**Earnings**

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

National weekly earnings for all US private employees averaged $881 in April 2016. Among the 50 states, average earnings ranged from $678 in Arkansas to $1,042 in Washington. As is typical, average weekly earnings in the District of Columbia (DC) were higher than all states ($1,337). Thirty-seven states had average weekly earnings below the national average. Average earnings were lowest in Arkansas, Mississippi ($686), New Mexico ($689), South Dakota ($724), and Montana ($726). Average weekly earnings in North Dakota ($884), Texas ($868), New Hampshire ($861), and Illinois ($901) were closest to the national average. After DC and Washington, the highest average earnings were in Massachusetts ($1,040), Connecticut ($1,021), and California ($980).

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National real (inflation-adjusted) average weekly earnings in April 2016 were 1.3 percent higher than in April 2015. Sixteen states and DC had real average weekly earnings fall over the past year. The largest year-over-year decreases were in Wyoming (-8.0 percent) and DC (-4.3 percent). Five other states also had average earnings declines of over 1.0 percent. The largest increase in real average earnings was in Delaware (7.8 percent). The next largest increase was in Alabama (5.0 percent). Eight other states had year-over-year increases of 3.0 percent or more: Montana, Iowa, Tennessee, Washington, North Carolina, Nebraska, Oregon, and Connecticut.

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