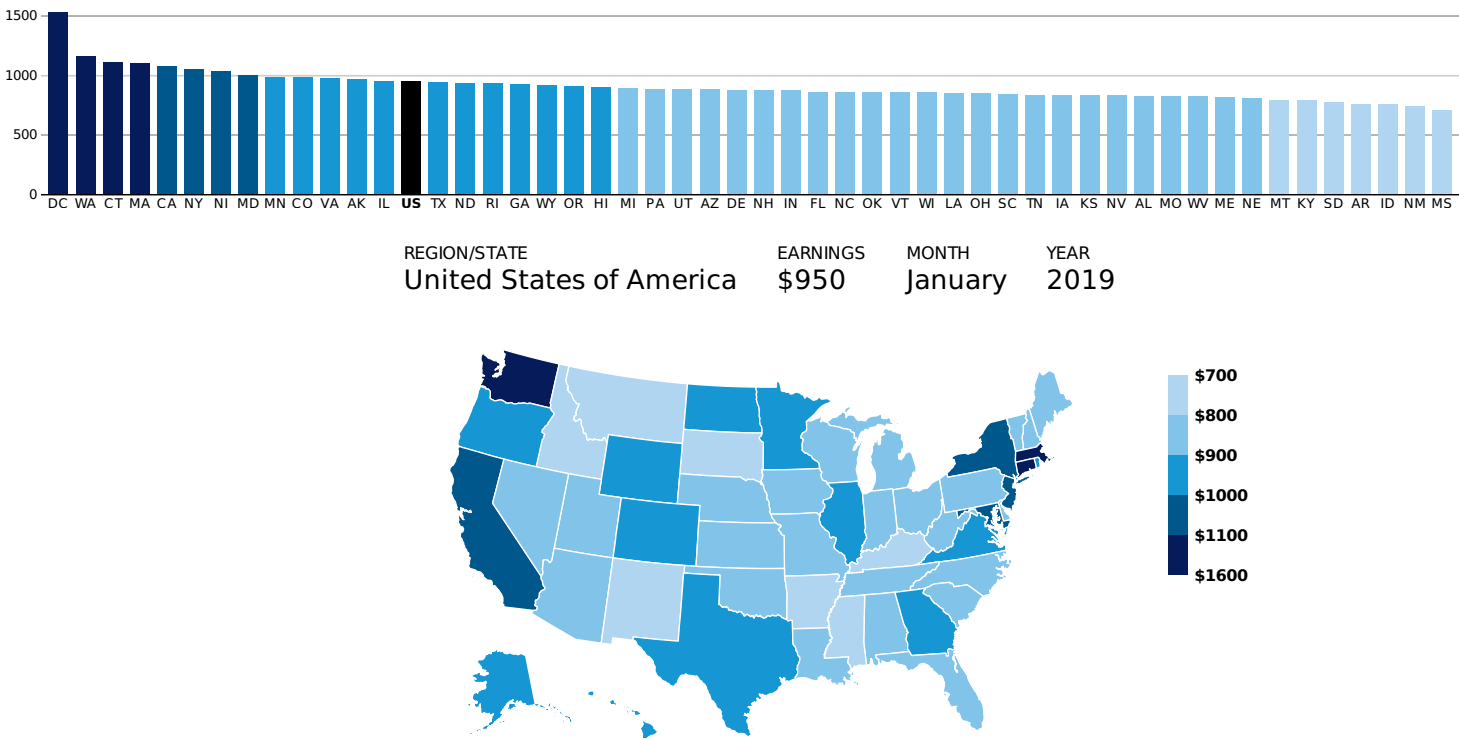


EARNINGS

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 \$950 in January 2019.



