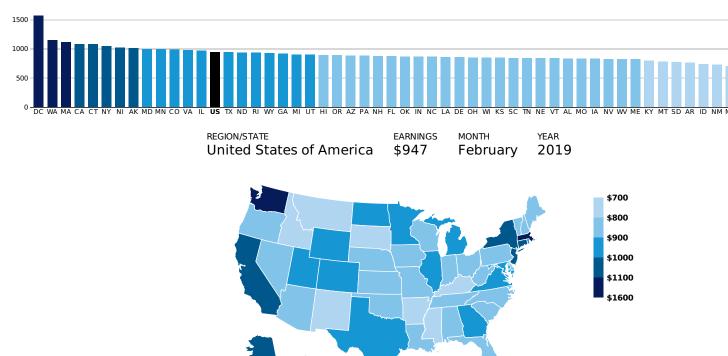
## **EARNINGS**

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 \$947 in February 2019.



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

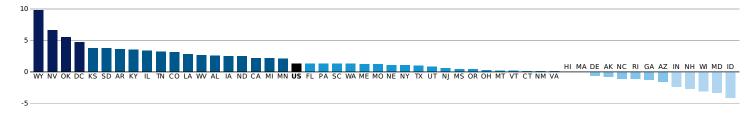
Weekly earnings for all private-sector employees in the United States averaged \$947 in February 2019. Among the 50 states, average weekly earnings ranged from \$708 in Mississippi to \$1,151 in Washington. Average weekly earnings in Texas (\$945) were closest to the national average.

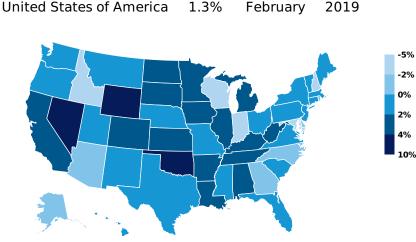
As is typical, average weekly earnings were higher in the District of Columbia (\$1,569) than in any state. After the District of Columbia and Washington, average weekly earnings were highest in Massachusetts (\$1,115), California (\$1,086), Connecticut (\$1,082), and New York (\$1,048).

Average weekly earnings were below the national average in 38 states. After Mississippi, average weekly earnings were lowest in New Mexico (\$736), Idaho (\$740), Arkansas (\$767), and South Dakota (\$777).

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

National real (inflation adjusted) average weekly earnings increased 1.3 percent from February 2018 to February 2019.





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YEAR

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REGION/STATE

National real (inflation-adjusted) average weekly earnings increased 1.3 percent between February 2018 and February 2019. In nominal dollars, average weekly earnings for the US were 2.9 percent higher in February than a year earlier.

The largest increases in real average weekly earnings were in Wyoming (9.8 percent), Nevada (6.6 percent), Oklahoma (5.5 percent), and the District of Columbia (4.7 percent). Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, South Dakota, and Tennessee also saw real average weekly earnings increase more than 3.0 percent over the year.

Real average weekly earnings declined over the year in 11 states. The largest decreases in real average weekly earnings were in Idaho (-4.1 percent), Maryland (-3.3 percent), Wisconsin (-3.1 percent), New Hampshire (-2.7 percent), and Indiana (-2.4 percent). Those five states and Arizona also saw nominal weekly earnings decline over the year.

