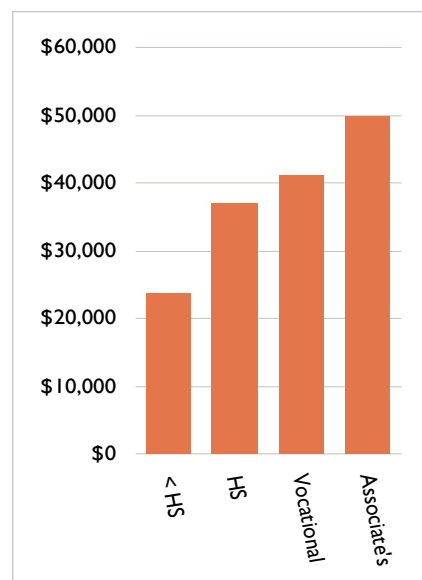


Education Will Pay You Back—For a Lifetime



- Adjusting for inflation, students receive an 11.0% average annual return on their educational investment in one of the 13 colleges within the Colorado Community College System.
- The lifetime earnings of the average Colorado Community College System student will increase \$3.10 over the course of his or her working career for every dollar invested in their community college education (in the form of tuition, fees, and forgone earnings).
- The average annual income of the typical associate’s degree graduate from a Colorado Community College at the mid-point of his or her career is \$49,900, 35% more than someone with a high school diploma.
- Over the course of a working lifetime, associate’s degree graduates from a Colorado Community College earn \$502,100 more than someone with a high school diploma (undiscounted).

Average Earnings by Degree



Education Is Your Ticket to a Better Job

- By 2021 it is anticipated that there will be about 886,600 new and replacement jobs available in the state of Colorado.
- About 34% of these jobs will require an education level equal to an associate’s degree or greater.
- Another 7% of available jobs in 2021 will require some kind of post-secondary certificate or vocational award.

