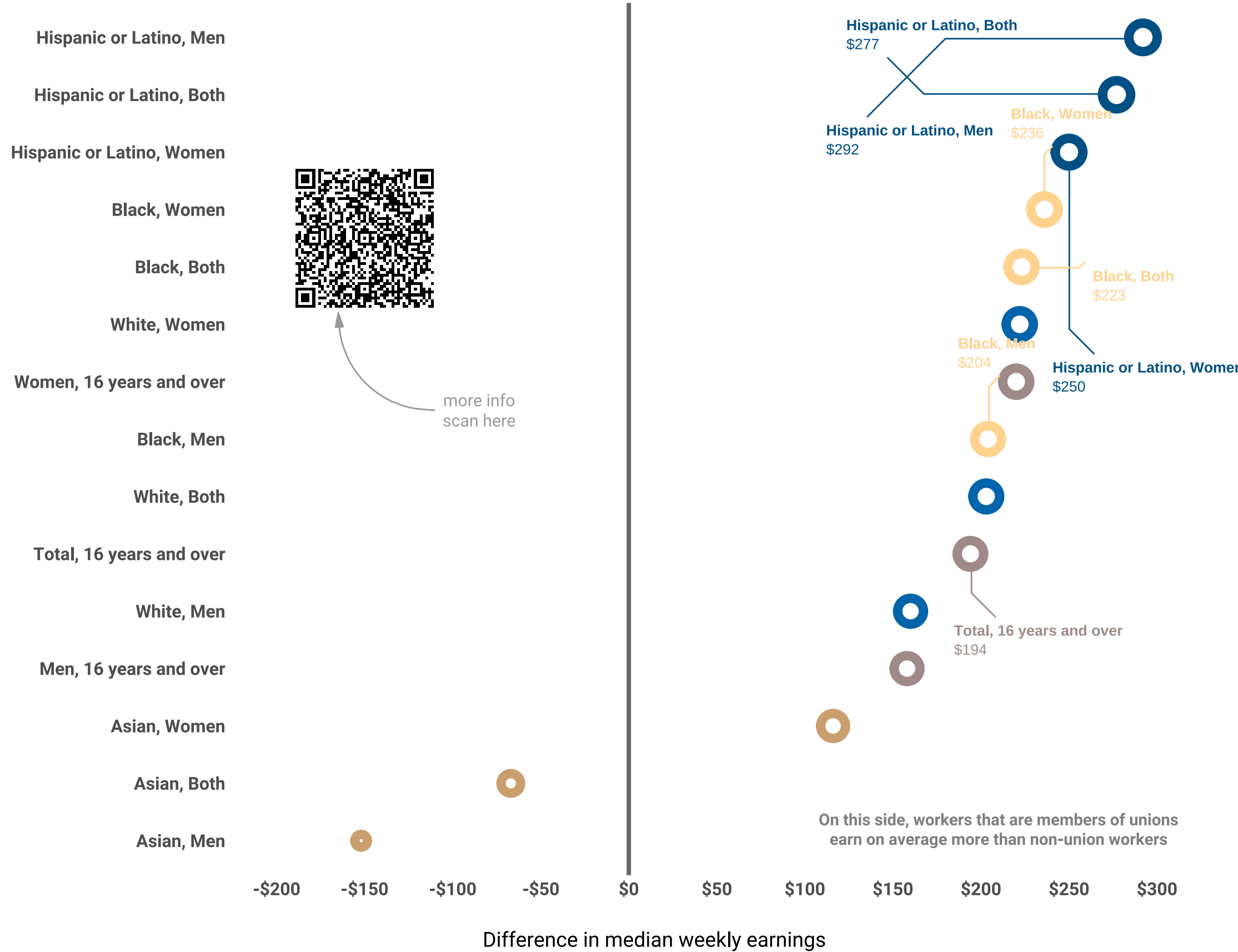




International Workers' Day

Why is union organization important? What should I care about a union? 2021 data in the chart below shows us the differences in weekly earnings between unionized and non-unionized workers. A unionized worker in the United States (16 years of age or older) earned an average of \$194 more than a non-union worker. This favorable difference is even greater for Black (\$223) and Hispanic or Latino (\$277) workers.



Even by occupation, [earnings differences between workers favor those who are union members](#). 2021 data shows that workers who are union members earn on average more than those who are not members of a union and these differences are greater if you're a unionized worker on Protective service (\$432), Construction and extraction (\$425), Service (\$310), and Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations (\$304).

