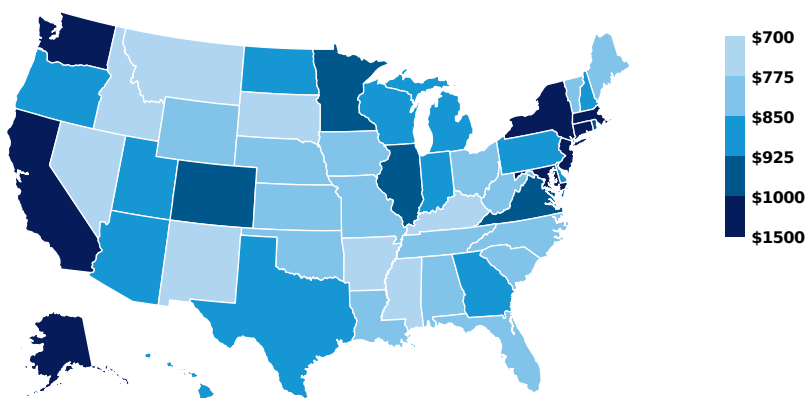
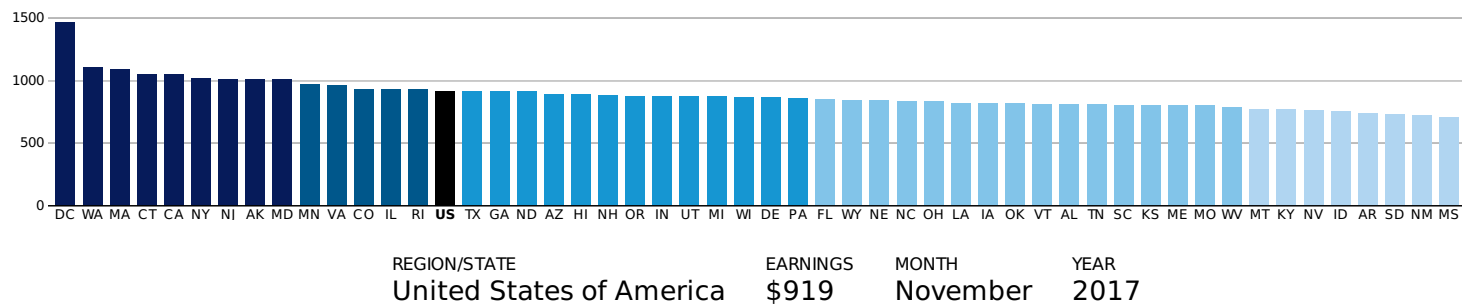


# EARNINGS

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 November 2017.



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

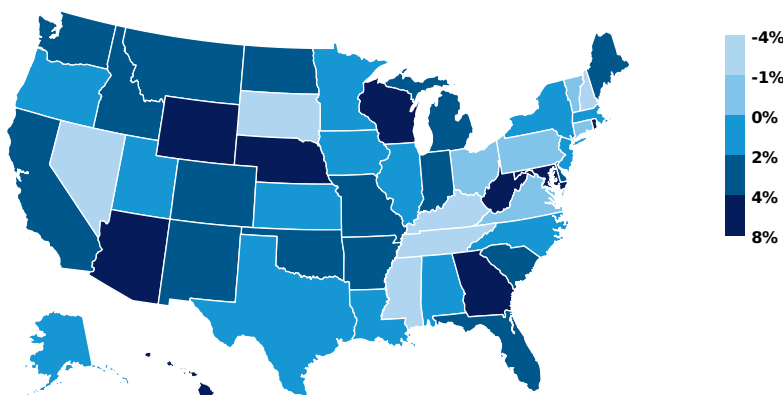
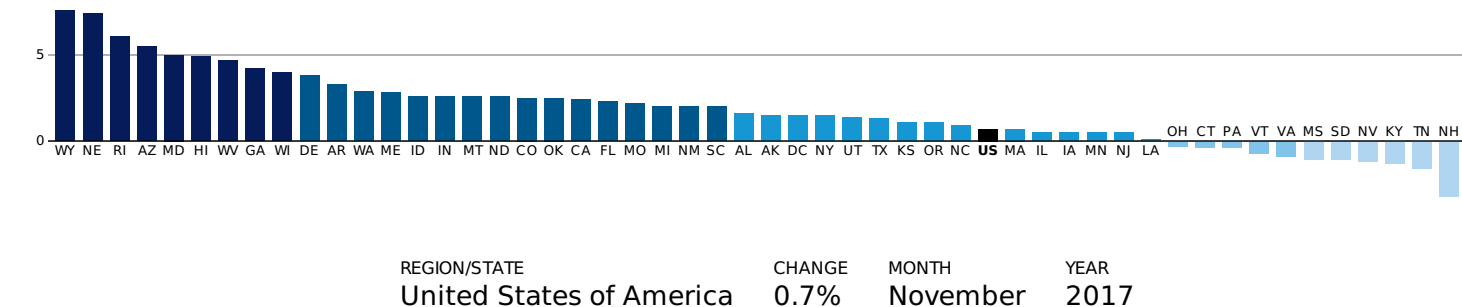
Weekly earnings for all United States private-sector employees averaged \$919 in December 2017. Among the 50 states, average weekly earnings ranged from \$707 in Mississippi to \$1,107 in Washington.

As is typical, average weekly earnings in the District of Columbia (DC) were higher than in any state, at \$1,464. After DC and Washington, the highest average weekly earnings were in Massachusetts (\$1,095), California (\$1,051), Connecticut (\$1,051), and New York (\$1,017).

Thirty-seven states had weekly earnings below the national average. After Mississippi, average earnings were lowest in New Mexico (\$723), South Dakota (\$734), Arkansas (\$736), Idaho (\$759), and Nevada (\$764). Average weekly earnings in Georgia (\$917) and Texas (\$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 November 2016 to November 2017.



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

National real (inflation-adjusted) average weekly earnings in December 2017 were 0.7 percent higher than in December 2016. Average weekly earnings were 2.8 percent higher compared with one year earlier in nominal dollars.

Real average earnings declined in 11 states. The largest drops were in New Hampshire (-3.2 percent), Tennessee (-1.6 percent), and Kentucky (-1.3 percent). Mississippi, Nevada, and South Dakota also saw real earnings fall more than 1.0 percent.

The largest increases in real average weekly earnings were in Wyoming (7.6 percent) and Nebraska (7.4 percent). Arizona, Maryland, and Rhode Island also saw real earnings increase 5.0 percent or more.

