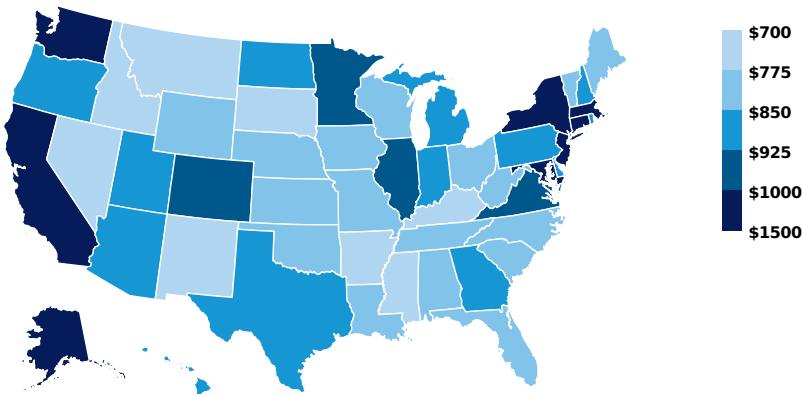
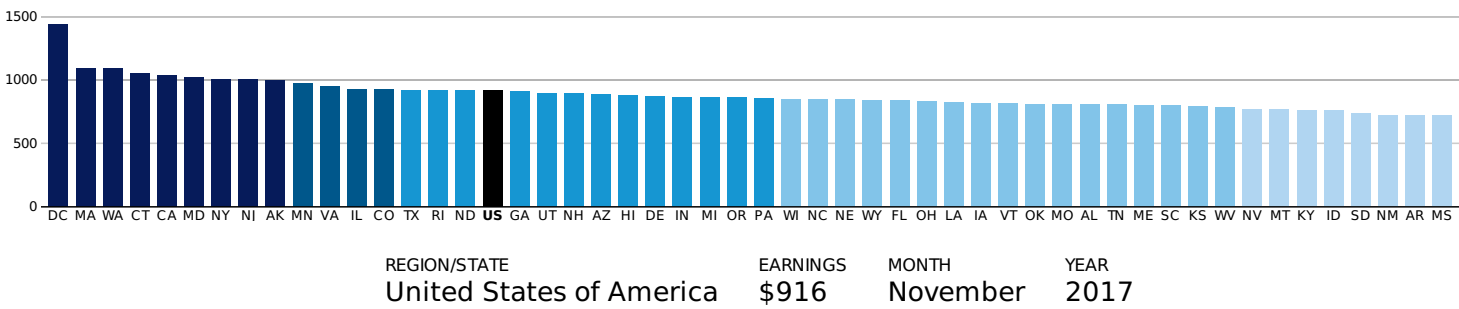


EARNINGS

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 \$916 in November 2017.



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

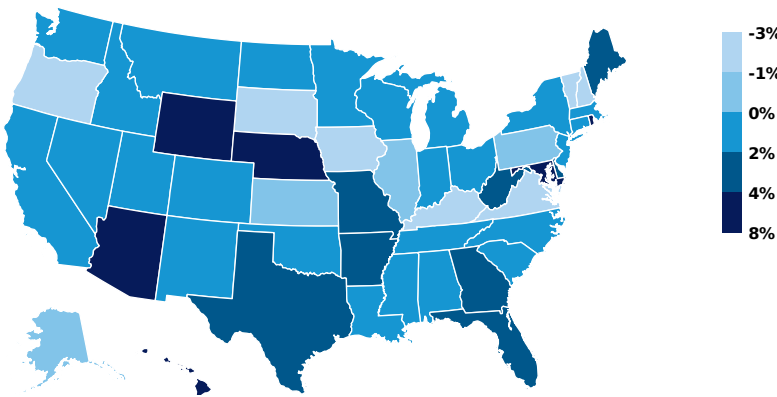
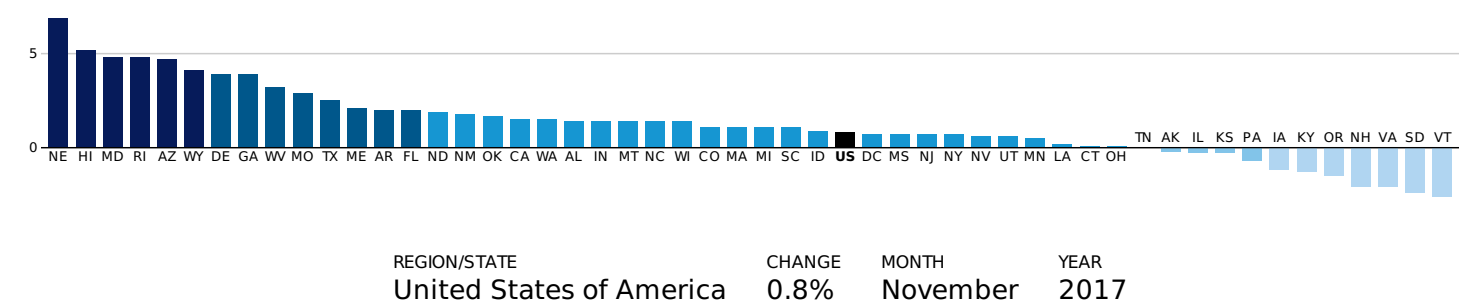
Weekly earnings for all United States private-sector employees averaged \$916 in November 2017. Among the 50 states, average weekly earnings ranged from \$720 in Mississippi to \$1,095 in Massachusetts.

As is typical, average weekly earnings in the District of Columbia were higher than in any state, at \$1,444. After the District of Columbia and Massachusetts, the highest average weekly earnings were in Washington (\$1,090), Connecticut (\$1,054), California (\$1,039), and Maryland (\$1,019).

Thirty-five states had weekly earnings below the national average. Other than Mississippi, average earnings were lowest in Arkansas (\$723), New Mexico (\$724), South Dakota (\$737), Idaho (\$758), and Kentucky (\$760). Average weekly earnings in North Dakota and Rhode Island (both \$917) were closest to the national average.

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

National real (inflation adjusted) average weekly earnings increased 0.8 percent from November 2016 to November 2017.



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

National real (inflation-adjusted) average weekly earnings in November 2017 were 0.8 percent higher than in November 2016. Average weekly earnings were 3.1 percent higher compared with one year earlier in nominal dollars.

Real average earnings declined in 11 states. The largest drops were in Vermont (-2.6 percent), South Dakota (-2.4 percent), and New Hampshire and Virginia (both -2.1 percent). Iowa, Kentucky, and Oregon also saw real earnings fall more than 1.0 percent.

The largest increases in real average weekly earnings were in Nebraska (6.9 percent) and Hawaii (5.2 percent). Arizona, Maryland, Rhode Island, and Wyoming also saw real earnings increase more than 4.0

