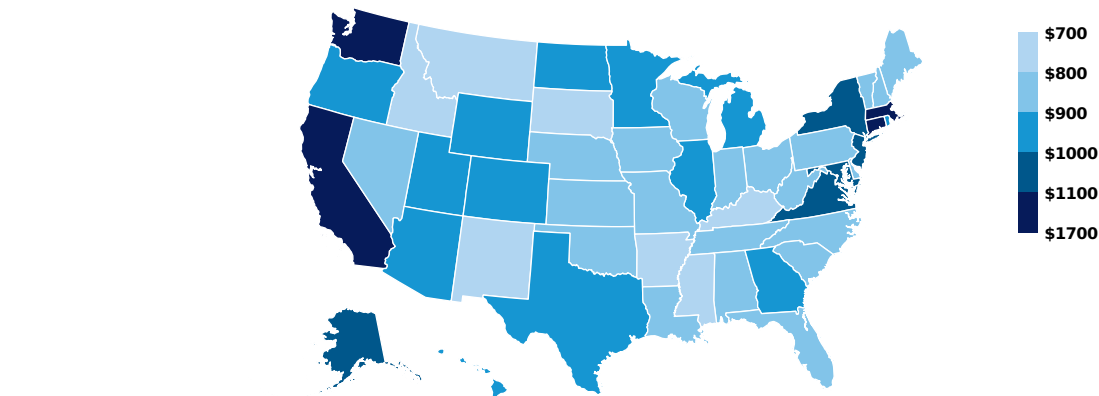
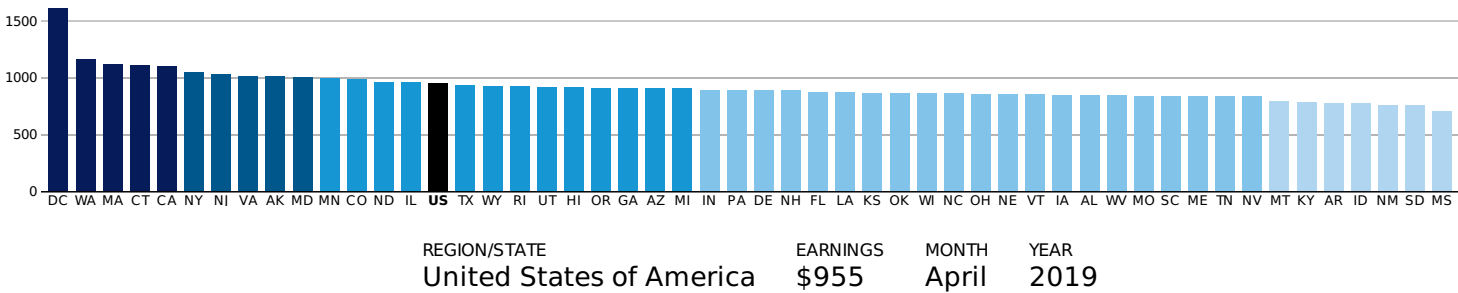


EARNINGS

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 \$955 in April 2019.



