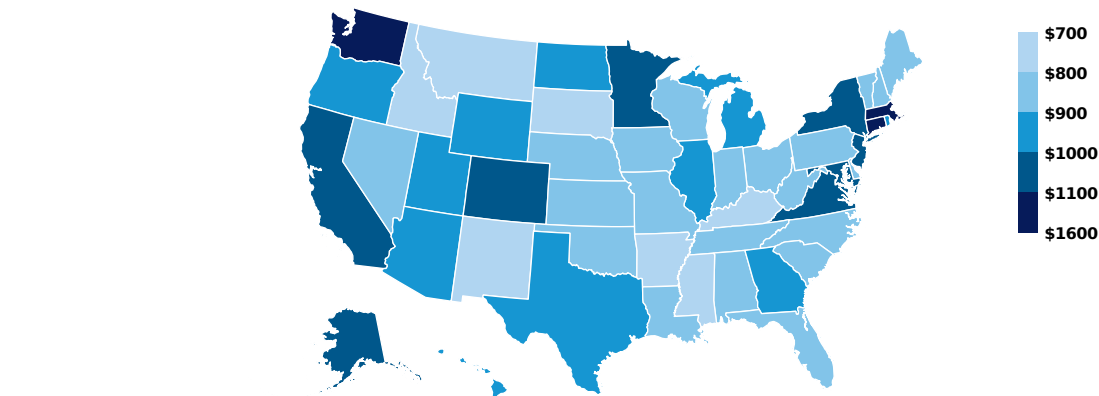
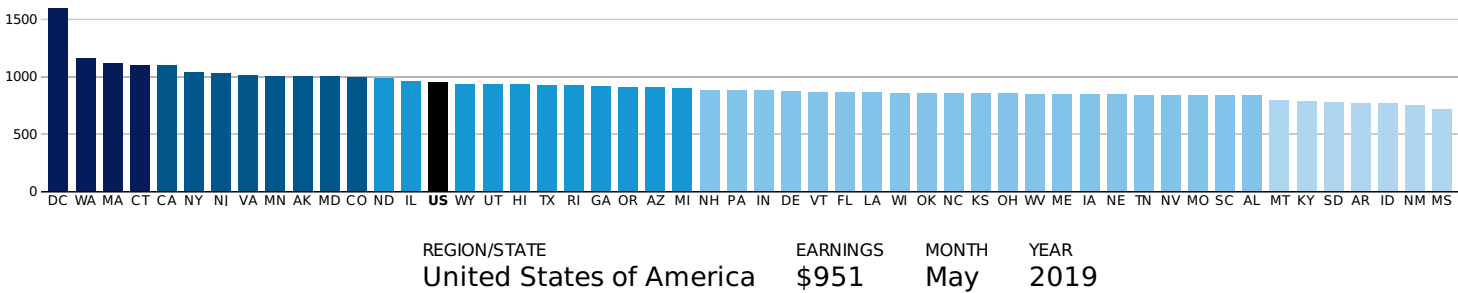


EARNINGS

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 \$951 in May 2019.



