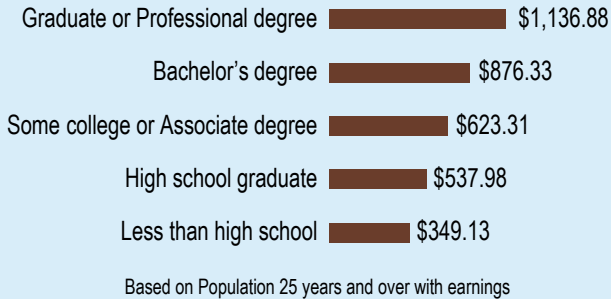


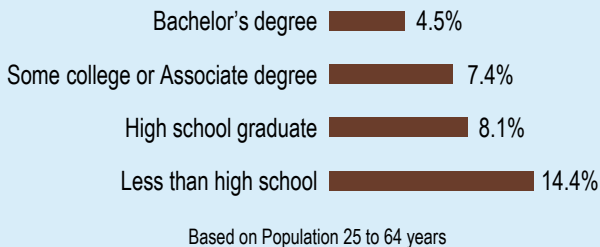
Education Pays

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



Source: U.S. Census Bureau,
2009 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.

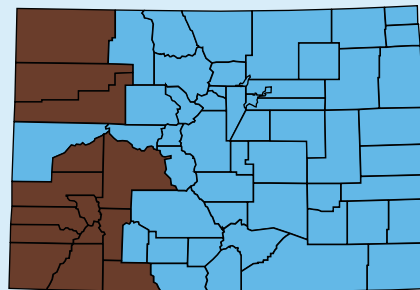
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www.coworkforce.com/LMIGateway

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
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On-The-Job Training

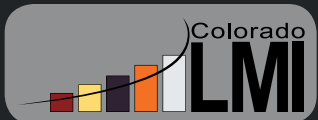
Colorado Careers

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



Western Colorado

*Based on Occupation
Projections through 2020*



On-The-Job Training

Western Colorado

Short-Term Training	Wage Range	Moderate-Term Training	Wage Range	Long-Term Training	Wage Range
• Personal & Home Care Aides	\$17,159 - \$23,302	• Roustabouts, Oil & Gas	\$29,863 - \$41,466	• First-Line Managers of Construction Trades & Extraction Workers	\$46,917 - \$85,590
• Combined Food Preparation & Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	\$17,079 - \$23,898	• Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	\$34,276 - \$48,883	• Executive Secretaries & Administrative Assistants	\$29,905 - \$48,536
• Retail Salespersons	\$17,701 - \$33,278	• Bookkeeping, Accounting, & Auditing Clerks	\$20,547 - \$37,530	• Sales Representatives, Wholesale & Manufacturing, Except Technical & Scientific Products	\$28,381 - \$73,903
• Janitors & Cleaners, Except Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	\$19,407 - \$28,471	• Construction Laborers	\$23,017 - \$37,101	• Gas Plant Operators	\$48,814 - \$63,222
• Helpers--Extraction Workers	\$36,562 - \$57,548	• Operating Engineers & Other Construction Equipment Operators	\$30,982 - \$55,442	• Sales Representatives, Services, All Other	\$27,864 - \$70,079
• Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers	\$22,893 - \$33,492	• Customer Service Representatives	\$21,181 - \$35,053	• First-Line Managers of Retail Sales Workers	\$24,403 - \$44,874
• Receptionists & Information Clerks	\$19,502 - \$30,077	• Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, & Executive	\$23,366 - \$35,991	• Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$33,108 - \$57,182
• Food Preparation Workers	\$18,219 - \$25,390	• Earth Drillers, Except Oil & Gas	\$39,353 - \$49,176	• Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	\$36,918 - \$53,972
• Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services	\$24,926 - \$40,412	• Medical Assistants	\$24,428 - \$41,349	• Plumbers, Pipefitters, & Steamfitters	\$32,423 - \$56,439
• Child Care Workers	\$17,070 - \$27,494	• Medical Secretaries	\$24,016 - \$32,124	• Compliance Officers, Except Agriculture, Construction, Health & Safety, & Transportation	\$40,480 - \$80,125
• Office Clerks, General	\$17,880 - \$32,240	• Dental Assistants	\$29,200 - \$38,708	• Electricians	\$35,355 - \$56,839
• Teacher Assistants	\$20,193 - \$29,743	• Social & Human Service Assistants	\$16,594 - \$27,748	• Managers, All Other	\$49,863 - \$89,799
• Counter & Rental Clerks	\$17,054 - \$27,021	• Mine Cutting & Channeling Machine Operators	\$44,341 - \$63,621	• Water & Liquid Waste Treatment Plant & System Operators	\$34,723 - \$57,488
• Waiters & Waitresses	\$16,196 - \$23,370	• Cooks, Institution & Cafeteria	\$18,669 - \$31,164	• Correctional Officers & Jailers	\$33,852 - \$44,482
• Laborers & Freight, Stock, & Material Movers, Hand	\$20,271 - \$31,993	• Billing & Posting Clerks & Machine Operators	\$23,504 - \$37,641	• Cooks, Restaurant	\$18,853 - \$30,003

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. 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.