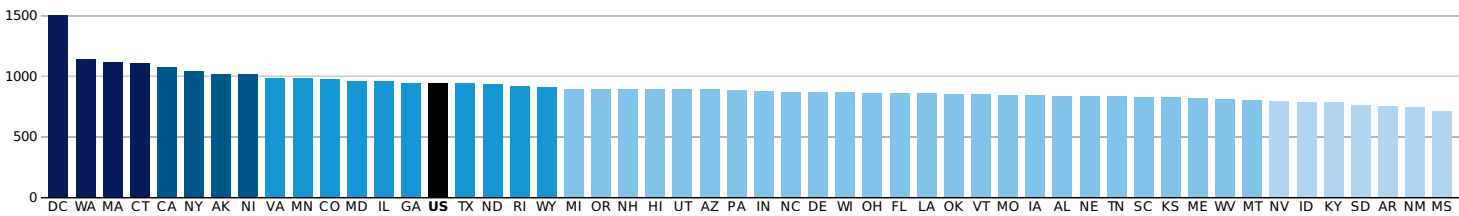


# EARNINGS

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

## Average Weekly Earnings, Private Employment (dollars)

National weekly earnings for all US private employees averaged \$942 in October 2018.

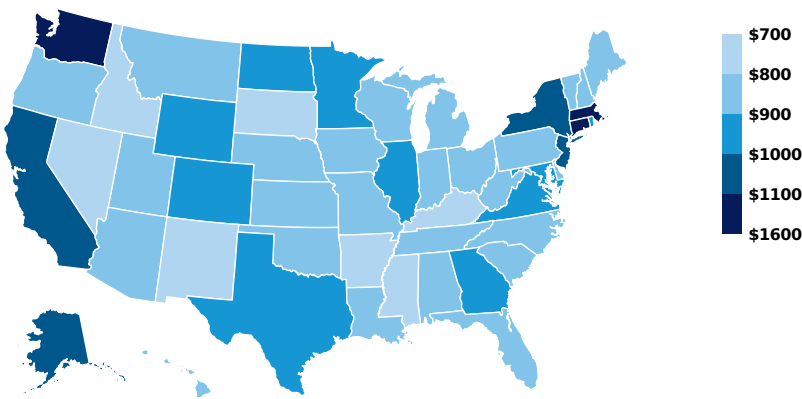


REGION/STATE  
United States of America

EARNINGS  
\$942

MONTH  
October

YEAR  
2018



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

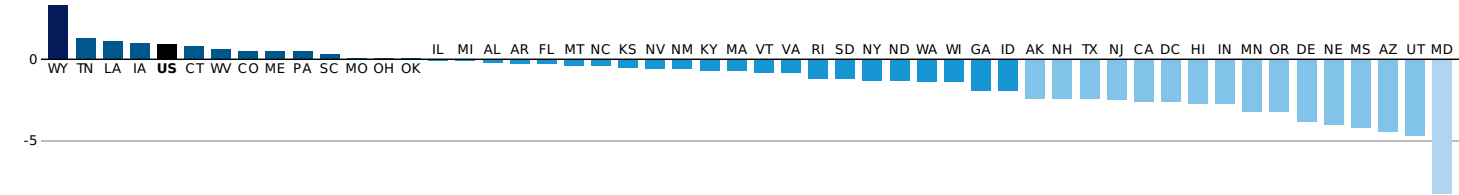
Weekly earnings for all private-sector employees in the United States averaged \$942 in October 2018. Among the 50 states, average weekly earnings ranged from \$710 in Mississippi to \$1,143 in Washington. Average weekly earnings in Texas were equal to the national average.

As is typical, average weekly earnings were higher in the District of Columbia than in any state, at \$1,509. After the District of Columbia and Washington, average weekly earnings were highest in Massachusetts (\$1,114), Connecticut (\$1,109), California (\$1,074), New York (\$1,040), and Alaska (\$1,022).

Weekly earnings were below the national average in 36 states. After Mississippi, average weekly earnings were lowest in New Mexico (\$743), Arkansas (\$751), South Dakota (\$762), Kentucky (\$784), and Idaho (\$785).

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

National real (inflation adjusted) average weekly earnings increased 0.9 percent from October 2017 to October 2018.

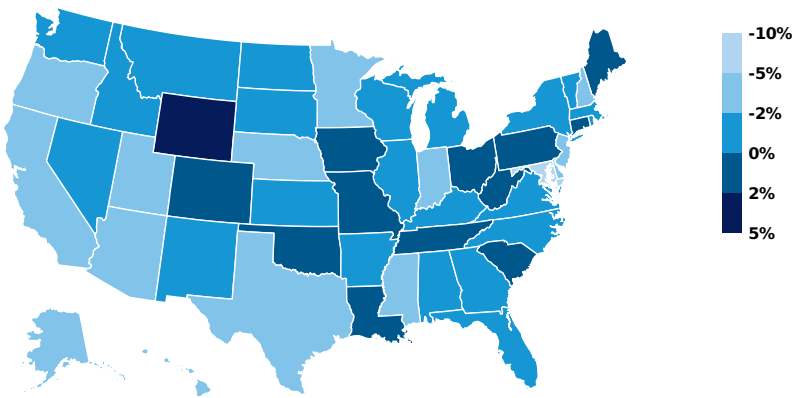


REGION/STATE  
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CHANGE  
0.9%

MONTH  
October

YEAR  
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National real (inflation-adjusted) average weekly earnings increased 0.9 percent between October 2017 and October 2018. In nominal dollars, average weekly earnings for the US were 3.4 percent higher than in October 2017.

The largest increases in real average weekly earnings were in Wyoming (3.7 percent), followed by Tennessee (1.3 percent), Louisiana (1.1 percent), and Iowa (1.0 percent). Nine additional states saw real average weekly earnings increase over the year.

Real average weekly earnings declined in 37 states and the District of Columbia. The largest decreases were in Maryland (-8.2 percent), Utah (-4.7 percent), Arizona (-4.4 percent), Mississippi (-4.2 percent), and Nebraska (-4.0 percent). Ten additional states and the District of Columbia saw decreases of more than 2.0 percent. There were also 12 states and the District of Columbia that saw nominal weekly earnings decline over the

year. Note that weekly earnings data are fairly noisy from month to month.

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