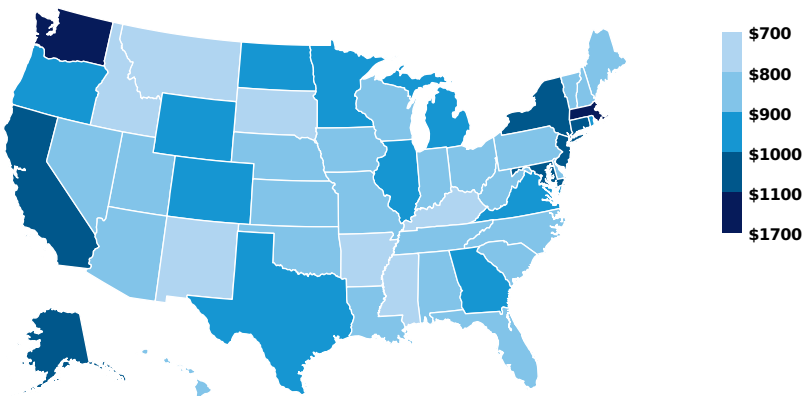
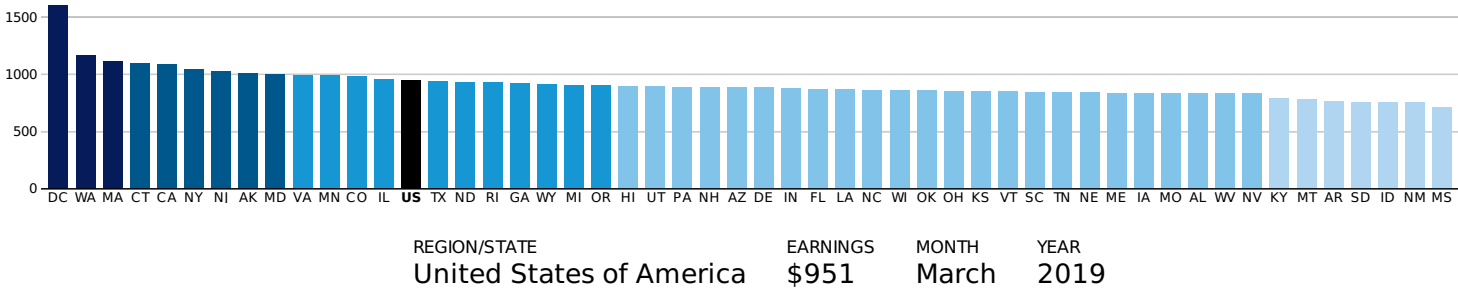


# EARNINGS

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 \$951 in March 2019.



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

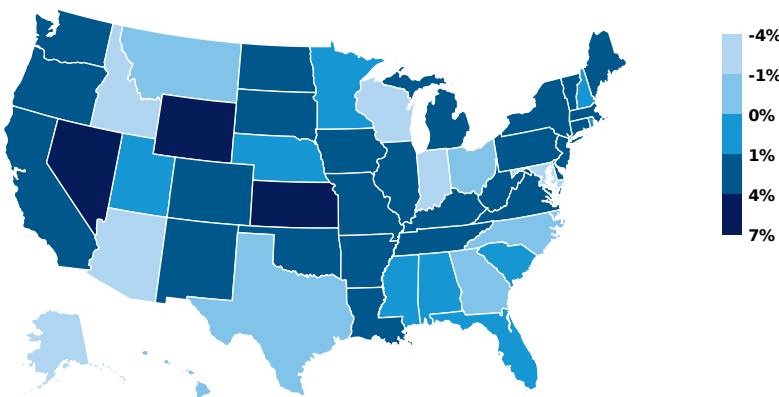
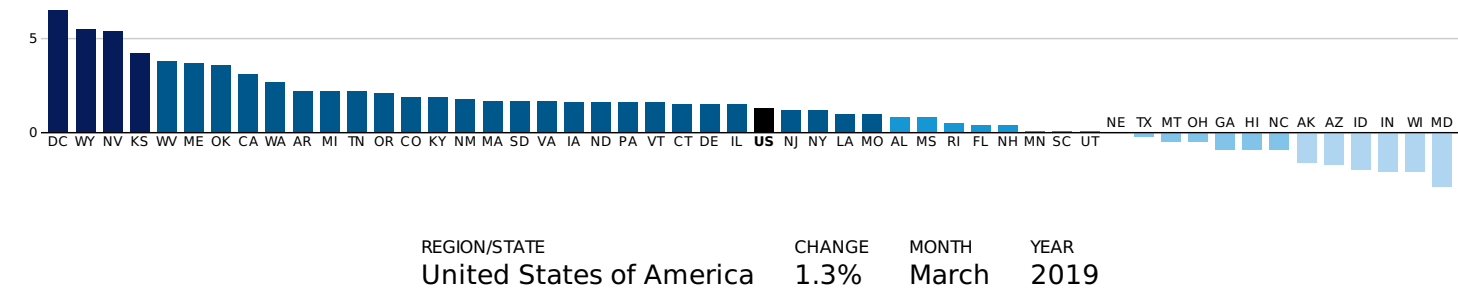
Weekly earnings for all private-sector employees in the United States averaged \$951 in March 2019. Among the 50 states, average weekly earnings ranged from \$715 in Mississippi to \$1,164 in Washington. Average weekly earnings in Illinois (\$958) were closest to the national average.

As is typical, average weekly earnings were higher in the District of Columbia (\$1,601) than in any state. After the District of Columbia and Washington, average weekly earnings were highest in Massachusetts (\$1,119), Connecticut (\$1,096), California (\$1,093), and New York (\$1,048).

Average weekly earnings were below the national average in 38 states. After Mississippi, average weekly earnings were lowest in New Mexico (\$753), Idaho (\$755), South Dakota (\$759), and Arkansas (\$766).

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

National real (inflation adjusted) average weekly earnings increased 1.3 percent from March 2018 to March 2019.



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National real (inflation-adjusted) average weekly earnings increased 1.3 percent between March 2018 and March 2019. In nominal dollars, average weekly earnings for the US were 3.2 percent higher in March than a year earlier.

The largest increases in real average weekly earnings were in the District of Columbia (6.5 percent), Wyoming (5.5 percent), Nevada (5.4 percent), and Kansas (4.2 percent). California, Maine, Oklahoma, and West Virginia also saw real average weekly earnings increase more than 3.0 percent over the year.

Real average weekly earnings declined over the year in 12 states. The largest decreases in real average weekly earnings were in Maryland (-2.9 percent), Indiana and Wisconsin (both -2.1 percent), and Idaho (-2.0 percent). Those were also the only four states that saw nominal weekly earnings decline over the year.

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

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