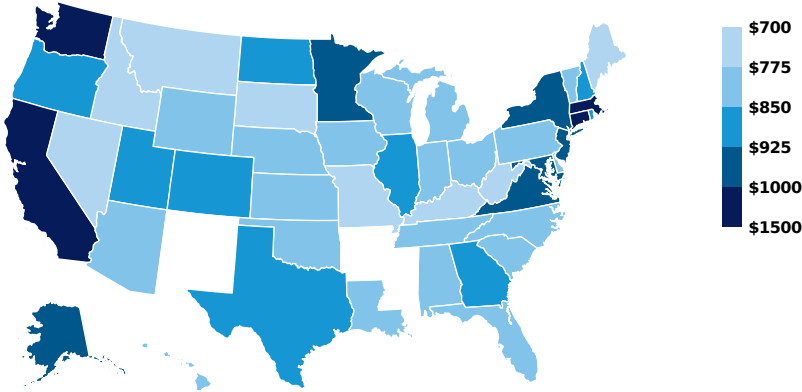
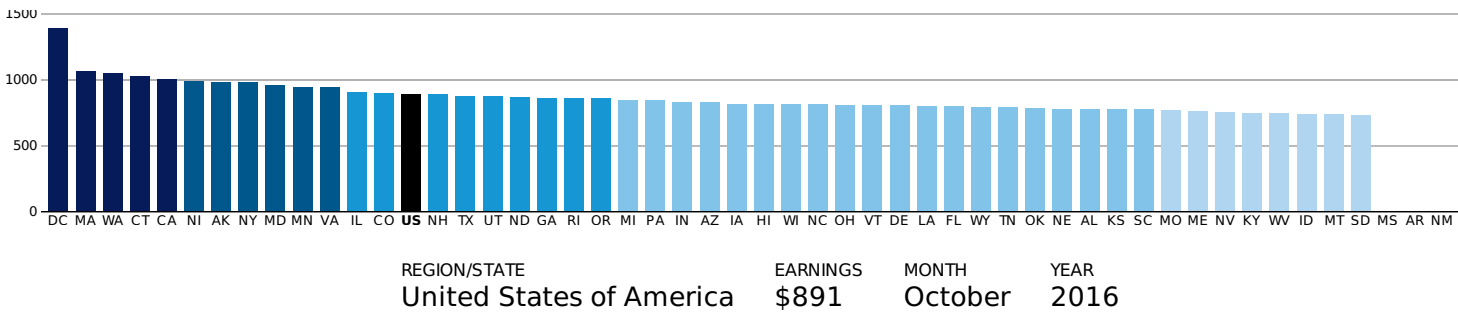


EARNINGS

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 \$891 in October 2016.

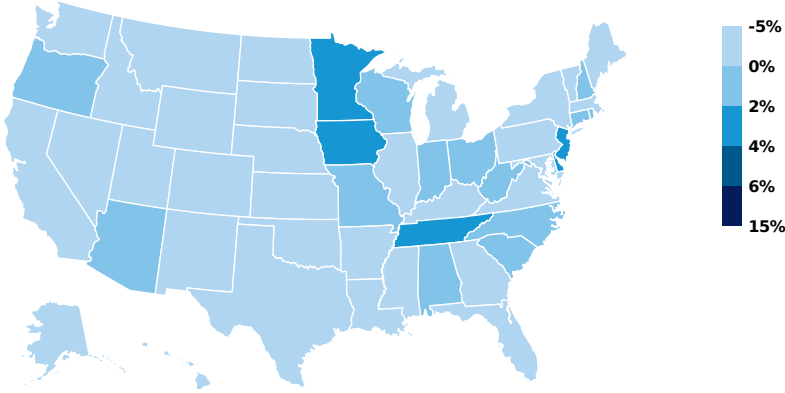
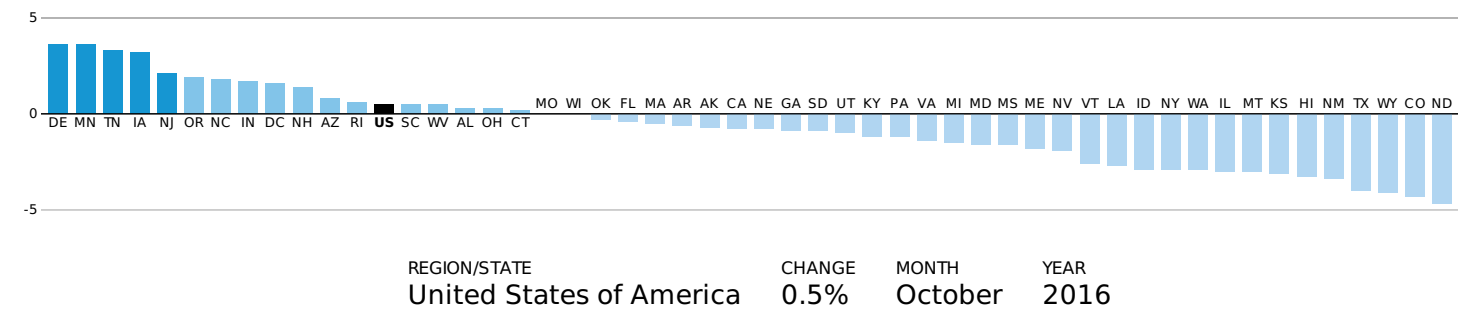


Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics. (<http://www.bls.gov/sae/home.htm>)

National weekly earnings for all US private employees averaged \$892 in October 2016. Among the 50 states, average weekly earnings ranged from \$706 in Arkansas to \$1,088 in Washington. As is typical, average weekly earnings in the District of Columbia (DC) were higher than in all states, at \$1,464. Thirty-five states had average weekly earnings below the national average. Beyond Arkansas, average earnings were lowest in New Mexico (\$707), Montana (\$709), Mississippi (\$720), and West Virginia (\$749). Average weekly earnings were closest to the national average in Oregon (\$888) and Texas (\$900). After DC and Washington, the highest average weekly earnings were in Massachusetts (\$1,076), Connecticut (\$1,055), California (\$1,036), and Alaska (\$1,008).

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

National real (inflation adjusted) average weekly earnings increased 0.5 percent from October 2015 to October 2016.



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics. (<http://www.bls.gov/sae/home.htm>)

National real (inflation-adjusted) average weekly earnings in October 2016 were 0.9 percent higher than in October 2015. The largest decline from a year ago was in Montana (-3.5 percent). The only other states that saw declines in real average earnings also have natural resource– dependent economies: Wyoming (-1.8 percent), North Dakota (-1.0 percent), and New Mexico (-0.6 percent). However, another resource–dependent state, Alaska, saw a 1.9 percent increase in real average weekly earnings (after a year of declines (<http://apps.urban.org/features/state-economic-monitor/historical.html>)). The largest increase in real average earnings was in DC (13.1 percent) in part because DC’s real earnings were well below average last year (<http://apps.urban.org/features/state-economic-monitor/historical.html>). The states with the largest increases were Oregon (9.0 percent), Delaware (7.9 percent), and Tennessee (6.1 percent). In total, 46 states and DC saw real earnings growth from October 2015 to October 2016.

