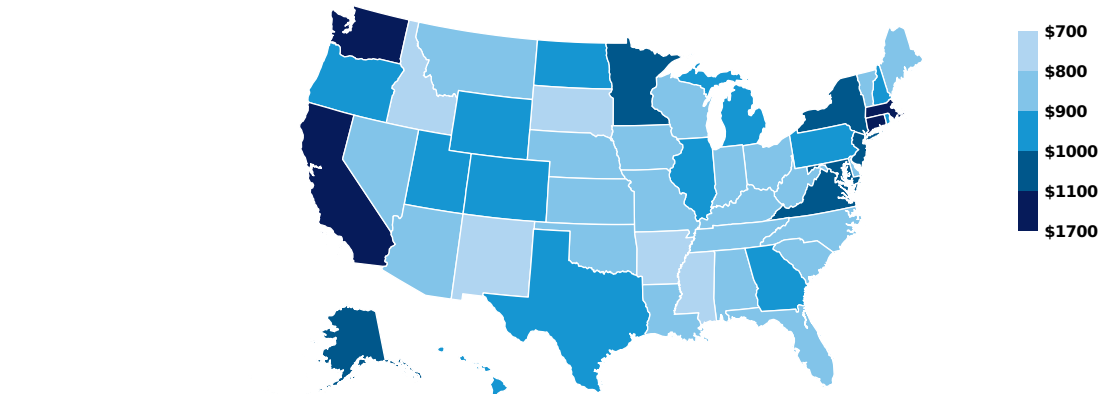
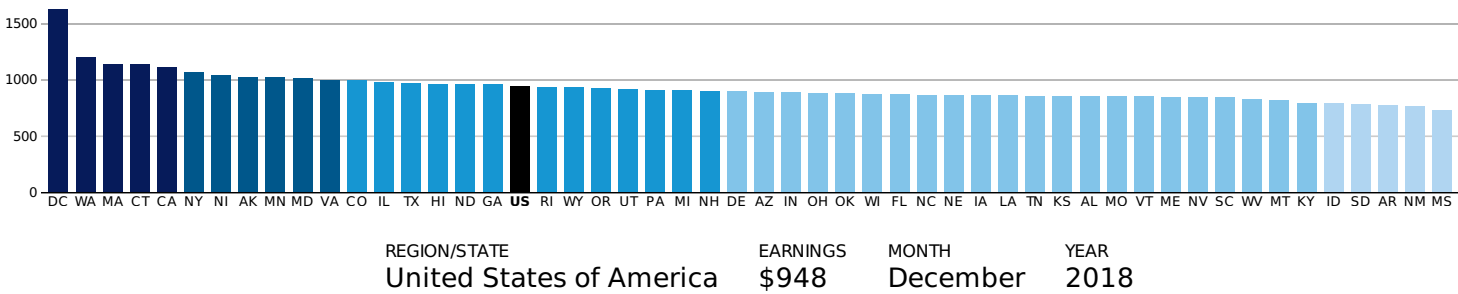


# EARNINGS

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 \$948 in December 2018.



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

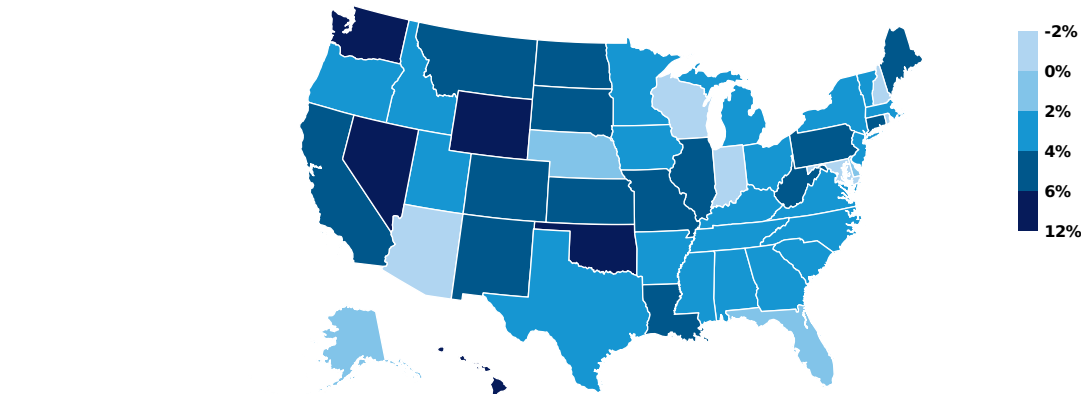
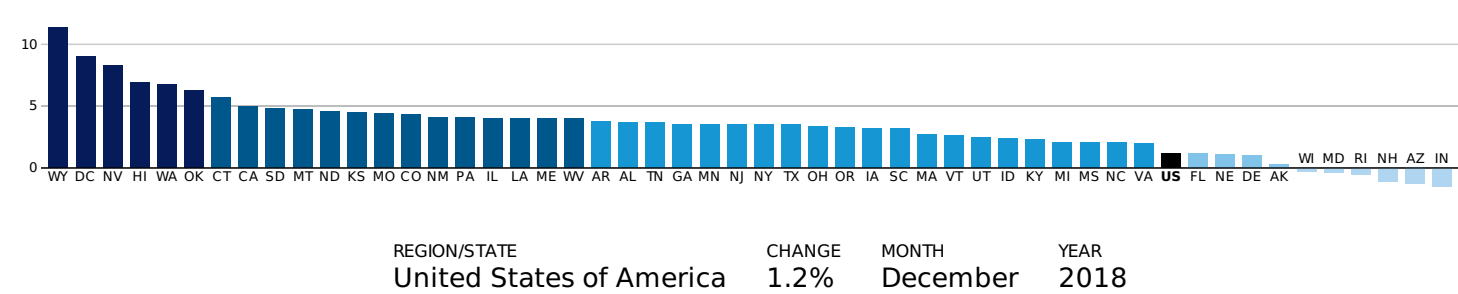
Weekly earnings for all private-sector employees in the United States averaged \$948 in December 2018. Among the 50 states, average weekly earnings ranged from \$736 in Mississippi to \$1,201 in Washington. Average weekly earnings in Rhode Island and Wyoming (both \$939) were closest to the national average.

As is typical, average weekly earnings were higher in the District of Columbia than in any state, at \$1,628. After the District of Columbia and Washington (\$1,201), average weekly earnings were highest in Massachusetts (\$1,143), Connecticut (\$1,142), California (\$1,116), New York (\$1,073), and New Jersey (\$1,045).

Weekly earnings were below the national average in 34 states. After Mississippi (\$736), average weekly earnings were lowest in New Mexico (\$771), Arkansas (\$778), South Dakota (\$785), Idaho (\$793), and Kentucky (\$800).

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

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National real (inflation-adjusted) average weekly earnings increased 1.2 percent between December 2017 and December 2018. In nominal dollars, average weekly earnings for the US were 3.2 percent higher in December than a year earlier.

The largest increases in real average weekly earnings were in Wyoming (11.4 percent), the District of Columbia (9.0 percent), and Nevada (8.3 percent). Five additional states also saw real average weekly earnings increase 5.0 percent or more over the year.

Real average weekly earnings declined in six states: Indiana (-1.5 percent), Arizona (-1.3 percent), New Hampshire (-1.1 percent), Rhode Island (-0.5 percent), Maryland (-0.4 percent), and Wisconsin (-0.3 percent). However, none of these states saw nominal weekly earnings decline over the year.

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

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