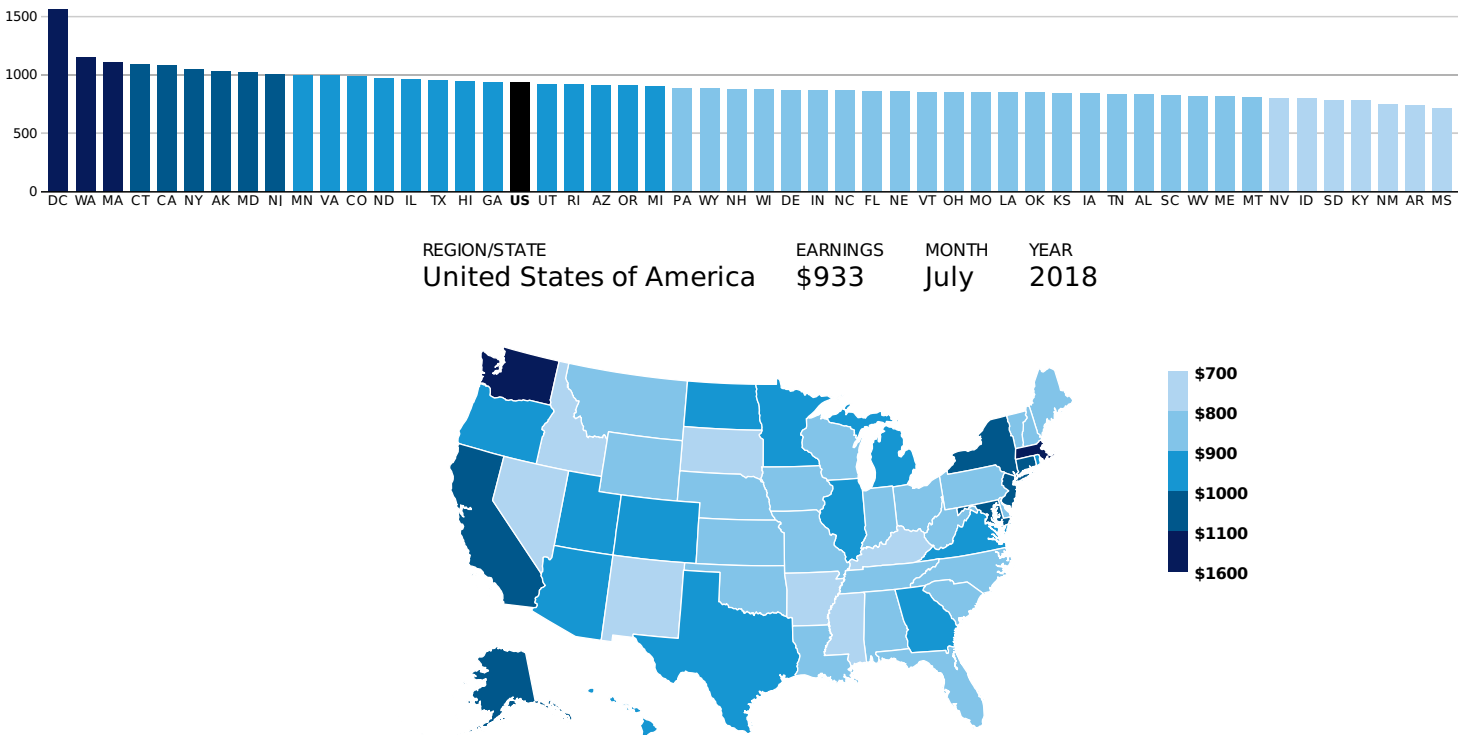


# EARNINGS

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

## Average Weekly Earnings, Private Employment (dollars)

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

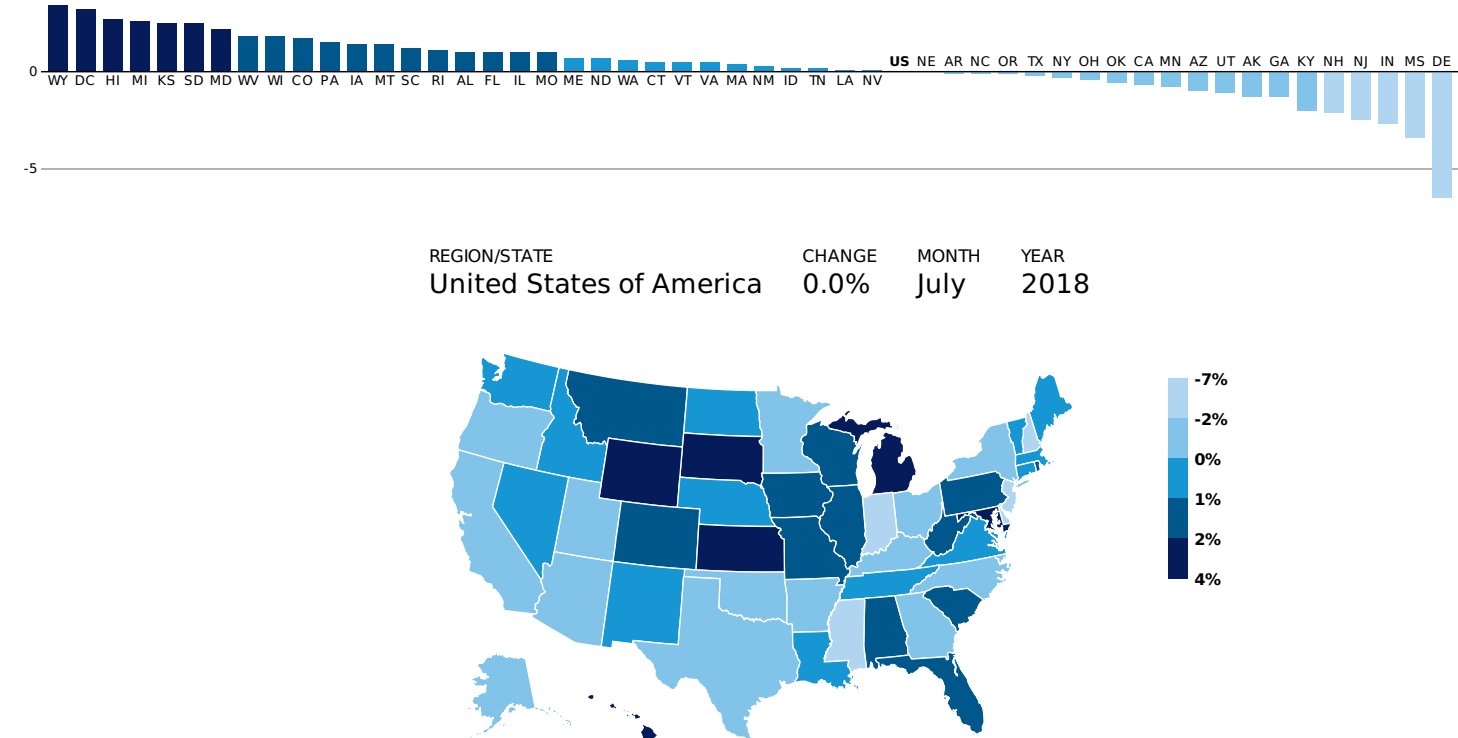
Weekly earnings for all private-sector employees in the United States averaged \$933 in July 2018. Among the 50 states, average weekly earnings ranged from \$718 in Mississippi to \$1,153 in Washington. Average weekly earnings were closest to the national average in Georgia (\$937).

As is typical, average weekly earnings were higher in the District of Columbia than in any state, at \$1,566. After the District of Columbia and Washington, the highest average weekly earnings were in Massachusetts (\$1,111), Connecticut (\$1,090), California (\$1,085), New York (\$1,045), and Alaska (\$1,029).

Weekly earnings were below the national average in 34 states. After Mississippi, average weekly earnings were lowest in Arkansas (\$744), New Mexico (\$750), Kentucky (\$781), South Dakota (\$784), and Idaho (\$798).

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

National real (inflation adjusted) average weekly earnings did not change from July 2017 to July 2018.



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

National real (inflation-adjusted) average weekly earnings were unchanged between July 2017 and July 2018. In nominal dollars, average weekly earnings for the US were 3.0 percent higher than in July 2017.

The largest increases in real average weekly earnings were in Wyoming (3.4 percent), the District of Columbia (3.2 percent), Hawaii (2.7 percent), and Michigan (2.6 percent). Real average weekly earnings also increased more than 2.0 percent in Kansas, Maryland, and South Dakota.

Real average weekly earnings declined in 19 states. The largest declines were in Delaware (-6.5 percent) and Mississippi (-3.4 percent). The next largest were in Indiana (-2.7 percent), New Jersey (-2.5 percent), New Hampshire (-2.1 percent), and Kentucky (-2.0 percent). Real average weekly earnings also fell 1.0 percent or

more in Alaska, Arizona, Georgia, and Utah.

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