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.

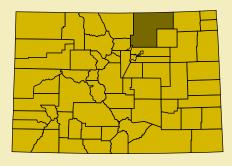
For Further Information www.colmigateway

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



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On-The-Job Training

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Know what jobs are expected to have the most openings.



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Based on Occupation Projections through 2021



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Wage Range

\$45.351 - \$80.463

\$29,065 - \$73,256 \$30,052 - \$49,812

\$30,372 - \$46,543 \$36,686 - \$70,940 \$17,390 - \$26,970

\$32,305 - \$49,383 \$17.306 - \$35.861

\$35.986 - \$64.474

\$24,789 - \$49,983

\$32,717 - \$44,969

\$44,733 - \$78,182

\$39.886 - \$78.088

\$31,131 - \$74,181

\$25,060 - \$50,801

On-The-Job Training

Short-Term Training	Wage Range	Moderate-Term Training	Wage Range	Long-Term Training
Combined Food Preparation & Serving Workers, Including Food	¢17 201 ¢18 004	 Service Unit Operators, Oil, Gas, & Mining 	\$27,813 - \$40,408	First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades & Extraction Workers
Including Fast Food	\$17,201 - \$18,904	Roustabouts, Oil & Gas	\$26,523 - \$39,191	Business Operations Specialists
 Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers 	\$29,443 - \$44,331	Cooks, Restaurant	\$18,256 - \$23,481	Industrial Machinery Mechanics
Waiters & Waitresses	\$17,244 - \$20,235	 Bookkeeping, Accounting, & Auditing Clerks 	\$22,280 - \$40,767	Bus and Truck Mechanics & Diesel Engine Specialists
Construction Laborers	\$23,954 - \$34,209	Wellhead Pumpers	\$41,628 - \$53,125	Purchasing Agents
Cashiers Laborers & Freight, Stock,	\$17,238 - \$20,220	 Sales Representatives, Wholesale & Manufacturing 	\$26,945 - \$77,859	• Bakers
& Material Movers	\$18,204 - \$29,839	Operating Engineers & Other	P	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics
 Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, & Greenhouse 	\$17,197 - \$19,715	Construction Equipment Operators Executive Secretaries & Executive 	\$32,230 - \$42,637	Coaches and Scouts
Customer Service Representatives	\$19,359 - \$37,176	Administrative Assistants	\$33,100 - \$54,346	Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant & System Operators
Retail Salespersons	\$17,552 - \$32,459	 Welders, Cutters, Solderers, & Brazers 	\$30,374 - \$41,510	Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics
Secretaries & Administrative		Construction & Building Inspectors	\$45,649 - \$66,747	
Assistants	\$22,349 - \$35,556	Maintenance & Repair Workers	\$22,518 - \$46,179	Farm Equipment Mechanics & Service Technicians
Sales Representatives, Services	\$17,428 - \$75,433	First-Line Supervisors of Office		First-Line Supervisors of Non-Retail
Teacher Assistants	\$19,778 - \$25,263	& Administrative Support Workers	\$35,882 - \$66,181	Sales Workers
Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers	\$19,032 - \$30,735	First-Line Supervisors of Transportation & Material-Moving Machine & Vehicle Operators	\$32,690 - \$72,459	Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers
Janitors & Cleaners	\$17,698 - \$27,622	Managers	\$59,579 - \$108,072	Wholesale & Retail Buyers
Office Clerks, General	\$18,793 - \$33,028	Insurance Sales Agents	\$30,704 - \$59,675	Real Estate Sales Agents

Short-Term Training: Short demonstration or up to 1 month work experience/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:

Moderate-Term Training: 1-12 months combined work experience/informal training

- 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

Long-Term Training: 12 plus months training or combined work experience/formal classroom instruction

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