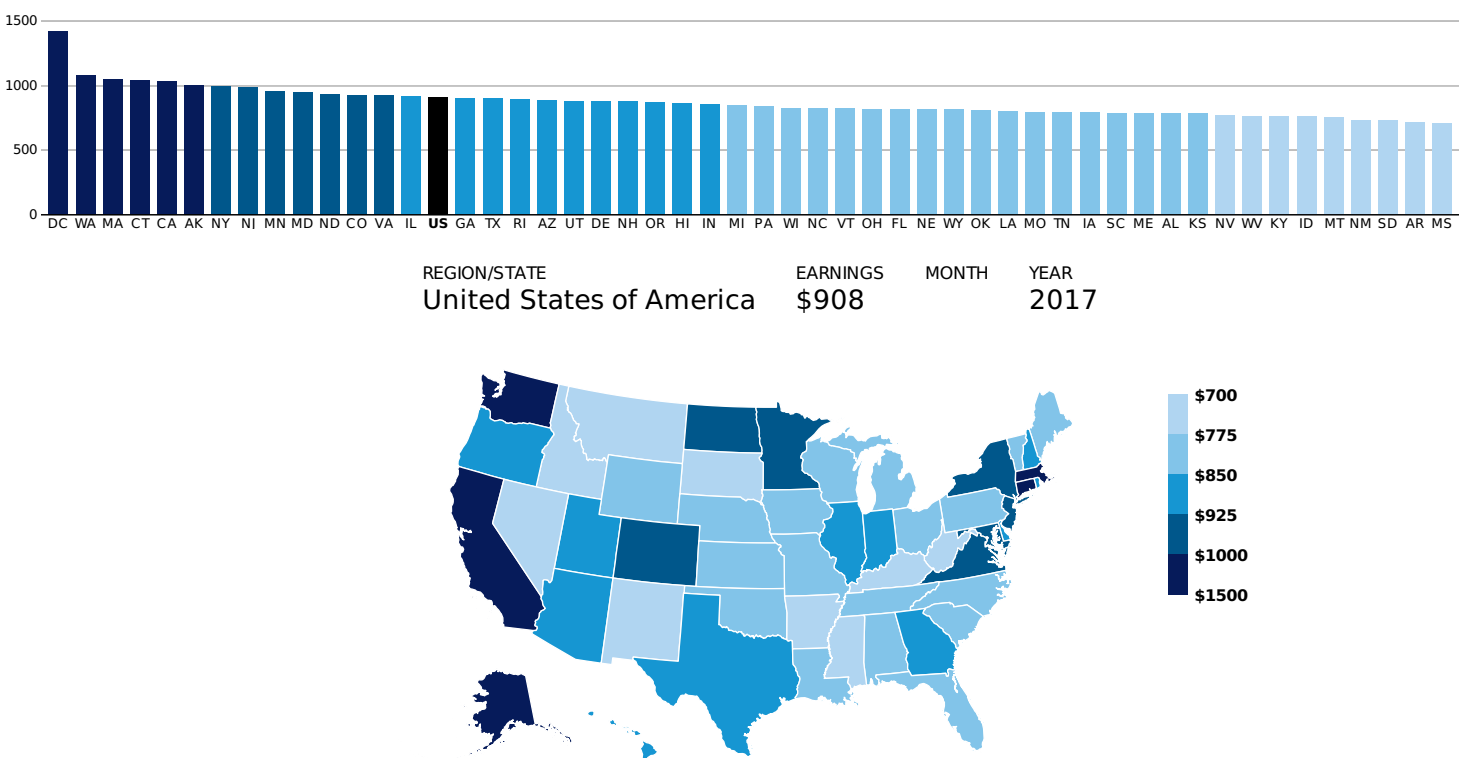


# EARNINGS

Tracking monthly state data on average weekly earnings for all US private employees.

## Average Weekly Earnings, Private Employment (dollars)

National real weekly earnings (i.e., earnings adjusted for inflation) for all US private employees averaged \$908 in undefined 2017.



