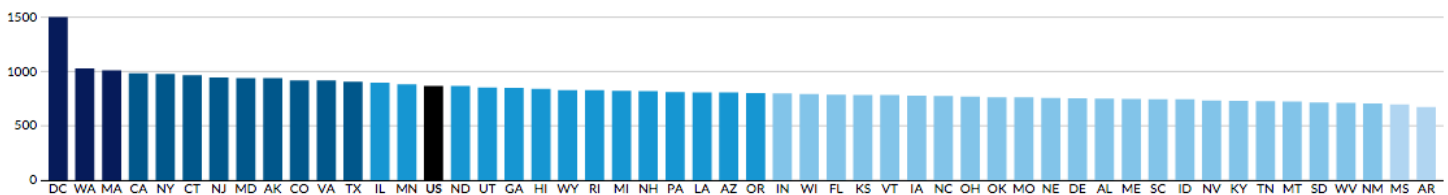


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Tracking monthly state data on average weekly earnings for all US private employees.

Average Weekly Earnings, Private Employment (dollars)

National real weekly earnings (i.e., earnings adjusted for inflation) for all US private employees averaged \$868 in February 2015.

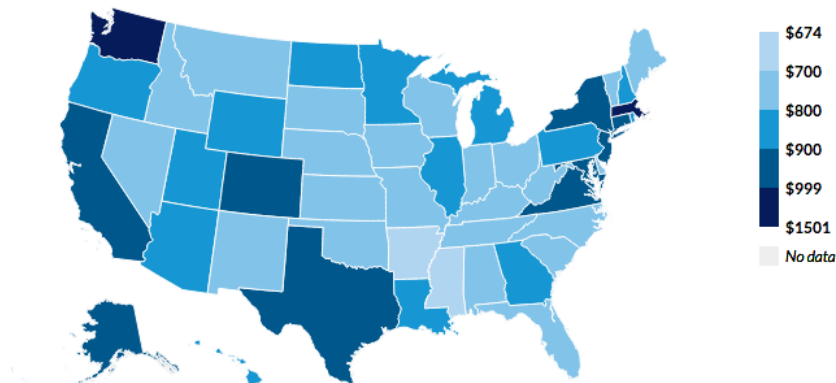


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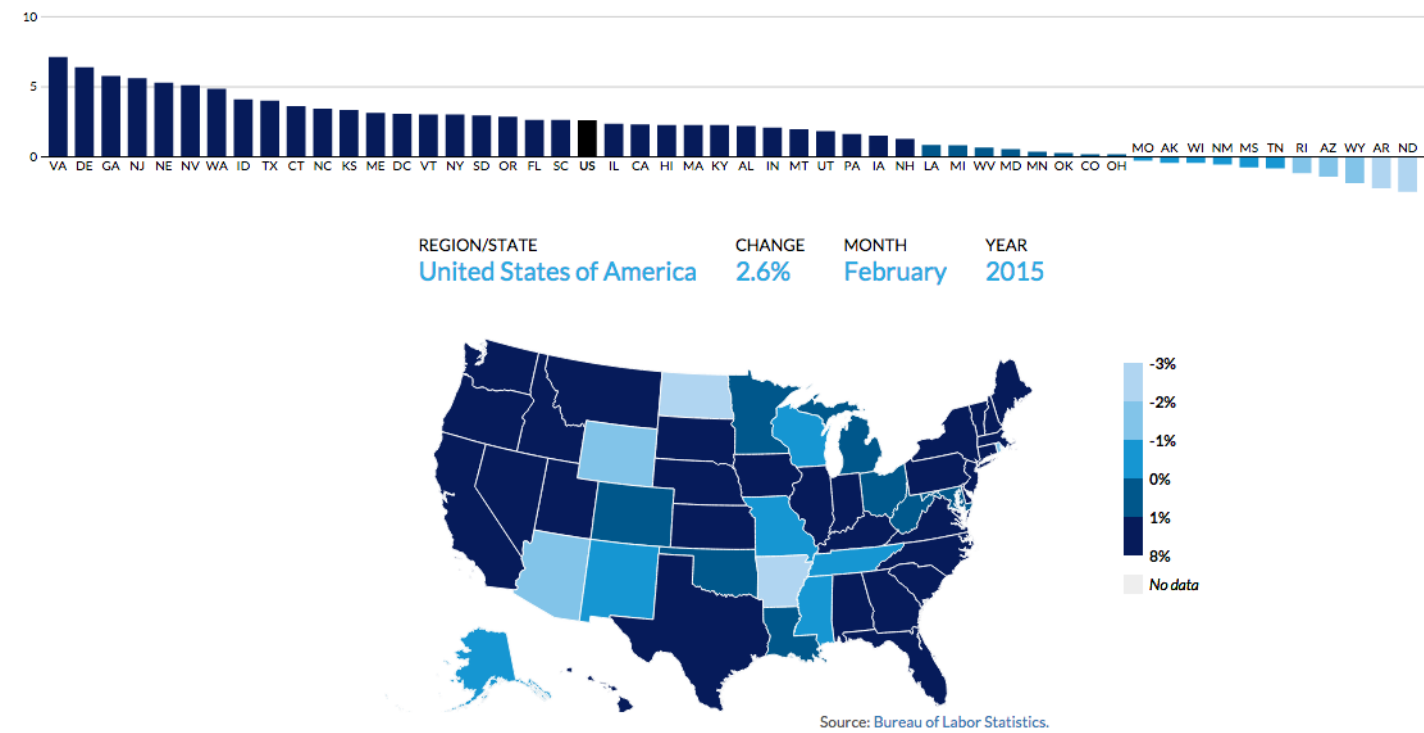


Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

National average weekly earnings for all US private employees averaged \$868 in February 2015. Among the 50 states, average weekly earnings ranged from \$674 in Arkansas to \$1,028 in Washington. The District of Columbia's average weekly earnings were \$1,501. Arkansas and Mississippi (\$698) were the only states with average weekly earnings under \$700. New Mexico (\$706), West Virginia (\$711), and South Dakota (\$715) were the next three lowest states. Five states had average weekly earnings above \$950: Washington, Massachusetts (\$1,010), California (\$985), New York (\$979), and Connecticut (\$965).

Changes in Real Average Weekly Earnings, Private Employment (percent change year over year)

National real (inflation adjusted) average weekly earnings increased by 2.6 percent from February 2014 to February 2015.



National real (inflation-adjusted) average weekly earnings in February 2015 increased 2.6 percent compared with February 2014. Eleven states saw real average weekly earnings fall over the year. North Dakota (-2.5 percent), Arkansas (-2.2 percent), and Wyoming (-1.9 percent) had the biggest declines. On the other end of the spectrum, nine states—led by Virginia (7.1 percent), Delaware (6.4 percent), and Georgia (5.8 percent)—had real earnings growth of 4 percent or more.