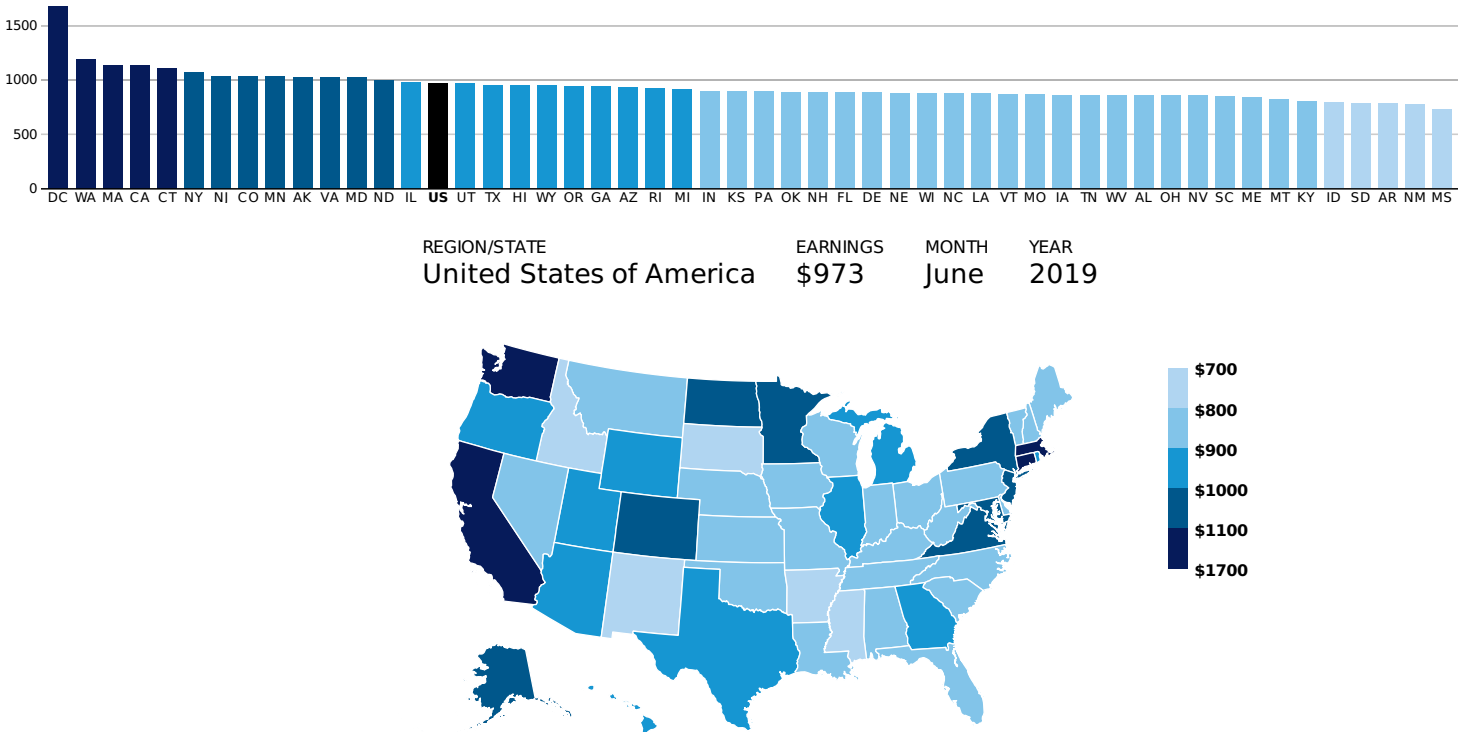


# EARNINGS

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>)

