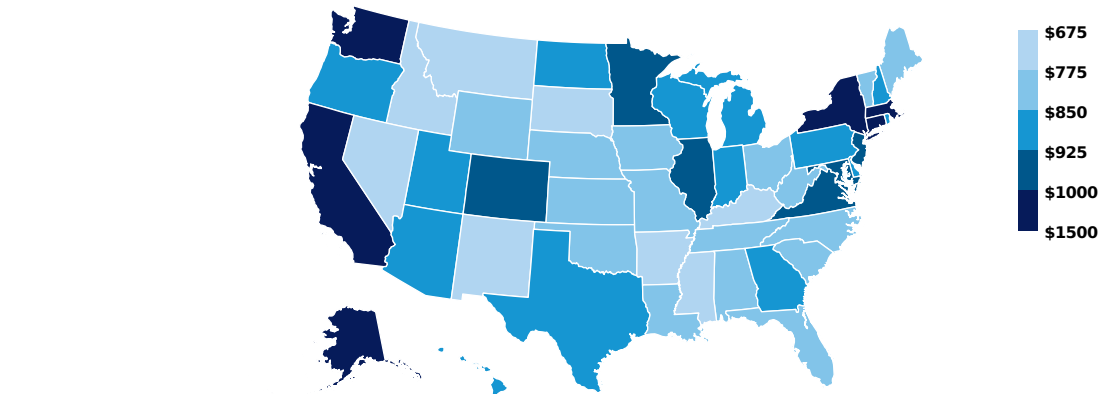
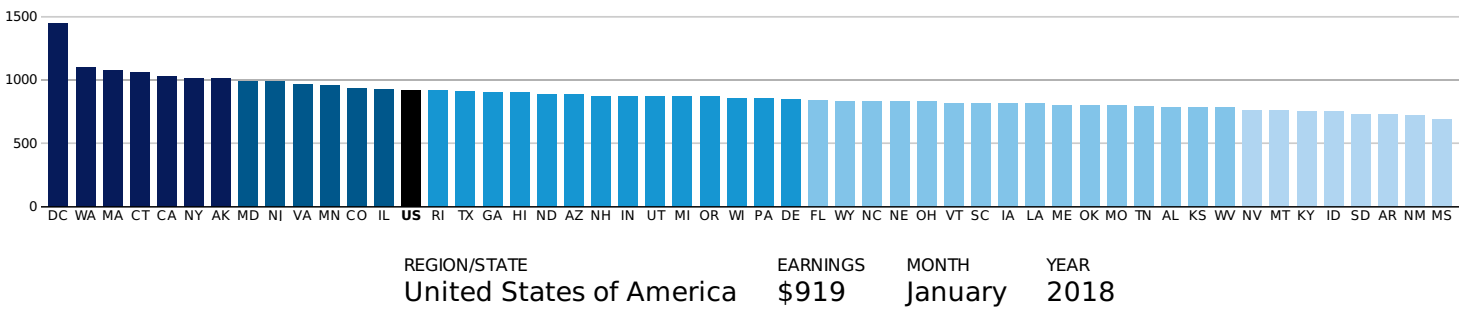


# EARNINGS

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 \$919 in January 2018.



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

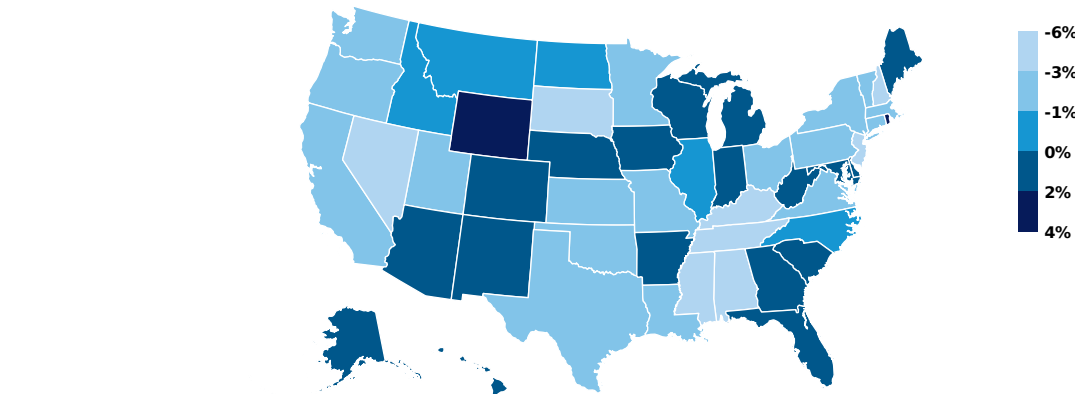
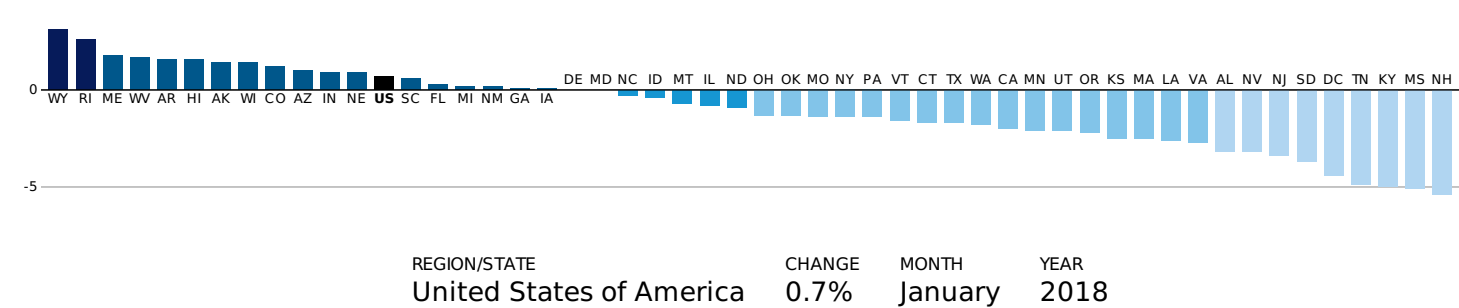
Weekly earnings for all United States private-sector employees averaged \$919 in January 2018. Among the 50 states, average weekly earnings ranged from \$690 in Mississippi to \$1,098 in Washington.

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 Washington, the highest average weekly earnings were in Massachusetts (\$1,079), Connecticut (\$1,060), California (\$1,029), New York (\$1,016), and Alaska (\$1,011).

Thirty-eight states had weekly earnings below the national average. After Mississippi, average earnings were lowest in New Mexico (\$719), Arkansas (\$729), South Dakota (\$733), Idaho (\$750), and Kentucky (\$750). Average weekly earnings in Rhode Island (\$918) 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 0.7 percent from January 2017 to January 2018.



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National real (inflation-adjusted) average weekly earnings in January 2018 were 0.7 percent higher than in January 2017. Average weekly earnings were 2.8 percent higher compared with one year earlier in nominal dollars.

Real average earnings declined in 30 states and the District of Columbia. The largest drops were in New Hampshire (-5.4 percent), Mississippi (-5.1 percent), and Kentucky (-5.0 percent). Five other states and the District of Columbia saw real earnings fall more than 3.0 percent. Average earnings declined in 15 states and the District of Columbia in nominal dollars.

The largest increases in real average weekly earnings were in Wyoming (3.1 percent), Rhode Island (2.6 percent), Maine (1.8 percent), and West Virginia (1.7 percent). Six other states saw real earnings rise 1.0