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

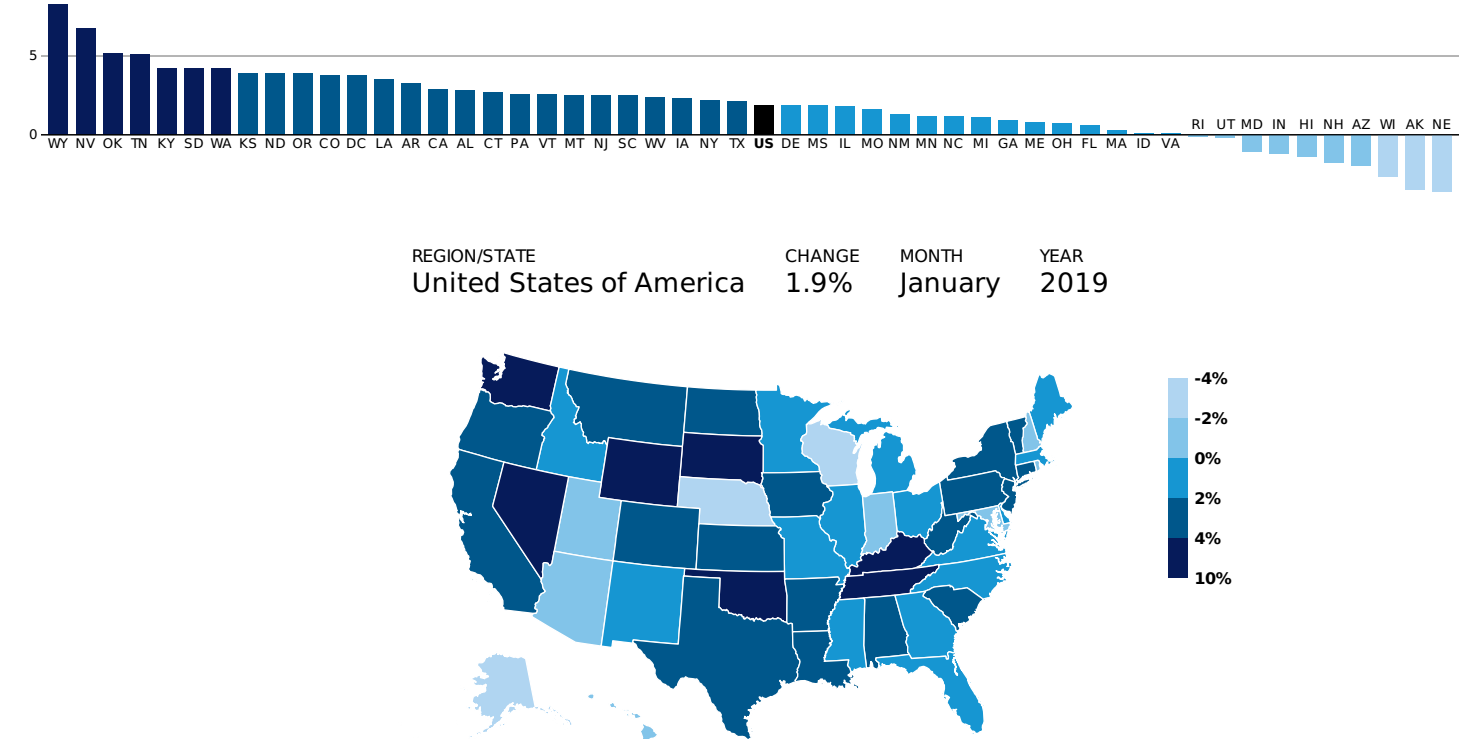
Weekly earnings for all private-sector employees in the United States averaged \$950 in January 2019. Among the 50 states, average weekly earnings ranged from \$712 in Mississippi to \$1,165 in Washington. Average weekly earnings in Illinois (\$951) were closest to the national average.

As is typical, average weekly earnings were higher in the District of Columbia (\$1,536) than in any state. After the District of Columbia and Washington, average weekly earnings were highest in Connecticut (\$1,112), Massachusetts (\$1,102), California (\$1,083), and New York (\$1,052).

Weekly earnings were below the national average in 38 states. After Mississippi, average weekly earnings were lowest in New Mexico (\$739), Idaho (\$761), Arkansas (\$763), and South Dakota (\$777).

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

National real (inflation adjusted) average weekly earnings increased 1.9 percent from January 2018 to January 2019.



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National real (inflation-adjusted) average weekly earnings increased 1.9 percent between January 2018 and January 2019. In nominal dollars, average weekly earnings for the US were 3.4 percent higher in January than a year earlier.

The largest increases in real average weekly earnings were in Wyoming (8.3 percent), Nevada (6.8 percent), Oklahoma (5.2 percent), and Tennessee (5.1 percent). Kentucky, South Dakota, and Washington also saw real average weekly earnings increase more than 4.0 percent over the year.

Real average weekly earnings declined over the year in 10 states. The largest decreases in real average weekly earnings were in Nebraska (-3.6 percent), Alaska (-3.5 percent), Wisconsin (-2.7 percent), and Arizona (-2.0 percent). Those four states and New Hampshire also saw nominal weekly earnings decline over the year.

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