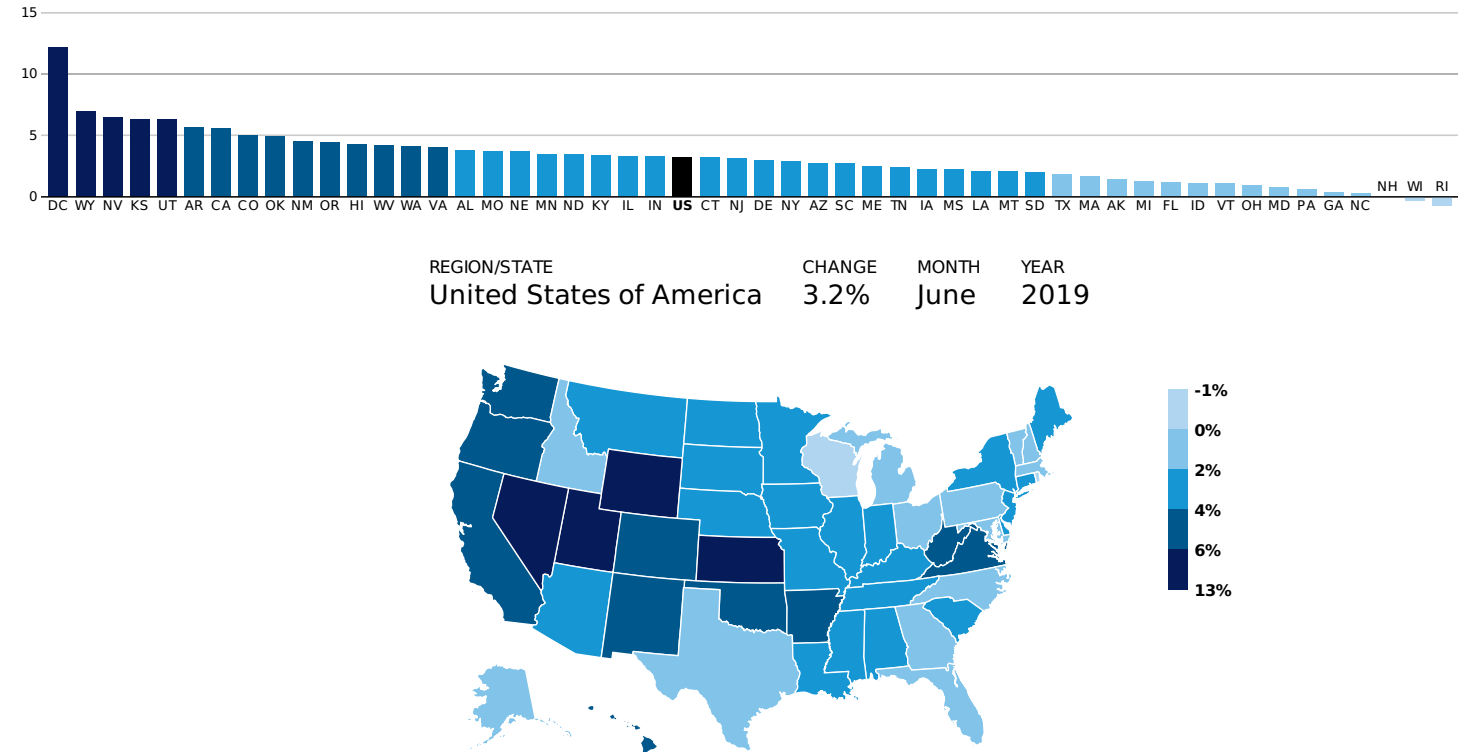
Weekly earnings for all private-sector employees in the United States averaged \$973 in June 2019. Among the 50 states, average weekly earnings ranged from \$729 in Mississippi to \$1,192 in Washington. Utah was the only state with average weekly earnings equivalent to the national average.

As is typical, average weekly earnings were higher in the District of Columbia (\$1,683) than in any state. After the District of Columbia and Washington, average weekly earnings were highest in Massachusetts (\$1,136), California (\$1,131), Connecticut (\$1,111), and New York (\$1,068).

Average weekly earnings were below the national average in 36 states. After Mississippi, average weekly earnings were lowest in New Mexico (\$778), Arkansas (\$787), South Dakota (\$788), and Idaho (\$798).

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

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Real earnings rose over the year in 47 states and the District of Columbia. The largest increases in real average weekly earnings were in the District of Columbia (12.2 percent), Wyoming (7.0 percent), Nevada (6.5 percent), and Kansas and Utah (both 6.3 percent). Arkansas, California, and Colorado also saw real average weekly earnings increase 5.0 percent or more over the year. Overall, 25 states and the District of Columbia saw real average weekly earnings increase 3.0 percent or more over the year.

Real average weekly earnings declined over the year in Rhode Island (-0.7 percent) and Wisconsin (-0.3 percent). New Hampshire saw an insignificant decline in real earnings over the year.

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

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