

Education Pays

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

2018 Median Annual Earnings in Colorado

Graduate or Professional degree	\$68,181
Bachelor's degree	\$54,937
Some college or Associate degree	\$39,129
High school graduate	\$35,013
Less than high school	\$29,312

Based on Population 25 years and over with earnings

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018 American Community Survey
1-Year Estimates

Unemployment Rates in Colorado

Bachelor's degree	3.2%
Some college or Associate degree	4.3%
High school graduate	5.1%
Less than high school	7.1%

Based on Population 25 years and over

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics Current Population Survey
July 2019 - June 2020

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.

For Further Information
colmigateway.com

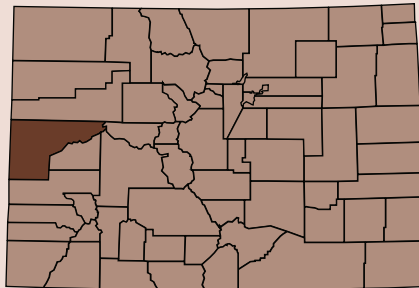
For Further Training
mycoloradojourney.com

For Job Opportunities
connectingcolorado.com

Local Workforce Centers

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

colorado.gov/pacific/cdle/node/21591



On-The-Job Training

Colorado Careers

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



Grand Junction

*Based on Occupation
Projections through 2029*



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On-The-Job Training

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Short-Term Training	Wage Range	Moderate-Term Training	Wage Range	Long-Term Training	Wage Range
• Receptionists & Information Clerks	\$24,095 - \$31,763	• Operating Engineers & Other Construction Equipment Operators	\$34,241 - \$49,719	• Machinists	\$28,010 - \$49,353
• Home Health Aides	\$22,986 - \$27,913	• Sales Representatives, Wholesale & Manufacturing	\$32,972 - \$80,129	• Bus & Truck Mechanics & Diesel Engine Specialists	\$41,463 - \$63,014
• Customer Service Representatives	\$23,268 - \$31,830	• Medical Secretaries	\$28,286 - \$37,948	• Industrial Machinery Mechanics	45658 - 67721
• Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers	\$24,296 - \$44,692	• Maintenance & Repair Workers	\$25,612 - \$42,820	• Automotive Body & Related Repairers	\$26,454 - \$54,805
• Personal Care Aides	\$21,279 - \$24,441	• Billing & Posting Clerks	\$32,104 - \$41,725	• Opticians, Dispensing	\$28,571 - \$38,177
• Office Clerks	\$24,894 - \$42,250	• Sales Representatives, Services	\$28,034 - \$117,387		
• Secretaries & Administrative Assistants	\$24,664 - \$39,892	• Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$53,778 - \$75,608		
• Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	\$22,874 - \$33,302	• Sales & Related Workers	\$23,065 - \$33,704		
• First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation & Serving Workers	\$28,181 - \$43,848	• Welders, Cutters, Solderers, & Brazers	\$33,696 - \$55,585		
• First-Line Supervisors of Production & Operating Workers	\$39,770 - \$72,143	• Painters, Transportation Equipment	\$24,302 - \$44,159		
• Information & Record Clerks	\$32,232 - \$48,647	• Printing Press Operators	\$28,879 - \$35,421		
• Tellers	\$24,467 - \$32,140	• Installation, Maintenance, & Repair Workers	\$31,805 - \$54,294		
• Sales & Related Workers	\$23,065 - \$33,704	• Pharmacy Technicians	\$28,016 - \$37,527		
• First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, & Repairers	\$36,193 - \$76,781	• Medical Equipment Preparers	\$25,717 - \$40,087		
• Fitness Trainers & Aerobics Instructors	\$26,873 - \$35,777	• Court, Municipal, & License Clerks	\$23,169 - \$39,263		
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.

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Source: 2019 Occupational Employment Statistics