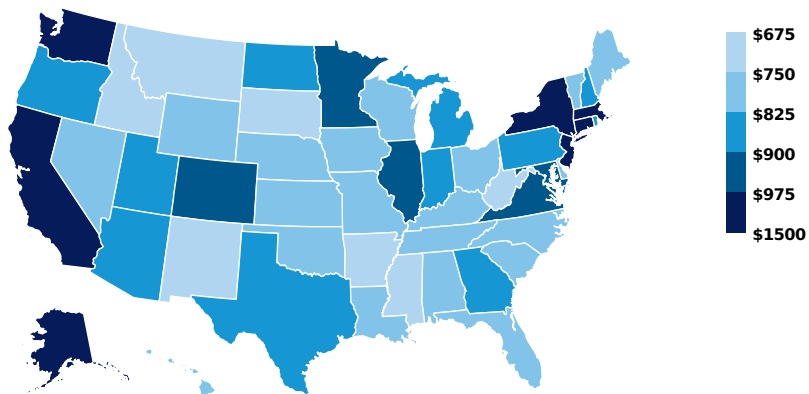
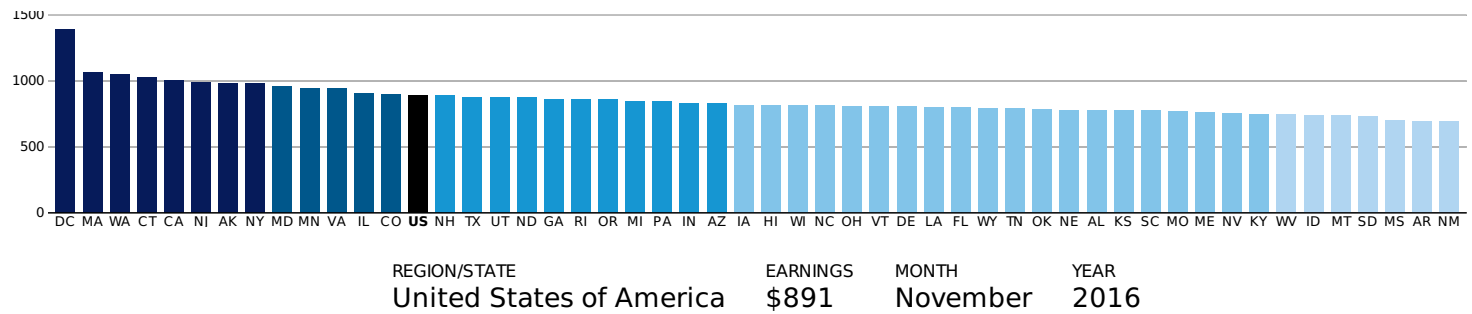


EARNINGS

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 \$891 in November 2016.

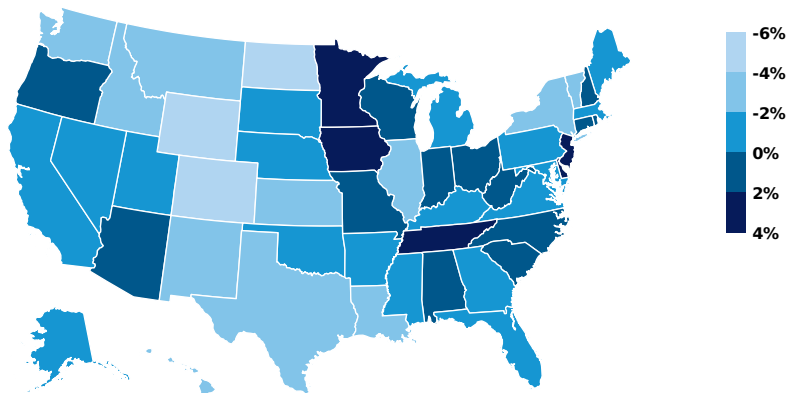
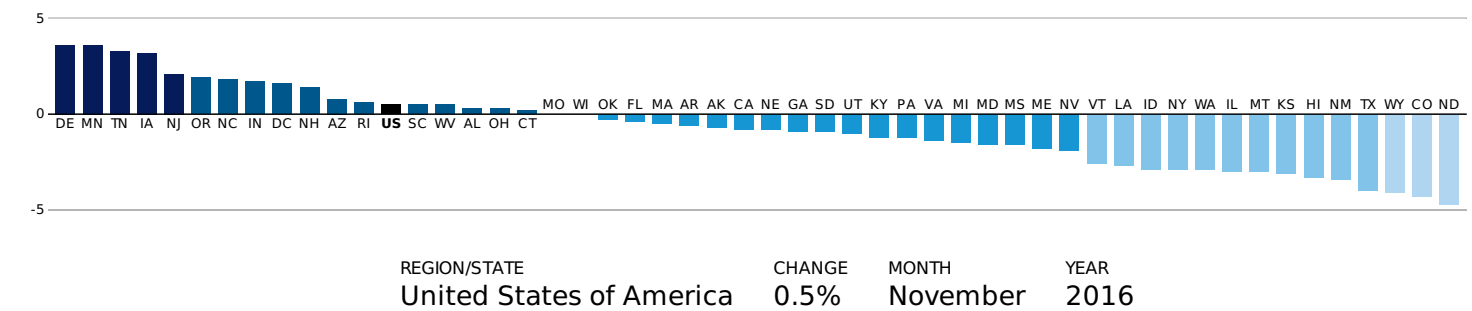


Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics. (<http://www.bls.gov/sae/home.htm>)

National weekly earnings for all US private employees averaged \$891 in November 2016. Among the 50 states, average weekly earnings ranged from \$693 in New Mexico to \$1,068 in Massachusetts. As is typical, average weekly earnings in the District of Columbia (DC) were higher than in all states, at \$1,390. Thirty-eight states had average weekly earnings below the national average. Other than New Mexico, average earnings were lowest in Arkansas (\$694), Mississippi (\$699), South Dakota (\$736), and Montana (\$738). Average weekly earnings were closest to the national average in New Hampshire (\$890). After DC and Massachusetts, the highest average weekly earnings were in Washington (\$1,053), Connecticut (\$1,030), California (\$1,004), and New Jersey (\$992).

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

National real (inflation adjusted) average weekly earnings increased 0.5 percent from November 2015 to November 2016.



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

National real (inflation-adjusted) average weekly earnings in November 2016 were 0.5 percent higher than in November 2015. Despite the national increase, however, 33 states saw real average wages decline over the year. The largest drop from a year ago was in North Dakota (-4.7 percent). Real average weekly earnings also fell 4.0 percent or more in Colorado (-4.3 percent), Wyoming (-4.1 percent), and Texas (-4.0 percent). Another 10 states saw real wages decline more than 2.0 percent. The largest increases in average weekly wages were in Delaware and Minnesota (both states saw 3.6 percent growth). Only three additional states (Iowa, New Jersey, and Tennessee) had real average weekly wages increase 2.0 percent or more.