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

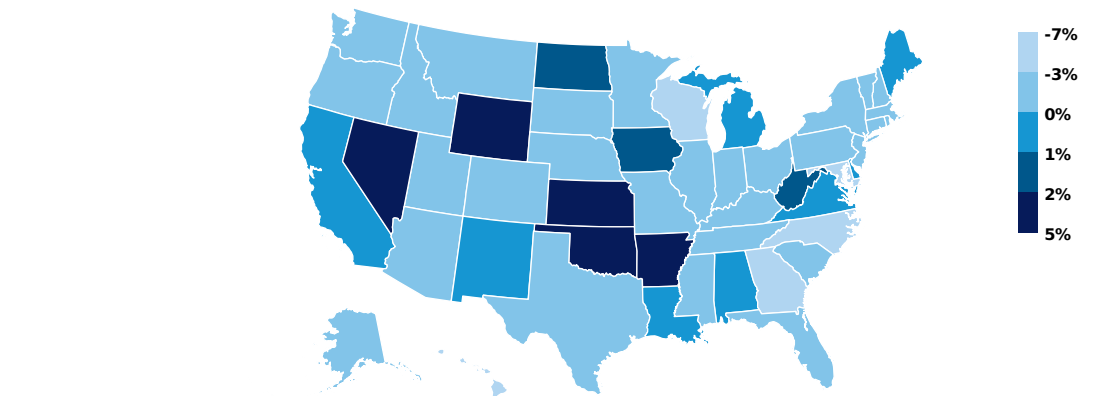
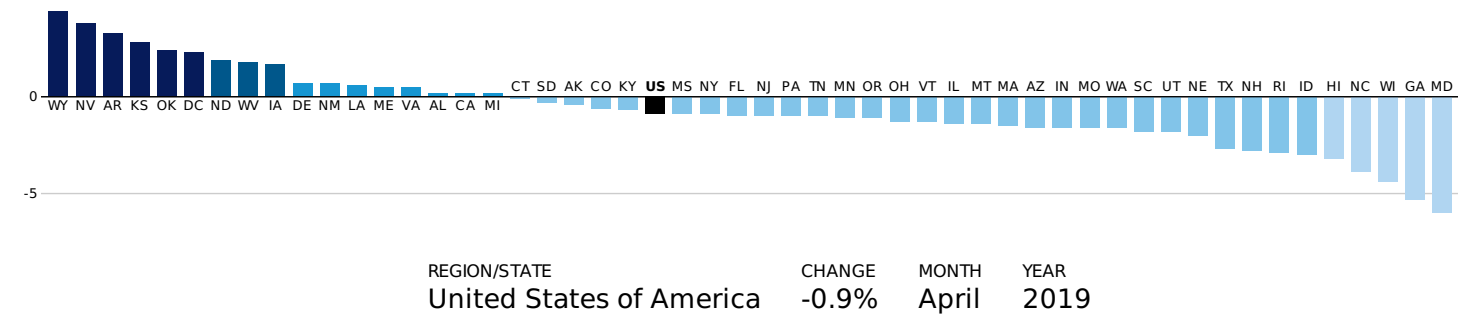
Weekly earnings for all private-sector employees in the United States averaged \$955 in April 2019. Among the 50 states, average weekly earnings ranged from \$712 in Mississippi to \$1,165 in Washington. Average weekly earnings in Illinois (\$961) were closest to the national average.

As is typical, average weekly earnings were higher in the District of Columbia (\$1,611) than in any state. After the District of Columbia and Washington, average weekly earnings were highest in Massachusetts (\$1,121), Connecticut (\$1,114), California (\$1,102), and New York (\$1,053).

Average weekly earnings were below the national average in 37 states. After Mississippi, average weekly earnings were lowest in New Mexico and South Dakota (both \$764), Idaho (\$779), Arkansas (\$783), and Kentucky (\$787).

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

National real (inflation adjusted) average weekly earnings decreased 0.9 percent from April 2018 to April 2019.



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

National real (inflation-adjusted) average weekly earnings decreased 0.9 percent between April 2018 and April 2019. In nominal dollars, national average weekly earnings were 1.0 percent higher in April than a year earlier.

Real earnings rose over the year in 16 states and the District of Columbia. The largest increases in real average weekly earnings were in Wyoming (4.4 percent), Nevada (3.8 percent), and Arkansas (3.3 percent). The District of Columbia, Kansas, and Oklahoma also saw real average weekly earnings increase more than 2.0 percent over the year.

Real average weekly earnings declined over the year in 34 states. The largest decreases in real average weekly earnings were in Maryland (-6.0 percent), Georgia (-5.3 percent), and Wisconsin (-4.4 percent). Hawaii, Idaho, and North Carolina also saw real average weekly earnings decrease 3.0 percent or more over the year. In nominal dollars, 10 states saw weekly earnings decline over the year: Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Maryland, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Texas, and Wisconsin.

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