

Education Pays

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

2017 Median Annual Earnings in Colorado

Graduate or Professional degree	\$71,097
Bachelor's degree	\$52,484
Some college or Associate degree	\$36,190
High school graduate	\$30,624
Less than high school	\$23,031

Based on Population 25 years and over with earnings

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017 American Community Survey
1-Year Estimates

Unemployment Rates in Colorado

Bachelor's degree	2.4%
Some college or Associate degree	2.3%
High school graduate	4.2%
Less than high school	2.4%

Based on Population 25 years and over

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics Current Population Survey
October 2017 - September 2018

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.

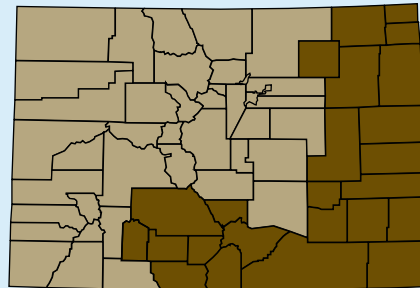
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www.colmigateway.com

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.colorado.gov/pacific/cdle/node/21591



On-The-Job Training

Colorado Careers

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



Eastern & Southern Colorado

*Based on Occupation
Projections through 2027*

On-The-Job Training

Eastern & Southern Colorado

Short-Term Training	Wage Range	Moderate-Term Training	Wage Range	Long-Term Training	Wage Range
• Personal Care Aides	\$20,039 - \$26,100	• Maintenance & Repair Workers	\$23,221 - \$40,305	• Farm Equipment Mechanics & Service Technicians	\$31,851 - \$50,875
• Childcare Workers	\$19,901 - \$27,126	• Operating Engineers & Other Construction Equipment Operators	\$25,231 - \$46,882	• Bus & Truck Mechanics & Diesel Engine Specialists	\$31,295 - \$51,278
• First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	\$27,700 - \$47,605	• Highway Maintenance Workers	\$28,747 - \$42,895	• Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics	\$31,746 - \$48,060
• Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers	\$22,051 - \$41,992	• Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$28,741 - \$54,046	• Automotive Body & Related Repairers	\$19,415 - \$37,532
• Hotel, Motel, & Resort Desk Clerks	\$19,602 - \$27,238	• Packaging & Filling Machine Operators & Tenders	\$19,554 - \$25,694	• Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers	\$55,415 - \$90,986
• Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	\$20,961 - \$35,119	• Sales Representatives, Wholesale & Manufacturing	\$31,305 - \$75,779	• Opticians, Dispensing	\$24,803 - \$37,729
• Nonfarm Animal Caretakers	\$19,779 - \$23,341	• Mixing & Blending Machine Setters, Operators, & Tenders	\$20,202 - \$35,873	• Machinists	\$27,957 - \$46,313
• First-Line Supervisors of Farming, Fishing, & Forestry Workers	\$20,286 - \$54,768	• Welders, Cutters, Solderers, & Brazers	\$29,000 - \$51,423	• Maintenance Workers, Machinery	\$30,913 - \$45,711
• Social & Human Service Assistants	\$23,585 - \$41,920	• Court, Municipal, & License Clerks	\$21,725 - \$42,125	• Gas Plant Operators	\$41,911 - \$64,447
• Recreation Workers	\$20,065 - \$28,747	• Medical Secretaries	\$24,658 - \$37,470	• Claims Adjusters, Examiners, & Investigators	\$44,039 - \$78,010
• First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, & Repairers	\$36,842 - \$74,021	• Pharmacy Technicians	\$21,884 - \$34,546	• Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant & System Operators	\$22,263 - \$41,617
• First-Line Supervisors of Production & Operating Workers	\$43,281 - \$68,835	• Billing & Posting Clerks	\$24,757 - \$37,846		
• Community Health Workers	\$23,765 - \$36,309	• Sales Representatives, Services	\$25,701 - \$80,325		
• Receptionists & Information Clerks	\$21,864 - \$30,012	• Police, Fire, & Ambulance Dispatchers	\$26,138 - \$39,012		
• Bus Drivers, School or Special Client	\$23,022 - \$38,729	• Eligibility Interviewers, Government Programs	\$27,918 - \$48,752		

Short-Term Training: Short demonstration or up to 1 month 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. Each list includes the occupations with the largest projected change in employment. 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.

Labor Market Information
Colorado Department of Labor and Employment

Source: 2017 Occupational Employment Statistics