### **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.

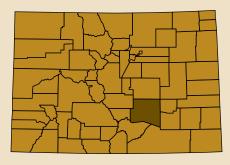
#### For Further Information www.colmigateway

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



# On-The-Job Training

Colorado Careers

Know what jobs are expected to have the most openings.



## Pueblo

Based on Occupation Projections through 2021









Short-Term Training

# Careers



Wage Range

### On-The-Job Training

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Home Health Aides	\$17,184 - \$19,301
Combined Food Preparation     & Serving Workers, Including	
Fast Food	\$17,327 - \$18,129
Personal Care Aides	\$17,099 - \$20,099
Customer Service Representatives	\$17,106 - \$26,638
Cashiers	\$17,233 - \$20,719
Retail Salespersons	\$17,269 - \$28,353
Waiters & Waitresses	\$17,293 - \$20,176
Refuse and Recyclable     Material Collectors	\$18,835 - \$30,942
Receptionists & Information Clerks	\$18,636 - \$26,414
Childcare Workers	\$17,109 - \$20,980
Janitors and Cleaners	\$17,276 - \$27,009
<ul> <li>Landscaping &amp; Groundskeeping Workers</li> </ul>	\$17,134 - \$29,845
Teacher Assistants	\$22,907 - \$32,685
Office Clerks, General	\$18,161 - \$34,417
Construction Laborers	\$24,552 - \$35,251

Wage Range

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!

Moderate-Term Training	Wage Range
Bill & Account Collectors	\$16,848 - \$20,073
Medical Secretaries	\$20,304 - \$30,542
Cooks, Restaurant	\$18,184 - \$27,019
<ul> <li>First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers</li> </ul>	\$25,529 - \$46,898
<ul> <li>Bookkeeping, Accounting, &amp; Auditing Clerks</li> </ul>	\$21,261 - \$37,006
Structural Metal Fabricators & Fitters	\$21,487 - \$31,774
Pharmacy Technicians	\$22,756 - \$33,800
First-Line Supervisors of Office     & Administrative Support Workers	\$29,007 - \$53,911
Maintenance & Repair Workers	\$21,365 - \$37,955
Operating Engineers & Other Construction Equipment Operators	\$33,308 - \$52,170
Cement Masons & Concrete Finishers	\$28,266 - \$43,660
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, & Brazers	\$25,779 - \$45,353
Medical Assistants	\$22,151 - \$29,958
Substance Abuse & Behavioral Disorder Counselors	\$24,424 - \$38,599
Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$47,219 - \$69,821
Moderate-Term Training: 1-12 months combined work es	xperience/informal training

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.

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Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$42,381 - \$55,291
Business Operations Specialists	\$37,018 - \$73,776
First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades & Extraction Workers	\$41,196 - \$68,781
Butchers & Meat Cutters	\$16,858 - \$30,815
Opticians, Dispensing	\$23,257 - \$34,558
Machinists	\$20,664 - \$34,320
• Bakers	\$17,526 - \$30,378
Real Estate Sales Agents	\$38,228 - \$82,600
Wholesale & Retail Buyers	\$31,566 - \$88,702
Transportation, Storage, & Distribution Managers	\$65,561 - \$103,178
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics	\$33,456 - \$44,275
Locksmiths & Safe Repairers	\$20,246 - \$32,335
First-Line Supervisors of Non-Retail Sales Workers	\$26,953 - \$51,547
Photographers	\$16,940 - \$34,361
Purchasing Agents	\$39,628 - \$64,982

**Long-Term Training** 

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

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.

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