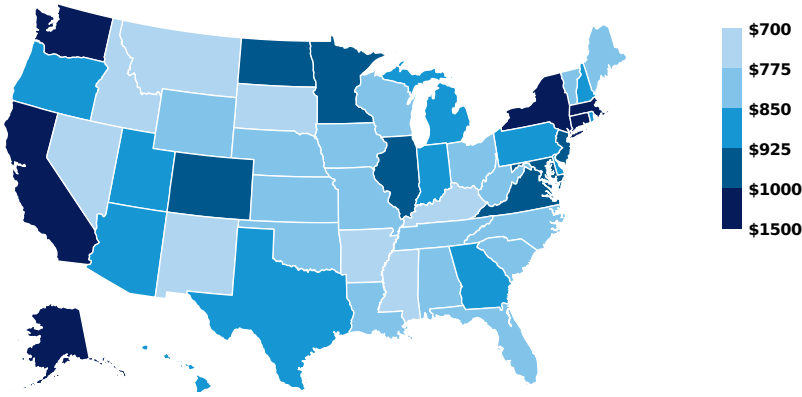
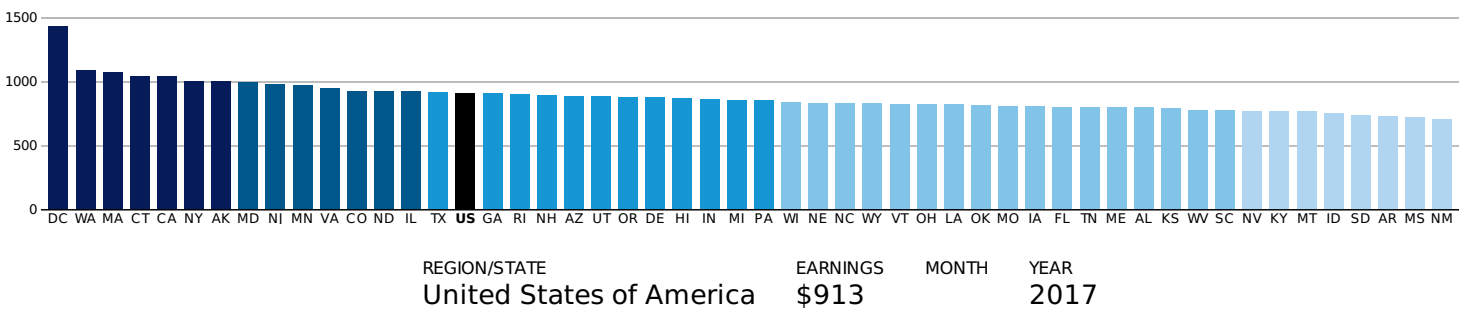


EARNINGS

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 \$913 in undefined 2017.



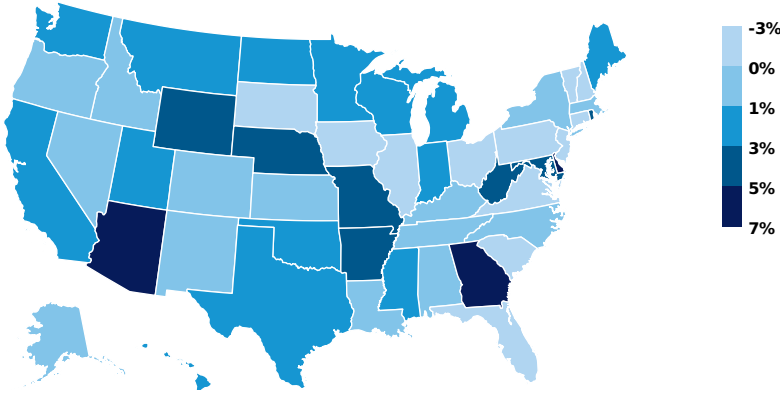
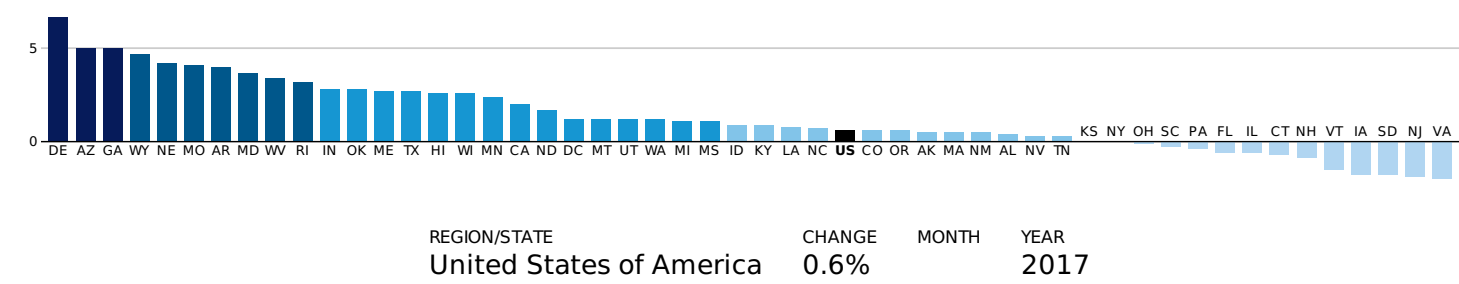
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics. (<http://www.bls.gov/sae/home.htm>)

Weekly earnings for all United States private-sector employees averaged \$913 in September 2017. Among the 50 states, average weekly earnings ranged from \$711 in New Mexico to \$1,089 in Washington. As is typical, average weekly earnings in the District of Columbia were higher than in any state, at \$1,431. After the District of Columbia and Washington, the highest average weekly earnings were in Massachusetts (\$1,078), Connecticut (\$1,045), California (\$1,041), and New York (\$1,003).

Thirty-six states had weekly earnings below the national average. Other than New Mexico, average earnings were lowest in Mississippi (\$722), Arkansas (\$730), South Dakota (\$740), Idaho (\$757), and Montana (\$767). Average weekly earnings were closest to the national average in Georgia (\$911) and Texas (\$922).

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 undefined 2016 to undefined 2017.



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

National real (inflation-adjusted) average weekly earnings in September 2017 were 0.6 percent higher than in September 2016. Average weekly earnings were 2.9 percent higher compared to one year earlier in nominal dollars.

Real average earnings declined in 12 states. The largest drop was in Virginia (-2.0 percent). Iowa, New Jersey, South Dakota, and Vermont also saw declines of more than 1.0 percent.

The largest increase in real average weekly earnings was in Delaware (6.7 percent). The next highest increases were in Arizona and Georgia (both 5.0 percent). In total, 10 states saw real average wages increase more than 3.0 percent.