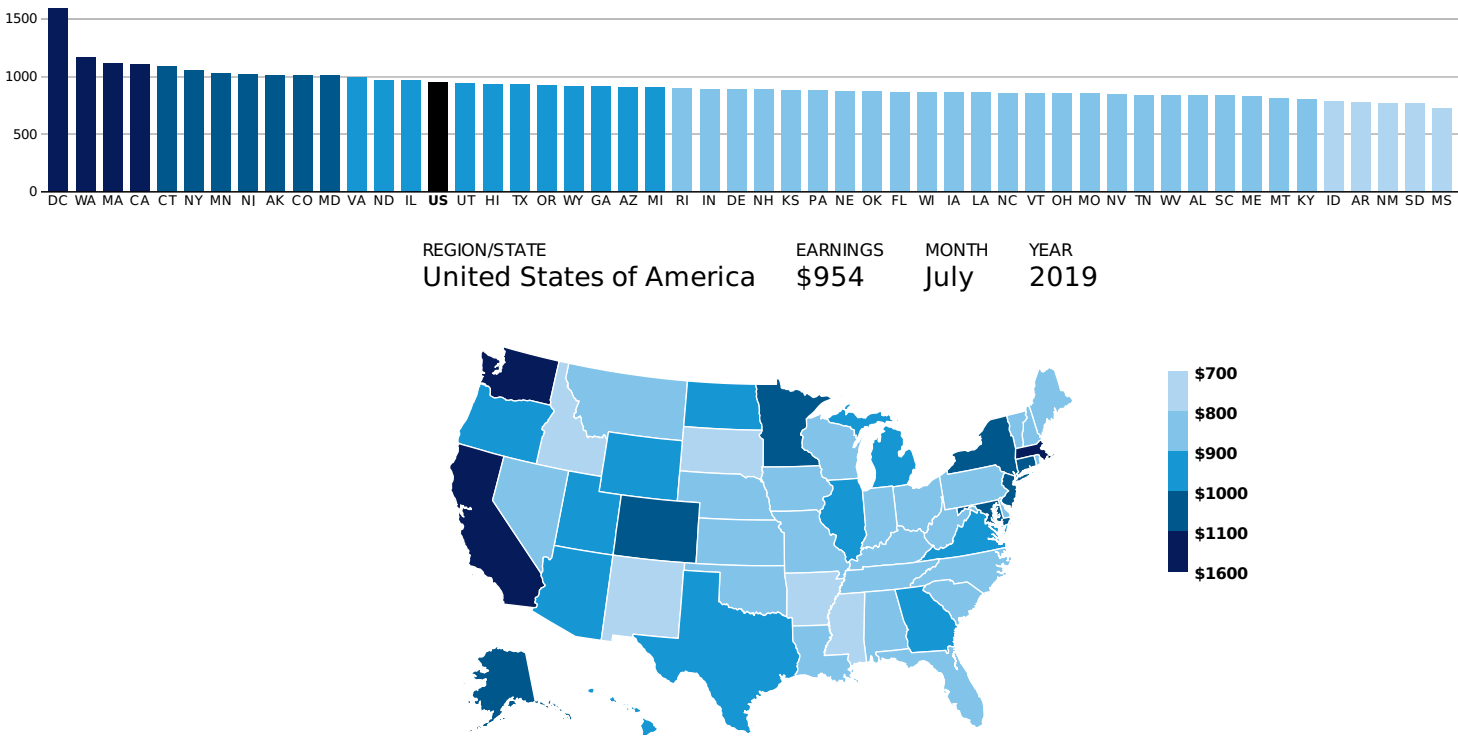


# EARNINGS

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>)

