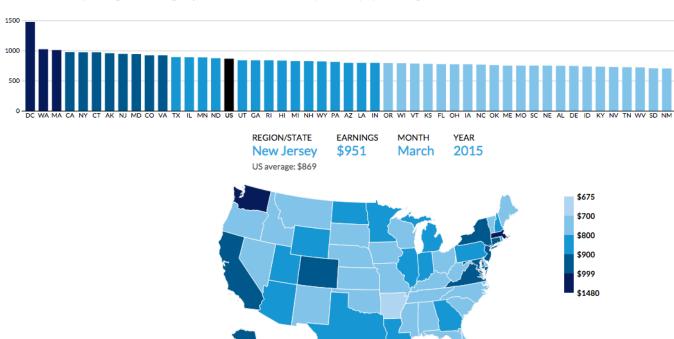
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Tracking monthly state data on average weekly earnings for all US private employees.

Average Weekly Earnings, Private Employment (dollars)

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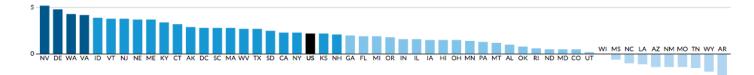


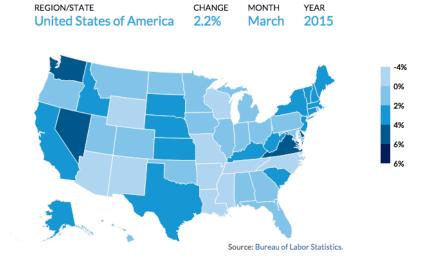
National average weekly earnings for all US private employees averaged \$869 in March 2015. Among the 50 states, average weekly earnings ranged from \$676 in Arkansas to \$1,028 in Washington. The District of Columbia's average weekly earnings were \$1,480. While Arkansas was the only state with average weekly earnings under \$700, average weekly earnings in Mississippi (\$700), Montana (\$706), and New Mexico (\$708) were only slightly higher. Seven states had average weekly earnings above \$950: Washington, Massachusetts (\$1,015), California (\$980), New York (\$978), Connecticut (\$976), Alaska (\$961), and New Jersey (\$951).

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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

National real (inflation adjusted) average weekly earnings increased 2.2 percent from March 2014 to March 2015.





National real (inflation-adjusted) average weekly earnings in March 2015 were 2.2 percent higher than in March 2014. Nine states saw real average weekly earnings fall over the year. The largest decline was in Arkansas (-3.4 percent), followed by Wyoming (-1.9 percent) and Tennessee (-1.5 percent). On the other end of the spectrum, Nevada's 5.2 percent growth was the largest increase among the states. Delaware (4.8 percent), Washington (4.3 percent), and Virginia (4.2 percent) also had earnings growth in excess of 4 percent.