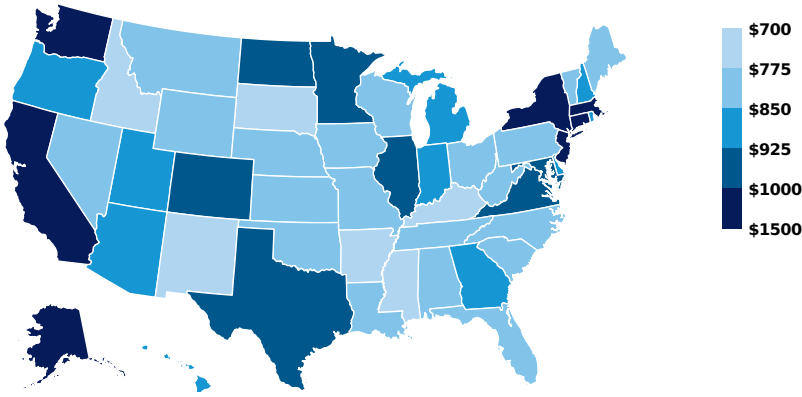
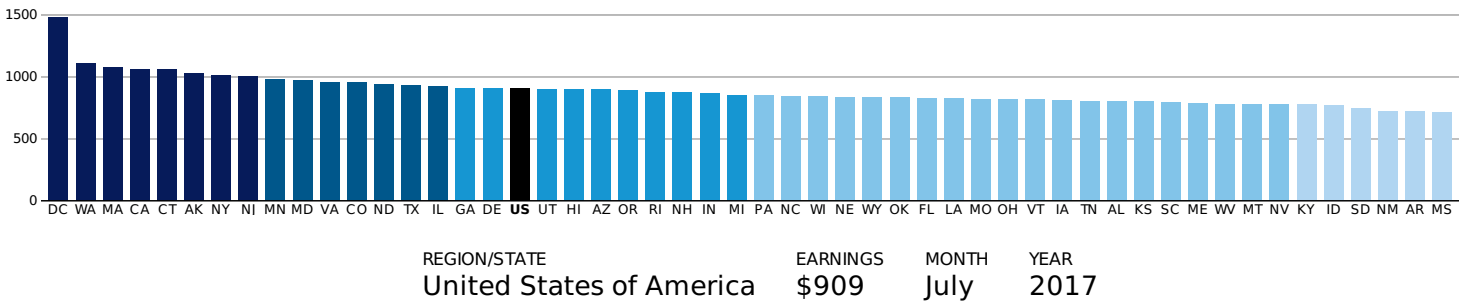


# EARNINGS

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 \$909 in July 2017.



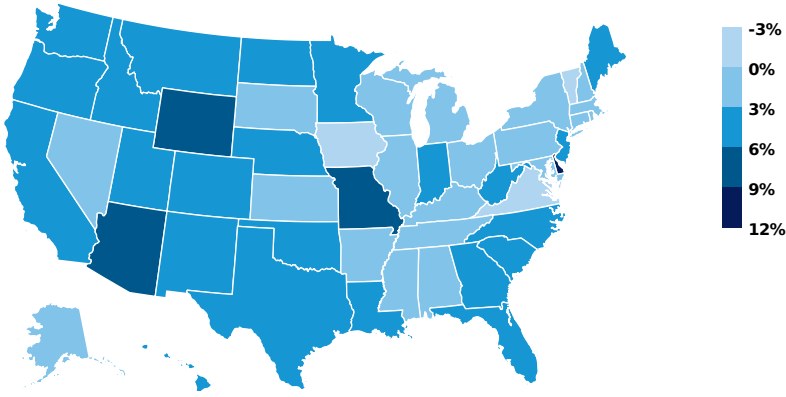
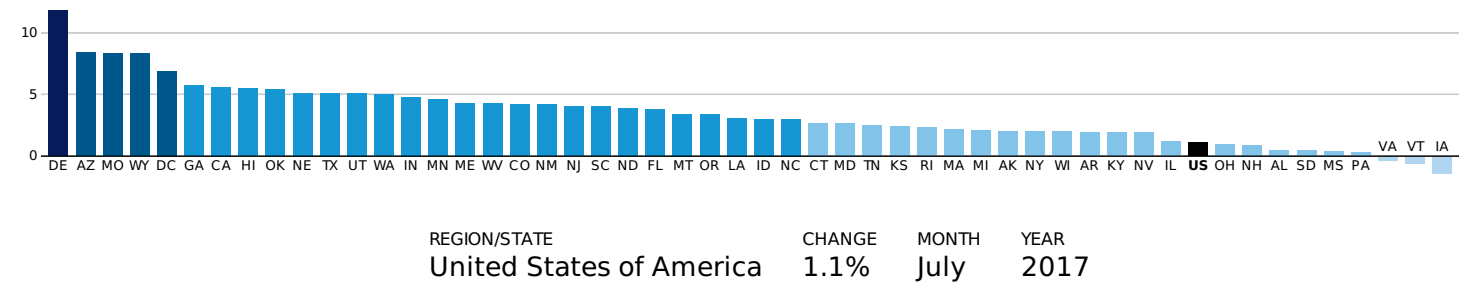
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics. (<http://www.bls.gov/sae/home.htm>)

Weekly earnings for all employees of private firms in the United States averaged \$909 in July 2017. Among the 50 states, average weekly earnings ranged from \$716 in Mississippi to \$1,109 in Washington. As is typical, average weekly earnings in the District of Columbia were higher than in all states, at \$1,477. After the District of Columbia and Washington, the highest average weekly earnings were in Massachusetts (\$1,077), California (\$1,061), Connecticut (\$1,059), and Alaska (\$1,027).

Thirty-four states had average weekly earnings below the national average. Other than Mississippi, average earnings were lowest in Arkansas (\$724), New Mexico (\$726), South Dakota (\$744), Idaho (\$771), and Kentucky (\$775). Average weekly earnings were closest to the national average in Delaware and Georgia (\$911 in both states).

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

National real (inflation adjusted) average weekly earnings increased 1.1 percent from July 2016 to July 2017.



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

National real (inflation-adjusted) average weekly earnings in July 2017 were 1.1 percent higher than in July 2016. Average weekly earnings were 2.8 percent higher in nominal dollars.

Real average earnings declined in three states. The largest drop was in Iowa (-1.4 percent). Vermont and Virginia also saw their earnings fall, but the decline was less than 1.0 percent in both states.

The largest increases in real average weekly earnings were in Delaware (11.8 percent). Real earnings also increased more than 8.0 percent in Arizona, Missouri, and Wyoming. In total, 12 states and the District of Columbia saw real average earnings increase 5.0 percent or more.