

Education Pays

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

Graduate or Professional degree	\$1,187.12
Bachelor's degree	\$901.75
Some college or Associate degree	\$646.04
High school graduate	\$577.13
Less than high school	\$415.85

Based on population age 25 years and over with earnings

Unemployment Rates in Colorado

Bachelor's degree	3.6%
Some college or Associate degree	5.8%
High school graduate	7.6%
Less than high school	9.7%

Based on population age 25 to 64 years

Source: U.S. Census Bureau,
2013 American Community Survey

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.

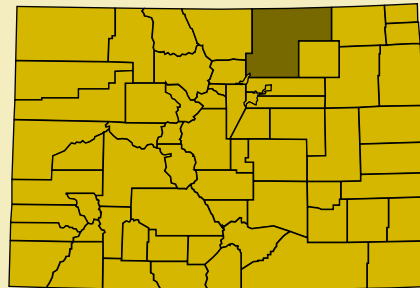
For Further Information
www.colmigateway.com

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



On-The-Job Training

Colorado Careers

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



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*Based on Occupation
Projections through 2023*

On-The-Job Training

Short-Term Training	Wage Range	Moderate-Term Training	Wage Range	Long-Term Training	Wage Range
• Construction Laborers	\$22,251 - \$30,991	• Service Unit Operators, Oil, Gas, & Mining	\$30,359 - \$47,143	• Maintenance & Repair Workers	\$24,754 - \$46,147
• Secretaries & Administrative Assistants	\$22,906 - \$37,067	• Operating Engineers & Other Construction Equipment Operators	\$33,074 - \$47,113	• Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	\$25,435 - \$47,224
• Combined Food Preparation & Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	\$17,458 - \$18,594	• Bookkeeping, Accounting, & Auditing Clerks	\$24,388 - \$42,038	• Butchers & Meat Cutters	\$25,528 - \$30,901
• Customer Service Representatives	\$19,879 - \$30,394	• Business Operations Specialists	\$31,657 - \$80,036	• Bus & Truck Mechanics & Diesel Engine Specialists	\$31,399 - \$49,873
• Retail Salespersons	\$18,551 - \$35,320	• Welders, Cutters, Solderers, & Brazers	\$32,131 - \$42,911	• Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$27,787 - \$53,746
• Laborers & Freight, Stock, & Material Movers	\$18,551 - \$29,376	• Cooks, Restaurant	\$17,430 - \$21,999	• Purchasing Agents	\$33,795 - \$64,046
• Office Clerks, General	\$19,456 - \$39,241	• Cement Masons & Concrete Finishers	\$32,870 - \$40,118	• Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics	\$27,409 - \$47,516
• Cashiers	\$17,529 - \$22,040	• Wellhead Pumpers	\$43,337 - \$57,151	• Photographers	\$21,086 - \$31,462
• Waiters & Waitresses	\$17,477 - \$19,643	• Paving, Surfacing, & Tamping Equipment Operators	\$26,518 - \$42,926	• Bakers	\$17,196 - \$22,743
• Janitors & Cleaners	\$19,804 - \$29,676	• Dispatchers, Except Police, Fire, & Ambulance	\$23,512 - \$49,031	• Machinists	\$28,479 - \$49,655
• Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers	\$19,422 - \$36,738	• Painters, Construction & Maintenance	\$25,280 - \$39,345	• Farm Equipment Mechanics & Service Technicians	\$30,322 - \$46,341
• Business Operations Specialists	\$31,657 - \$80,036	• Insurance Sales Agents	\$28,681 - \$82,233	• Real Estate Sales Agents	\$24,761 - \$72,545
• Farmworkers & Laborers, Crop, Nursery, & Greenhouse	\$17,423 - \$21,032	• Cabinetmakers & Bench Carpenters	\$25,955 - \$37,339	• Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant & System Operators	\$35,765 - \$54,288
• Sales Representatives, Services	\$19,877 - \$75,608	• Parts Salespersons	\$21,363 - \$38,091	• Wholesale & Retail Buyers	\$26,671 - \$61,286
• Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers	\$19,311 - \$32,500	• Helpers-Installation, Maintenance, & Repair Workers	\$24,829 - \$31,826	• Opticians, Dispensing	\$18,813 - \$35,512

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. 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.