

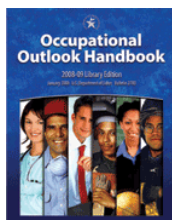


Job Market Information

When it comes to choosing careers and majors, it's important to know what those areas are REALLY all about. Not only should a career fit your interests and personality, but you also need to determine other factors such as:

- **Education**--is a Certificate or Associate's degree required for this career? Do I need to eventually transfer and earn a Bachelor's degree (or more)?
- **Salary**--how much will this job pay depending on my level of education and experience?
- **Physical environment**--am I outside all day? Do I work with people or alone?
- **Skills and abilities**--do I have the skills needed to do this job or do I need additional training?
- **Experience level**--will I need to get experience before graduation in addition to my academic program?

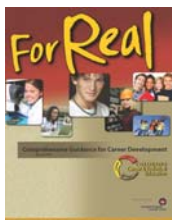
These resources will help you to answer those questions and more!



Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH): The OOH provides accurate and current information about hundreds of specific jobs, included educational level, skills, work environments, salary, and labor market trends. This resource is a **MUST** for career exploration!



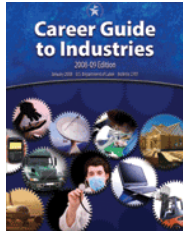
O*NET: This resource can help you connect your interests, skills, and abilities to careers that have the same attributes. This resource also has salary and labor market information, which can be narrowed down by state and metropolitan area. Another **MUST!**



For Real – Comprehensive Guidance for Career Development: Colorado Career & Technical Education believes the career development process for students of any age includes: Awareness; Exploration; Concentration; Preparation and Life-Long Career Management. The purpose of this handbook is to provide the resources and tools necessary for Colorado's P-20 education system to expand guidance of all students through this process toward successful 21st Century careers.



Plans of Study: Colorado Career & Technical Education (CTE) believes that every student should be on a path that leads to career success, through seamless plans of study fostering academic and technical achievement, to develop a globally competitive workforce for Colorado. Use of this model will enhance Colorado's ability to grow a globally competitive workforce.



Career Guides to Industry: These guides will tell you more about different industry clusters (EX: healthcare, manufacturing, education), specific job titles within an industry, required training and education, job prospects, and working conditions. This is a great place to learn about other job titles that are related to your current career interests.



America's Career InfoNet: This site has great information on job search strategies, career tools for specific industries, and postings for jobs working for the Federal Government. The site also has great **VIDEOS** on over 500 different career options!



Colorado Wage and Labor Market information: This site has labor market information for specific geographic regions within Colorado.

Brochures in PDF Format: This link has Top Jobs, Jobs Requiring Higher Education, and Jobs Requiring On-the-Job Training information for specific geographic regions within Colorado.



Workforce Centers provide a variety of free services to assist employers and job seekers alike. These include: job listings, computer & internet access, career counseling & training for job seekers; and recruitment of workers, pre-screening & referral services, tax credits, and training reimbursement for employers. Customers can choose either self-service or staff-assisted options to meet their employment needs.

Connecting Colorado: A place where individuals seeking employment and businesses seeking employees can be matched and brought together to fit each other's needs. The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment provides this site as a free resource to job seekers and employers who wish to use the Colorado Workforce Center system through a convenient and secure method.



Career Key: This guide shows examples of potential job titles based on results from the Strong Interest Inventory and its 6 job categories: Realistic, Investigative, Artistic, Social, Enterprising, and Conventional.

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e-Colorado: Use Colorado's knowledge-based portal to access workforce tools and resources for timely information about careers, employment, education and training, technology, policy and legislation, and more.

Rural Resources



The Colorado Rural Workforce Consortium is one of the nine federally designated workforce regions in the state of Colorado. The region serves 52 rural counties by providing a wide array of employment and training services at *no charge*. These services are provided to both job seekers and employers throughout 11 sub regions and 35 offices.

Denver Metro Specific Information



Labor trends in Metro Denver: If you are looking to stay in the Greater Denver area and want to see what "job clusters" are growing, this is a great resource!



Aerospace, Bioscience, Energy, and IT/Software in Metro Denver: Check out information on careers in these budding industries in the Greater Denver area.
