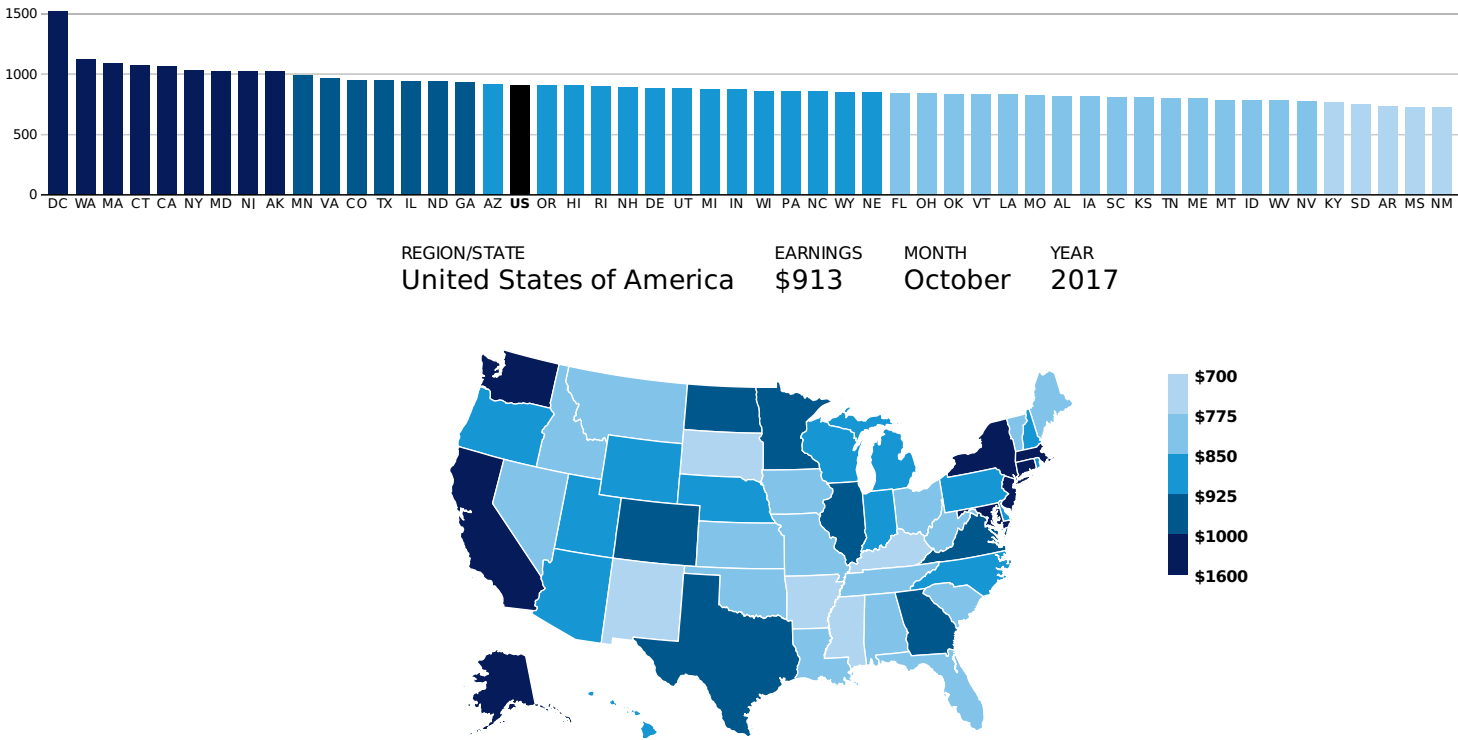


EARNINGS

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>)