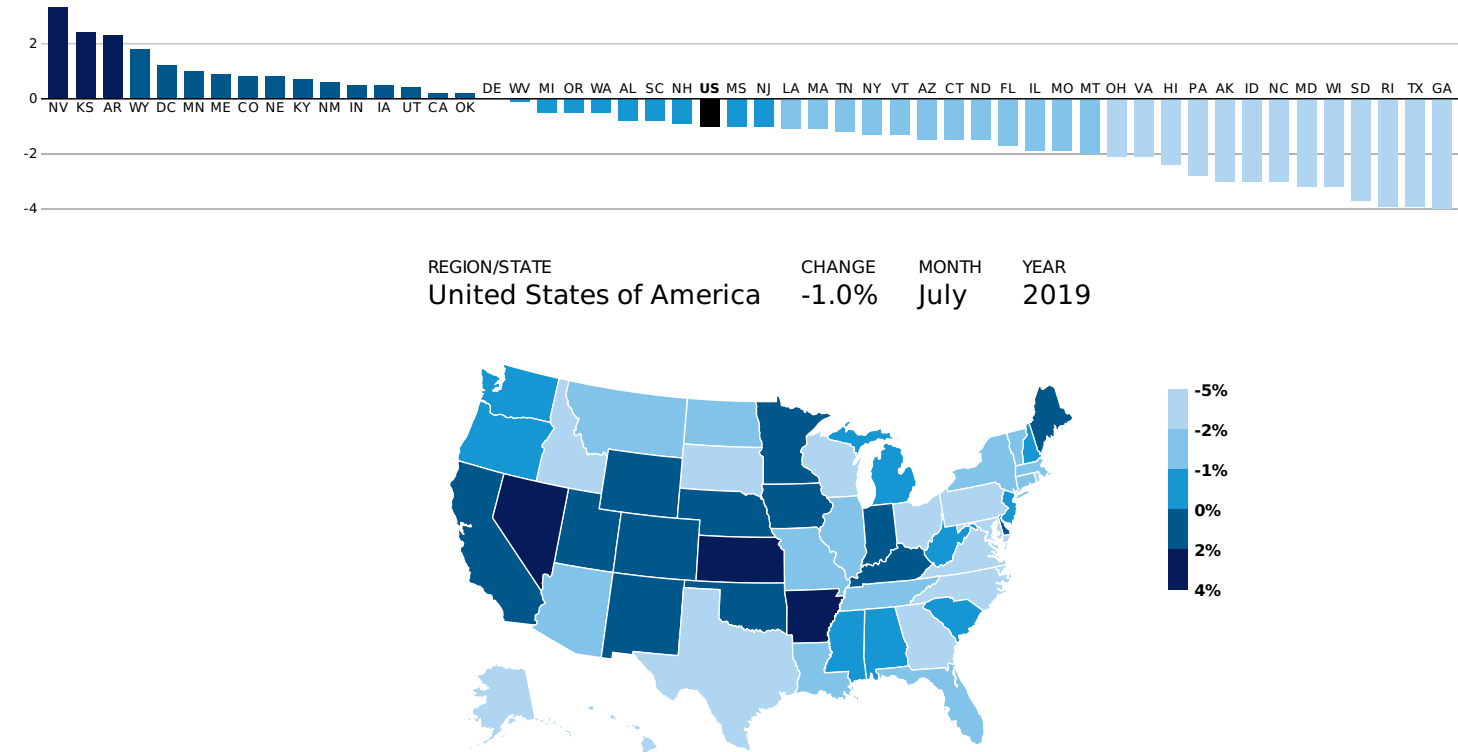
Weekly earnings for all private-sector employees in the United States averaged \$954 in July 2019. Among the 50 states, average weekly earnings ranged from \$721 in Mississippi to \$1,167 in Washington. Utah's average weekly earnings (\$946) were closest to the national average.

As is typical, average weekly earnings were higher in the District of Columbia (\$1,591) than in any state. After the District of Columbia and Washington, average weekly earnings were highest in Massachusetts (\$1,120), California (\$1,108), Connecticut (\$1,093), and New York (\$1,056).

Average weekly earnings were below the national average in 37 states. After Mississippi, average weekly earnings were lowest in South Dakota (\$768), New Mexico (\$770), Arkansas (\$775), and Idaho (\$787).

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

National real (inflation adjusted) average weekly earnings decreased 1.0 percent from July 2018 to July 2019.



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

National average weekly earnings were 0.8 percent higher, in nominal dollars, between July 2018 and July 2019. In real (inflation-adjusted) terms, they decreased 1.0 percent over the year.

Real earnings also declined over the year in 34 states. The largest decreases were in Georgia (-4.0 percent), Rhode Island and Texas (-3.9 percent each), and South Dakota (-3.7 percent). Alaska, Idaho, Maryland, North Carolina, and Wisconsin also saw real average weekly earnings decrease 3.0 percent or more over the year.

Real earnings increased over the year in 15 states and the District of Columbia. The largest increases in real average weekly earnings were in the Nevada (3.5 percent), Kansas (2.4 percent), Arkansas (2.3 percent), and Wyoming (1.8 percent). Delaware's real average weekly earnings did not change over the year.

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

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