064 - \$45,176	Buyers & Purchasing Agents, Farm Products	NA NA
Teacher Assistants	\$17,488 - \$25,340	Cement Masons & Concrete Finisher	s \$29,791 - \$37,657	Petroleum Pump System Operators,	
Food Preparation Workers	\$17,021 - \$21,737	Pharmacy Technicians	\$23,143 - \$37,731	Refinery Operators, & Gaugers	NA NA
Bartenders	\$16,982 - \$22,792	Substance Abuse & Behavioral     Disorder Councelors	\$28,046 - \$49,255	Tool & Die Makers	NA NA
Light Truck or Delivery     Services Drivers	¢20.716   ¢47.205	Disorder Counselors		• Bakers	\$17,146 - \$26,028
Services Drivers	\$20,716 - \$47,205	Tire Repairers & Changers	\$17,071 - \$39,270	Rail Car Repairers	NA NA
Short-Term Training: Short demonstration or up to 1 n	nonth work experience/instruction	Moderate-Term Training: 1-12 months combined work	experience/informal training	Long-Term Training: 12 plus months training or combined	work experience/formal classroom instruction

#### **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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