## **Education Pays**

#### Colorado Labor Market Information

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



## **Unemployment Rates in Colorado**



Based on population age 25 to 64 years

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 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.

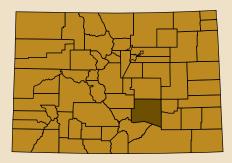
# For Further Information www.colmigateway.com

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 areers** 

Know what jobs are expected to have the most openings.



# Pueblo

Based on Occupation Projections through 2023



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# Careers

Wage Range

Moderate-Term Training



Wage Range

Pueblo

# On-The-Job Training

Short-Term Training	Wage Range
Customer Service Representatives	\$19,364 - \$28,288
Home Health Aides	\$17,506 - \$20,493
<ul> <li>Combined Food Preparation</li> <li>&amp; Serving Workers,</li> <li>Including Fast Food</li> </ul>	\$17,400 - \$18,450
Personal Care Aides	\$17,413 - \$20,102
Secretaries     & Administrative Assistants	\$20,398 - \$35,855
Janitors & Cleaners	\$17,995 - \$26,965
Retail Salespersons	\$17,528 - \$29,700
Cashiers	\$17,476 - \$22,070
Telemarketers	\$17,662 - \$19,301
Waiters & Waitresses	\$17,456 - \$18,101
Receptionists & Information Clerks	\$19,480 - \$27,763
Construction Laborers	\$19,884 - \$32,407
First-Line Supervisors of Office     & Administrative Support Workers	\$31,608 - \$52,393
Business Operations Specialists	\$38,769 - \$73,426
Interviewers	\$17,561 - \$22,839

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Medical Secretaries	\$20,050 - \$30,876
<ul> <li>Bookkeeping, Accounting, &amp; Auditing Clerks</li> </ul>	\$20,310 - \$37,339
Cooks, Restaurant	\$17,435 - \$21,048
Business Operations Specialists	\$38,769 - \$73,426
Correctional Officers & Jailers	\$36,829 - \$48,994
Operating Engineers & Other Construction Equipment Operators	\$32,229 - \$48,756
Pharmacy Technicians	\$24,746 - \$32,780
<ul> <li>Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, &amp; Weighers</li> </ul>	\$23,014 - \$44,174
Insurance Sales Agents	\$20,142 - \$62,147
Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$49,296 - \$69,094
Cement Masons     & Concrete Finishers	\$22,692 - \$38,872
Health Technologists & Technicians	\$24,975 - \$45,817
Court, Municipal, & License Clerks	\$23,319 - \$35,647
Crane & Tower Operators	\$40,796 - \$48,928
<ul> <li>Eligibility Interviewers, Government Programs</li> </ul>	\$28,678 - \$40,887

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.

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Maintenance & Repair Workers	\$20,842 - \$38,011
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	NA - NA
Machinists	\$23,976 - \$36,503
Opticians, Dispensing	\$17,510 - \$25,985
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics	\$34,071 - \$48,942
Purchasing Agents	\$37,841 - \$64,141
• Bakers	\$20,874 - \$30,523
Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant     & System Operators	\$34,419 - \$54,290
Bus & Truck Mechanics     & Diesel Engine Specialists	\$27,563 - \$47,377
<ul> <li>Claims Adjusters, Examiners, &amp; Investigators</li> </ul>	\$56,434 - \$74,314
Automotive Service Technicians     & Mechanics	\$22,395 - \$42,287
Butchers & Meat Cutters	\$23,173 - \$38,659
Photographers	\$17,745 - \$28,876
Precision Instrument     & Equipment Repairers	NA - NA
• Buyers & Purchasing Agents, Farm Products	NA - NA

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. 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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