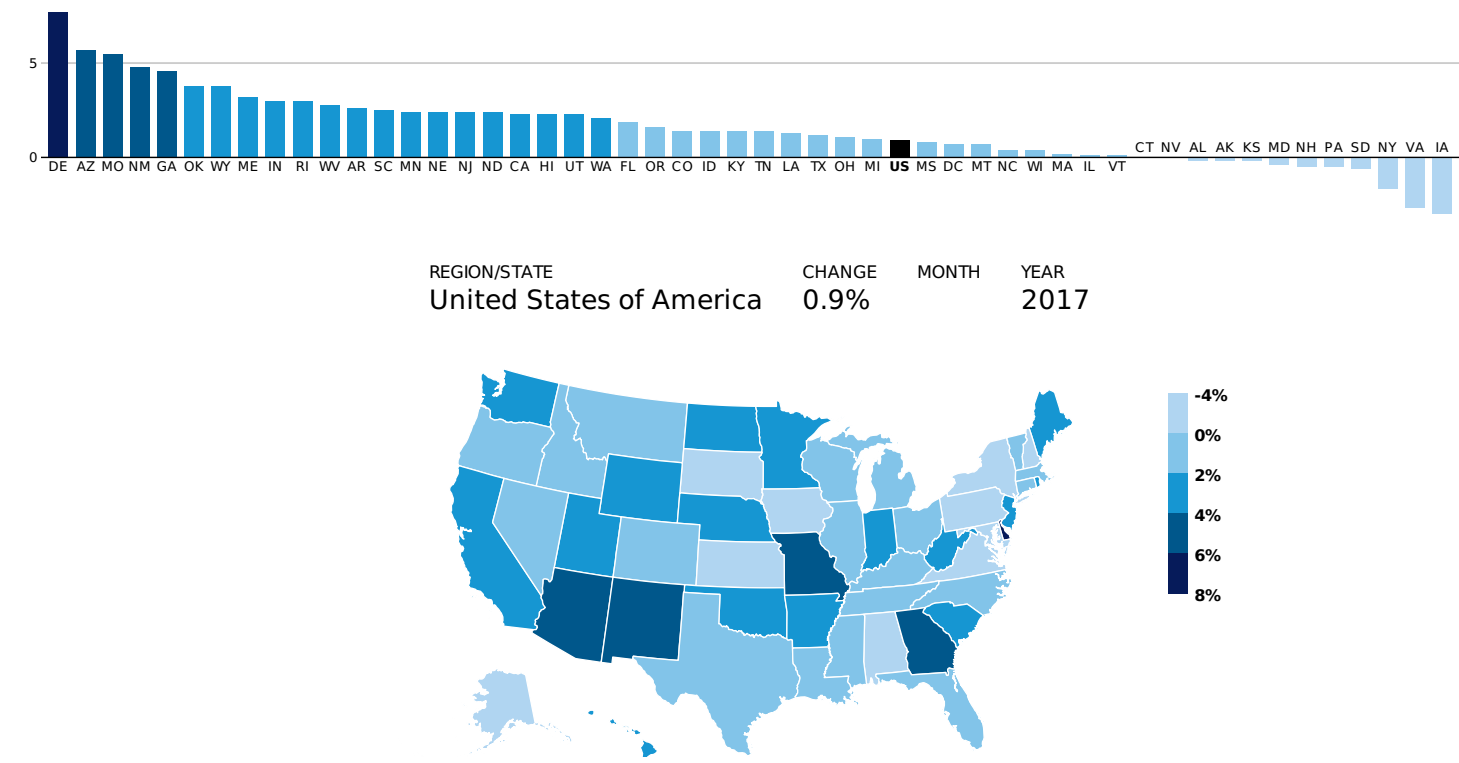
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics. (<http://www.bls.gov/sae/home.htm>)

Weekly earnings for all employees of private firms in the United States averaged \$908 in August 2017. Among the 50 states, average weekly earnings ranged from \$708 in Mississippi to \$1,082 in Washington. As is typical, average weekly earnings in the District of Columbia were higher than in all states, at \$1,420. After the District of Columbia and Washington, the highest average weekly earnings were in Massachusetts (\$1,052), Connecticut (\$1,041), California (\$1,035), and Alaska (\$1,004).

Thirty-seven states had average weekly earnings below the national average. Other than Mississippi, average earnings were lowest in Arkansas (\$720), South Dakota (\$730), New Mexico (\$735), Montana (\$758), and Idaho (\$761). Average weekly earnings were closest to the national average in Georgia (\$904) and Texas (\$900).

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

National real (inflation adjusted) average weekly earnings increased 0.9 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 August 2017 were 0.9 percent higher than in August 2016. Average weekly earnings were 2.8 percent higher in nominal dollars.

Real average earnings declined in 10 states. The largest drop was in Iowa (-3.0 percent). Two other states, New York and Virginia, also saw declines of more than 1.0 percent.

The largest increase in real average weekly earnings was in Delaware (7.9 percent). Real earnings also increased more than 5.0 percent in Arizona and Missouri. In total, 10 states saw real average wages increase 3.0 percent or more.