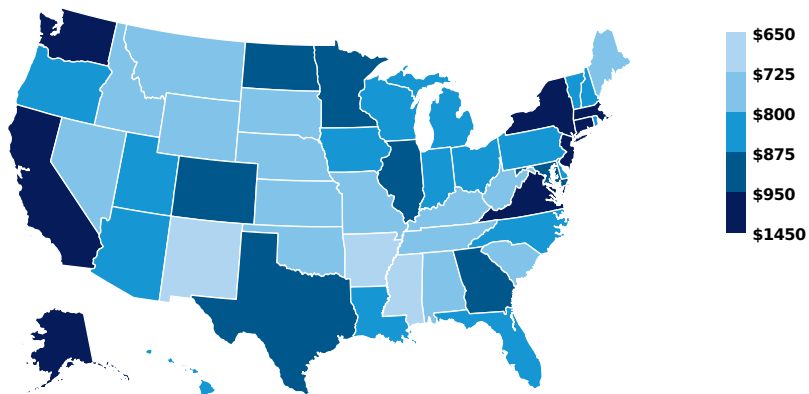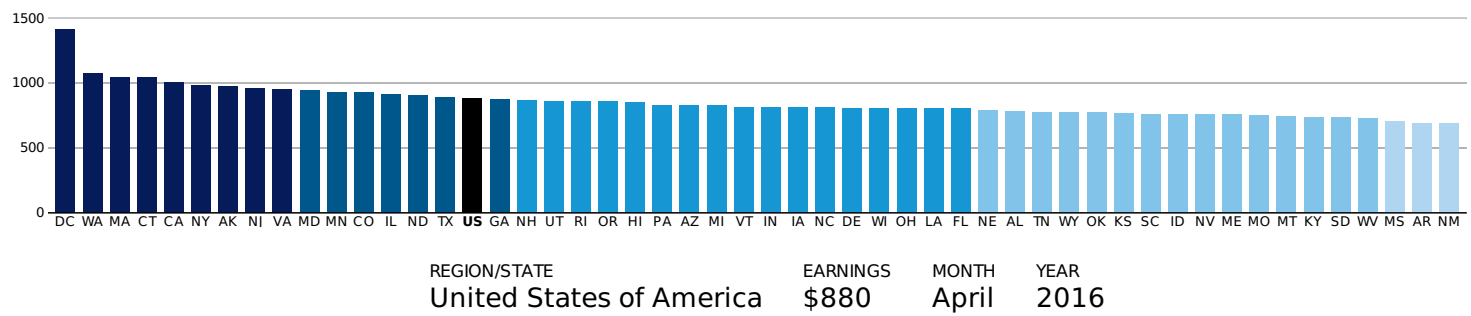# EARNINGS

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 $880 in April 2016.*
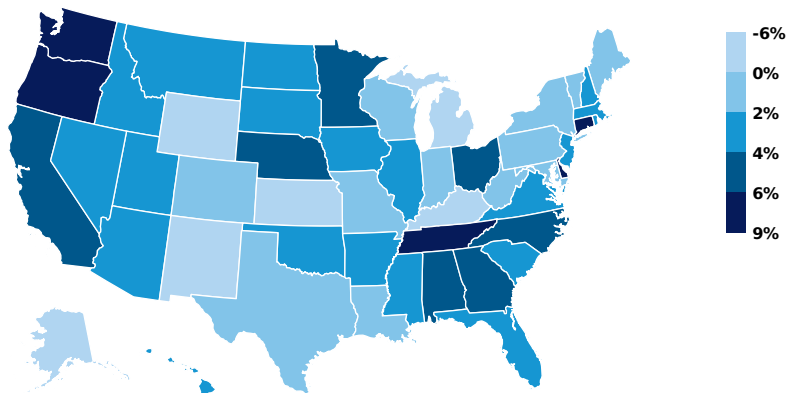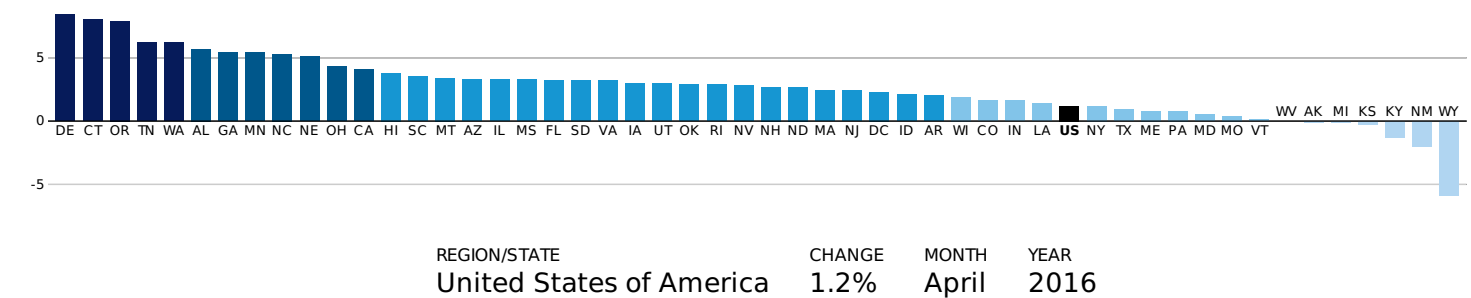


| REGION/STATE | EARNINGS | MONTH | YEAR |
|---|---|---|---|
| United States of America | $880 | April | 2016 |



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

National weekly earnings for all US private employees averaged $880 in May 2016. Among the 50 states, average earnings ranged from $687 in both Arkansas and New Mexico to $1,072 in Washington. As is typical, average weekly earnings in the District of Columbia (DC) were higher than in all states ($1,412). Thirty-six states had average weekly earnings below the national average. Average earnings were lowest in Arkansas, New Mexico, Mississippi ($707), West Virginia ($726), and South Dakota ($737). Average weekly earnings in Georgia ($878) and New Hampshire ($871) were closest to the national average. After DC and Washington, the highest average earnings were in Massachusetts ($1,047), Connecticut ($1,042), California ($1,010), and New York ($983).

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

*National real (inflation adjusted) average weekly earnings increased 1.2 percent from April 2015 to April 2016.*



| REGION/STATE | CHANGE | MONTH | YEAR |
|---|---|---|---|
| United States of America | 1.2% | April | 2016 |



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

National real (inflation-adjusted) average weekly earnings in May 2016 were 1.2 percent higher than in May 2015. The largest decline in real earnings was in Wyoming (-5.9 percent). The next-largest decline was in New Mexico (-2.0 percent). Only four other states had real average weekly earnings fall over the past year: Alaska, Kansas, Kentucky, and Michigan. The largest increases in real average earnings were in Delaware (8.4 percent), Connecticut (8.0 percent), and Oregon (7.9 percent). Seven other states had increases in real earnings greater than 5.0 percent: Alabama, Georgia, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Washington.