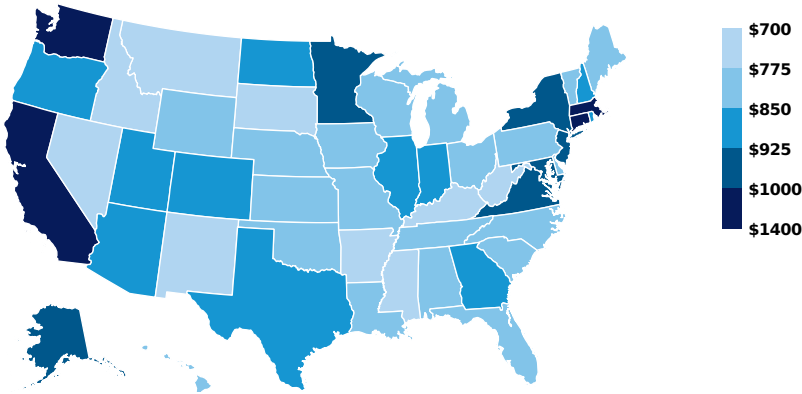
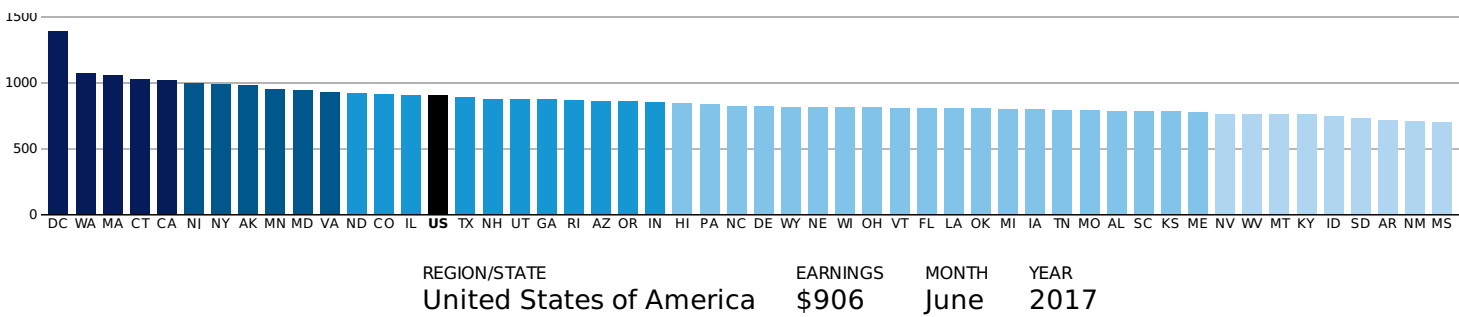


EARNINGS

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 \$906 in June 2017.



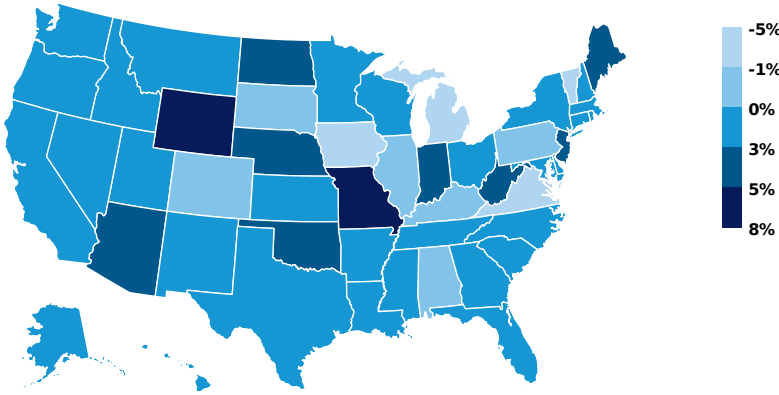
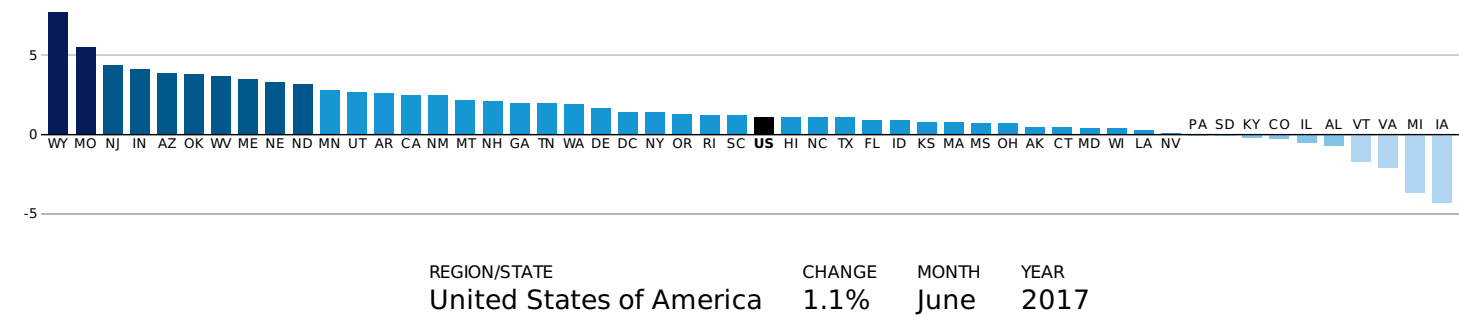
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics. (<http://www.bls.gov/sae/home.htm>)

Weekly earnings for all employees of private firms in the United States averaged \$906 in June 2017. Among the 50 states, average weekly earnings ranged from \$704 in Mississippi to \$1,071 in Washington. As is typical, average weekly earnings in the District of Columbia (DC) were higher than in all states, at \$1,389. After DC and Washington, the highest average weekly earnings were in Massachusetts (\$1,055), Connecticut (\$1,031), California (\$1,021), and New Jersey (\$999).

Thirty-seven states had average weekly earnings below the national average. Other than Mississippi, average earnings were lowest in New Mexico (\$707), Arkansas (\$714), South Dakota (\$731), Idaho (\$749), and Kentucky (\$760). Average weekly earnings were closest to the national average in Illinois (\$909), Colorado (\$915), and Texas (\$894).

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 June 2016 to June 2017.



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

National real (inflation-adjusted) average weekly earnings in June 2017 were 1.1 percent higher than in June 2016. Average weekly earnings were 2.8 percent higher in nominal dollars.

Real average earnings declined in 10 states. The largest drop was in Iowa (-4.3 percent). Michigan, Vermont, and Virginia also saw real earnings decline more than 1.0 percent over the year.

The largest increases in real average weekly earnings were in Wyoming (7.8 percent) and Missouri (5.5 percent). Real earnings also increased more than 3.0 percent in Arizona, Indiana, Maine, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Dakota, Oklahoma, and West Virginia.