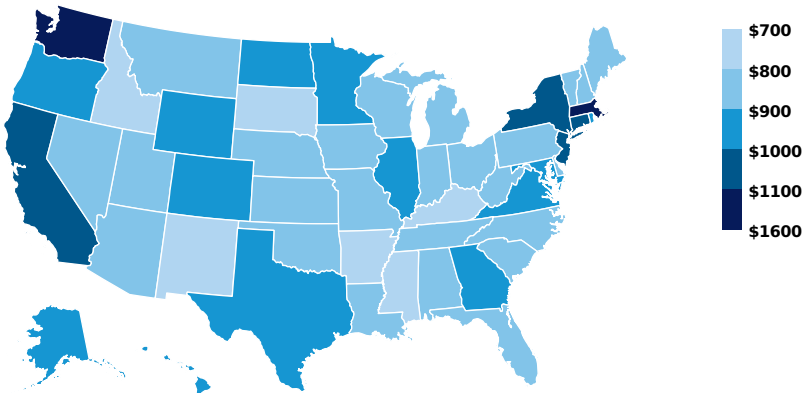
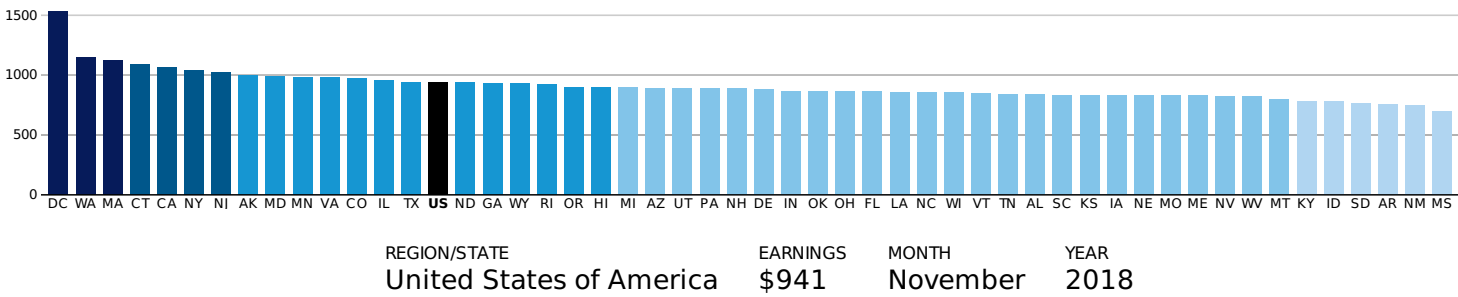


EARNINGS

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 \$941 in November 2018.



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

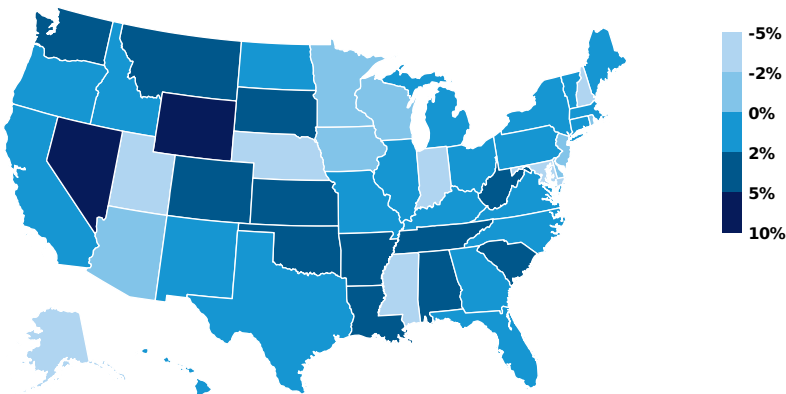
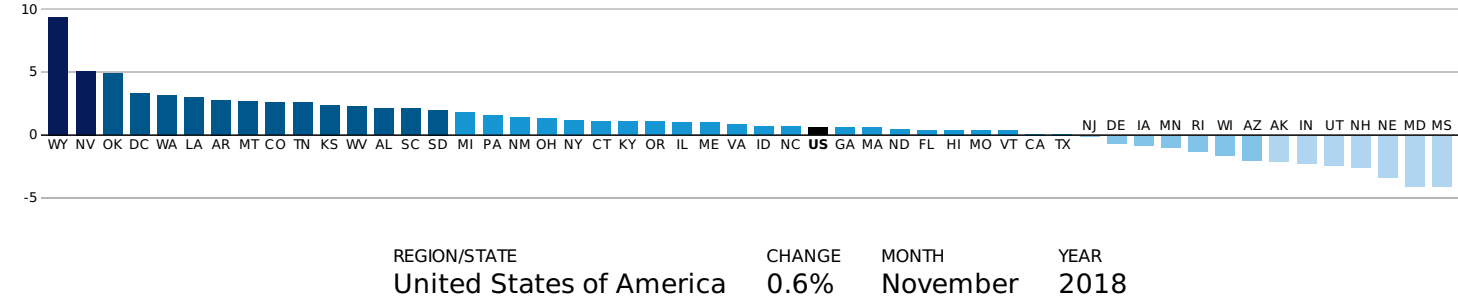
Weekly earnings for all private-sector employees in the United States averaged \$941 in November 2018. Among the 50 states, average weekly earnings ranged from \$701 in Mississippi to \$1,153 in Washington. Average weekly earnings in Texas (\$942) were closest to the national average.

As is typical, average weekly earnings were higher in the District of Columbia than in any state, at \$1,532. After the District of Columbia and Washington, average weekly earnings were highest in Massachusetts (\$1,123), Connecticut (\$1,087), California (\$1,066), New York (\$1,044), and New Jersey (\$1,021).

Weekly earnings were below the national average in 37 states. After Mississippi, average weekly earnings were lowest in New Mexico (\$751), Arkansas (\$761), South Dakota (\$768), Idaho (\$780), and Kentucky (\$786).

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

National real (inflation adjusted) average weekly earnings increased 0.6 percent from November 2017 to November 2018.



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National real (inflation-adjusted) average weekly earnings increased 0.6 percent between November 2017 and November 2018. In nominal dollars, average weekly earnings for the US were 2.8 percent higher in November than a year earlier.

The largest increases in real average weekly earnings were in Wyoming (9.4 percent), followed by Nevada (5.1 percent), and Oklahoma (4.9 percent). Eleven additional states and the District of Columbia also saw real average weekly earnings increase at least 2.0 percent over the year.

Real average weekly earnings declined in 14 states. The largest decreases were in Maryland and Mississippi (both -4.1 percent), and Nebraska (-3.4 percent). Five additional states saw decreases of at least 2.0 percent in real earnings. Six states saw nominal weekly earnings decline over the year. Note that weekly earnings data

are fairly noisy from month to month.