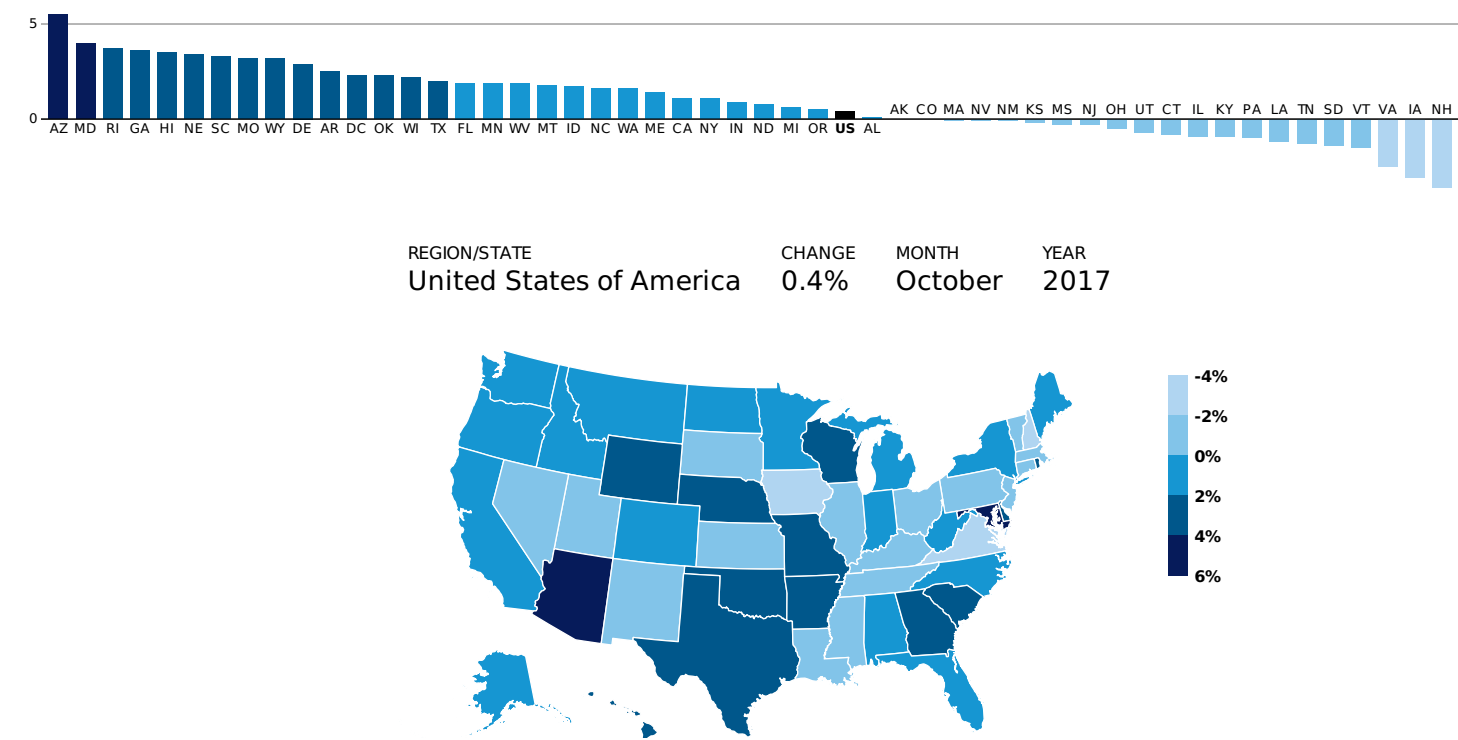
Weekly earnings for all United States private-sector employees averaged \$913 in October 2017. Among the 50 states, average weekly earnings ranged from \$723 in New Mexico to \$1,127 in Washington.

As is typical, average weekly earnings in the District of Columbia were higher than in any state, at \$1,521. After the District of Columbia and Washington, the highest average weekly earnings were in Massachusetts (\$1,096), Connecticut (\$1,072), California (\$1,070), and New York (\$1,031).

Thirty-four states had weekly earnings below the national average. Other than New Mexico, average earnings were lowest in Mississippi (\$728), Arkansas (\$739), South Dakota (\$754), Kentucky (\$772), and Nevada (\$780). Arizona’s average weekly earnings (\$913) were the same as the national average.

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

National real (inflation adjusted) average weekly earnings increased 0.4 percent from October 2016 to October 2017.



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National real (inflation-adjusted) average weekly earnings in October 2017 were 0.4 percent higher than in October 2016. Average weekly earnings were 2.4 percent higher compared to one year earlier in nominal dollars.

Real average earnings declined in 19 states. The largest drops were in New Hampshire (-3.6 percent), Iowa (-3.1 percent), and Virginia (-2.5 percent). Louisiana, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Vermont also saw declines of more than 1.0 percent.

The largest increases in real average weekly earnings were in Arizona (5.5 percent) and Maryland (4.0 percent). Georgia, Hawaii, Missouri, Nebraska, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Wyoming also saw average earnings increase more than 3.0 percent.

