

Education Pays

Education and training can benefit workers in their careers. Typically, more education results in higher weekly earnings and lower unemployment rates.

2016 Median Annual Earnings in Colorado

Graduate or Professional degree	\$70,121
Bachelor's degree	\$51,676
Some college or Associate degree	\$35,406
High school graduate	\$29,969
Less than high school	\$21,839

Based on Population 25 years and over with earnings

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016 American Community Survey
1-Year Estimates

Unemployment Rates in Colorado

Bachelor's degree	1.9%
Some college or Associate degree	2.0%
High school graduate	3.2%
Less than high school	4.8%

Based on Population 25 years and over

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics Current Population Survey
September 2016 - August 2017

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

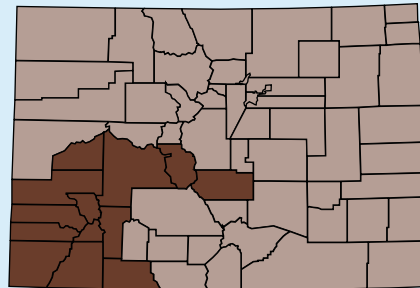
For Further Training
www.collegeincolorado.org

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.*



Southwest Colorado

*Based on Occupation
Projections through 2026*

On-The-Job Training

Southwest Colorado

Short-Term Training	Wage Range	Moderate-Term Training	Wage Range	Long-Term Training	Wage Range
• Secretaries & Administrative Assistants	\$22,411 - \$38,432	• Correctional Officers & Jailers	\$41,538 - \$51,168	• Maintenance & Repair Workers	\$21,433 - \$44,784
• Office Clerks	\$23,670 - \$42,197	• Operating Engineers & Other Construction Equipment Operators	\$37,383 - \$51,105	• Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$39,150 - \$74,194
• First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	\$27,003 - \$53,724	• Court, Municipal, & License Clerks	\$26,790 - \$42,214	• Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant & System Operators	\$34,165 - \$52,594
• Receptionists & Information Clerks	\$21,574 - \$31,118	• Sales Representatives, Services	\$27,962 - \$67,543	• Machinists	\$28,640 - \$51,728
• First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation & Serving Workers	\$24,521 - \$47,667	• Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$41,340 - \$61,419	• Bus & Truck Mechanics & Diesel Engine Specialists	\$28,990 - \$47,958
• Childcare Workers	\$19,958 - \$26,532	• Sales Representatives, Wholesale & Manufacturing	\$27,081 - \$73,500	• Opticians, Dispensing	\$28,537 - \$42,503
• Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers	\$22,562 - \$45,169	• Medical Secretaries	\$25,904 - \$36,949	• Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics	\$38,951 - \$56,153
• Recreation Workers	\$20,544 - \$39,294	• Health Technologists & Technicians	\$27,668 - \$40,473	• Photographers	\$18,781 - \$53,565
• Customer Service Representatives	\$24,987 - \$39,315	• Billing & Posting Clerks	\$28,143 - \$41,443	• Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers	\$70,716 - \$87,656
• Health Technologists & Technicians	\$27,668 - \$40,473	• Highway Maintenance Workers	\$33,288 - \$49,234	• Farm Equipment Mechanics & Service Technicians	\$31,604 - \$57,796
• First-Line Supervisors of Personal Service Workers	\$25,598 - \$46,182	• Pharmacy Technicians	\$25,880 - \$36,922	• Telecommunications Line Installers & Repairers	\$39,479 - \$76,322
• Self-Enrichment Education Teachers	\$21,795 - \$62,109	• Legal Secretaries	\$28,849 - \$45,422	• Automotive Body & Related Repairers	\$40,599 - \$60,580
• Security Guards	\$22,109 - \$38,901	• Structural Metal Fabricators & Fitters	\$31,430 - \$43,976	• Molders, Shapers, & Casters	\$28,228 - \$34,346
• First-Line Supervisors of Housekeeping & Janitorial Workers	\$38,171 - \$55,849	• Welders, Cutters, Solderers, & Brazers	\$37,194 - \$60,669	• Power Distributors & Dispatchers	\$74,158 - \$80,178
• Hotel, Motel, & Resort Desk Clerks	\$18,888 - \$22,942	• Sales & Related Workers	\$22,246 - \$40,644	• Plant & System Operators	\$46,745 - \$69,638

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.

Labor Market Information
Colorado Department of Labor and Employment

Source: 2016 Occupational Employment Statistics