7th Annual Economic Impact Report
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Our Story

The most valid and reliable way to measure the economic impact of workforce investment boards and their operators is to measure the difference in earnings between those who used the workforce development system in their job search and those who did not. Our model uses employment data reported by Social Security Number to the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment to determine this difference in earnings.
The Difference is the Value-Add

The Difference in Earnings

$15,927 more per year

The average earnings of persons using Arapahoe/Douglas Works! to find work between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015: $51,726

People using Arapahoe/Douglas Works! in their job search earned an average of $15,927 more per year than those who did not.

The average annual wage of persons NOT using a workforce center in their job search: $35,799

Sources: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment & U.S. Census Bureau Quarterly Workforce Indicators

Each time an Arapahoe/Douglas Works! customer entered employment last year, another $15,927 was added to the regional economy. The total value added to the regional economy by the Arapahoe/Douglas Workforce Investment Board was:

$286.8 million
For every public dollar invested by the Arapahoe/Douglas Workforce Investment Board, the return was $30.59 in increased economic activity.
Service Statistics

The workforce center offers an array of tools to support local job seekers, including resources and workshops for self-directed job search, one-on-one employment counseling, training assistance, professional assessments, hiring events, labor market and career pathway information and walk-in youth and adult resource centers with available computers, internet access, fax and copy machines.

- Visits to Arapahoe/Douglas Works! offices: 62,001
- Unique customers registered in Arapahoe/Douglas Region: 23,848
- Average number of center visits: 2.59
- Cost per customer: $393.12
- Cost/benefit ratio: $30.59

Most Popular Workforce Center Services

- Resource Center Services (RC): 63,001
- Job Search Assistance (JS): 61,916
- Job Search Workshops: 15,624
- Labor Market Information: 10,513
- Vocational Guidance: 9,611

Source: Connecting Colorado Agent Report, PY14, AR Region
During the next year, the Arapahoe/Douglas Workforce Board is committed to raising wage outcomes from its programs into the second quintile through enhanced services, including additional training.