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

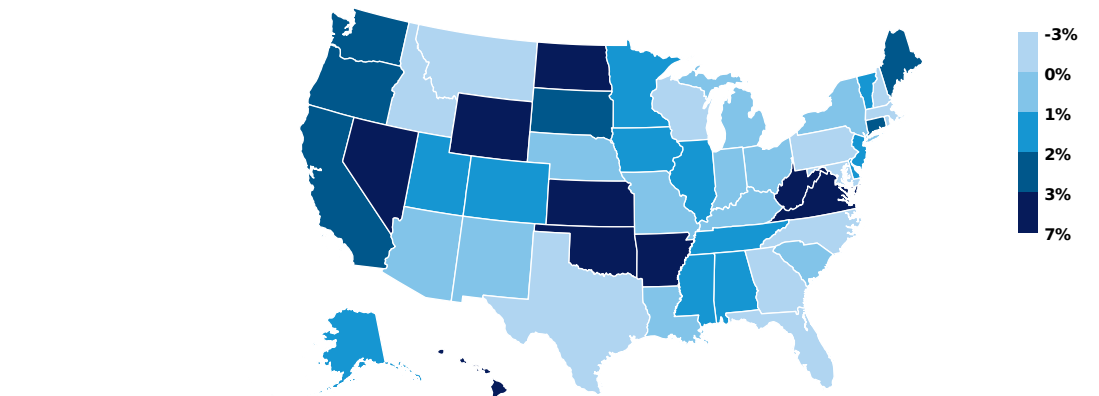
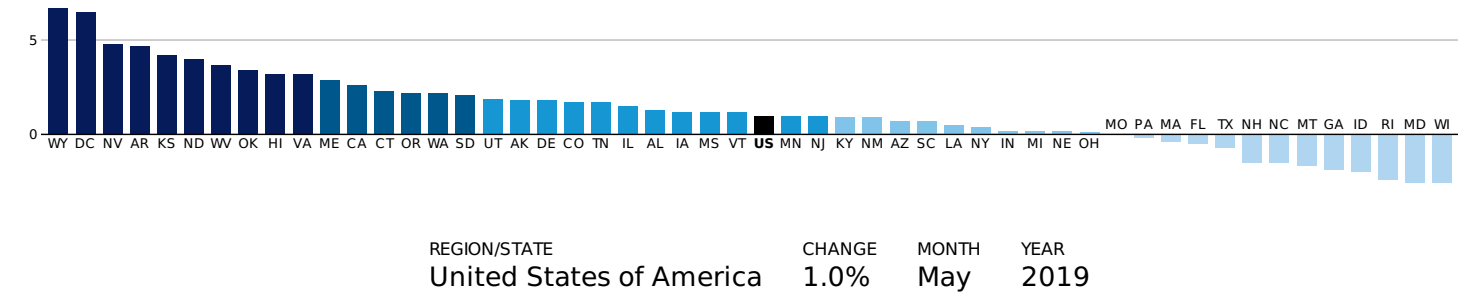
Weekly earnings for all private-sector employees in the United States averaged \$951 in May 2019. Among the 50 states, average weekly earnings ranged from \$719 in Mississippi to \$1,163 in Washington. Average weekly earnings in Illinois (\$961) were closest to the national average.

As is typical, average weekly earnings were higher in the District of Columbia (\$1,595) than in any state. After the District of Columbia and Washington, average weekly earnings were highest in Massachusetts (\$1,117), Connecticut (\$1,105), California (\$1,097), and New York (\$1,043).

Average weekly earnings were below the national average in 37 states. After Mississippi, average weekly earnings were lowest in New Mexico (\$756), Idaho (\$771), Arkansas (\$772), South Dakota (\$784), and Kentucky (\$788).

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

National real (inflation adjusted) average weekly earnings increased 1.0 percent from May 2018 to May 2019.



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National real (inflation-adjusted) average weekly earnings increased 1.0 percent between May 2018 and May 2019. In nominal dollars, national average weekly earnings were 2.8 percent higher in May than a year earlier.

Real earnings rose over the year in 37 states and the District of Columbia. The largest increases in real average weekly earnings were in Wyoming (6.7 percent), the District of Columbia (6.5 percent), Nevada (4.8 percent), Arkansas (4.7 percent), Kansas (4.2 percent), and North Dakota (4.0 percent). Hawaii, Oklahoma, Virginia, and West Virginia also saw real average weekly earnings increase at least 3.0 percent over the year.

Real average weekly earnings declined over the year in 12 states. The largest decreases in real average weekly earnings were in Maryland and Wisconsin (both -2.6 percent), Rhode Island (-2.4 percent), and Idaho (-2.0 percent). Georgia, Montana, New Hampshire, and North Carolina saw real earnings fall 1.0 percent or more over the year. In nominal dollars, five states saw weekly earnings decline over the year: Georgia, Idaho, Maryland, Rhode Island, and Wisconsin.

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