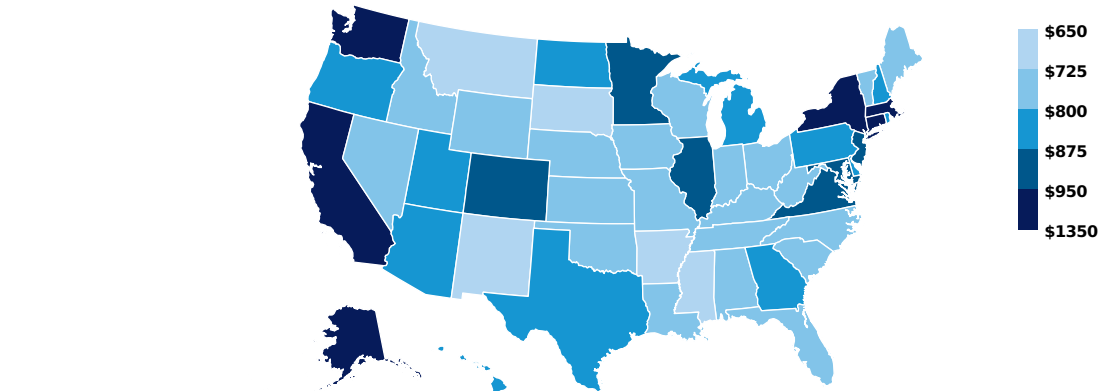
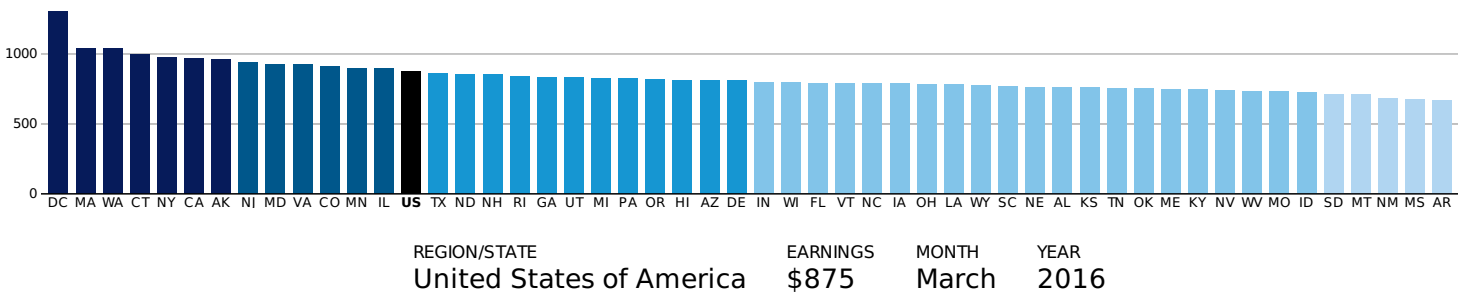


# EARNINGS

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 \$875 in March 2016.

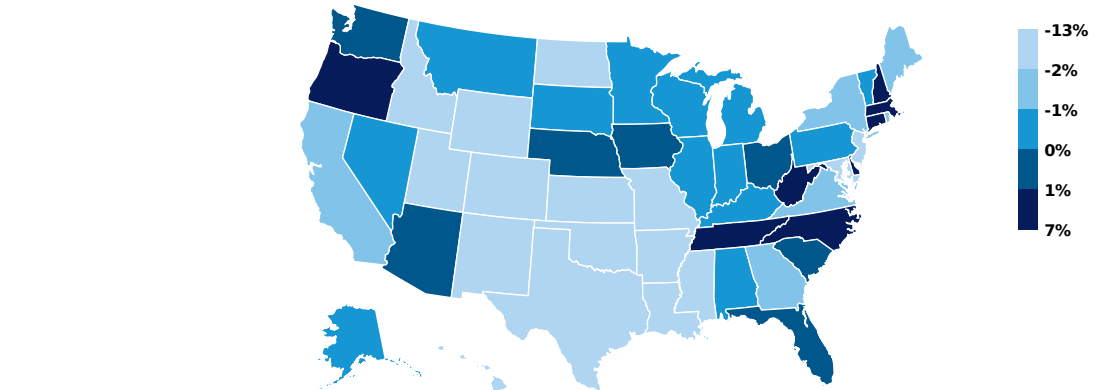
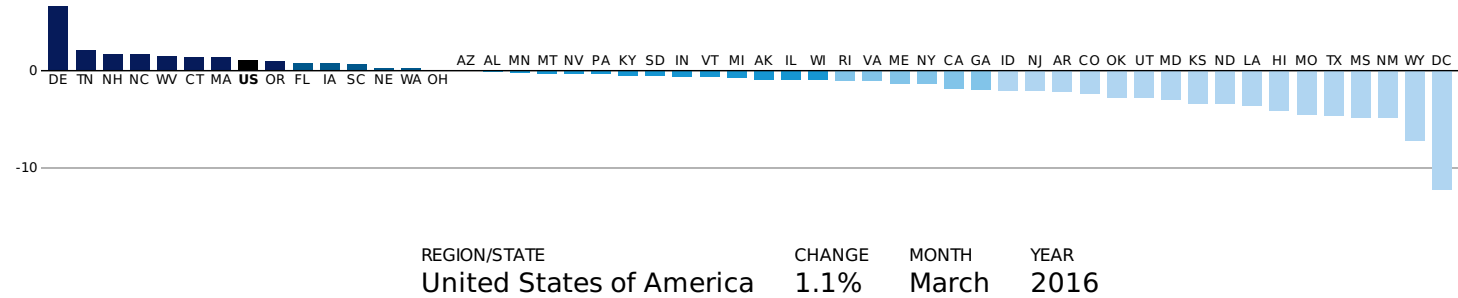


Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics. (<http://www.bls.gov/sae/home.htm>)

National weekly earnings for all US private employees averaged \$875 in March 2016. Among the 50 states, average earnings ranged from \$667 in Arkansas to \$1,038 in Massachusetts. As is typical, average weekly earnings in the District of Columbia (DC) were higher than all states (\$1,305). Thirty-eight states had average weekly earnings below the national average. Average earnings were lowest in Arkansas, Mississippi (\$674), New Mexico (\$680), Montana (\$710), and South Dakota (\$712). Average weekly earnings in Texas (\$862), Illinois (\$894), and North Dakota (\$854) were closest to the national average. After DC and Massachusetts, the highest average earnings were in Washington (\$1,036), Connecticut (\$998), New York (\$974), and California (\$970).

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

National real (inflation adjusted) average weekly earnings increased 1.1 percent from March 2015 to March 2016.



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

National real (inflation-adjusted) average weekly earnings in February 2016 were 1.1 percent higher than in March 2015. Thirty-five states and DC had real average weekly earnings fall over the past year. The largest year-over-year decreases were in DC (-12.3 percent) and Wyoming (-7.2 percent). Sixteen other states also had average earnings declines of 2.0 percent or more. The largest increase in real average earnings was in Delaware (6.6 percent). The next largest increase was in Tennessee (2.1 percent). Six other states had year-over-year increases of 1.0 percent or more: Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oregon, and West Virginia.