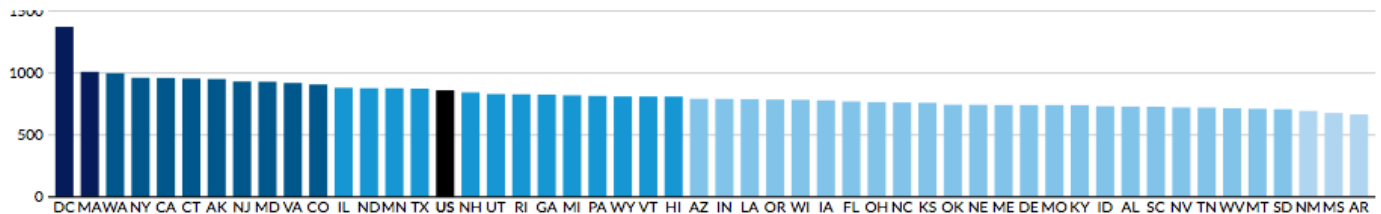


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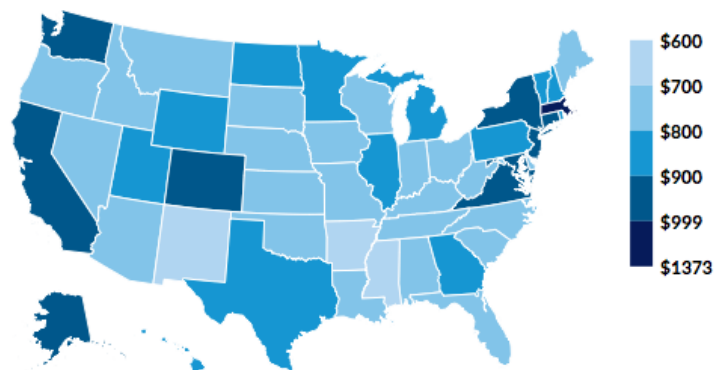
Tracking monthly state data on average weekly earnings for all US private employees.

### Average Weekly Earnings, Private Employment (dollars)

National real weekly earnings (i.e., earnings adjusted for inflation) for all US private employees averaged \$861 in May 2015.



REGION/STATE      EARNINGS      MONTH      YEAR  
 United States of America      \$861      May      2015

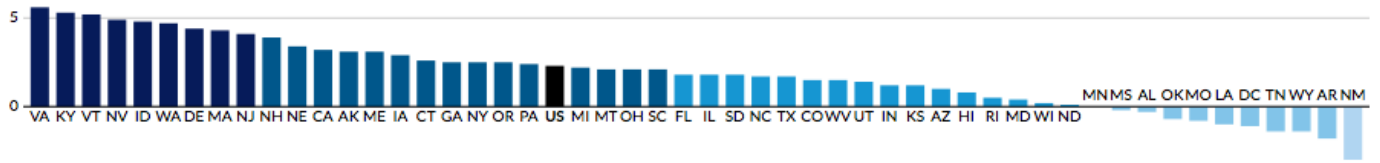


Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

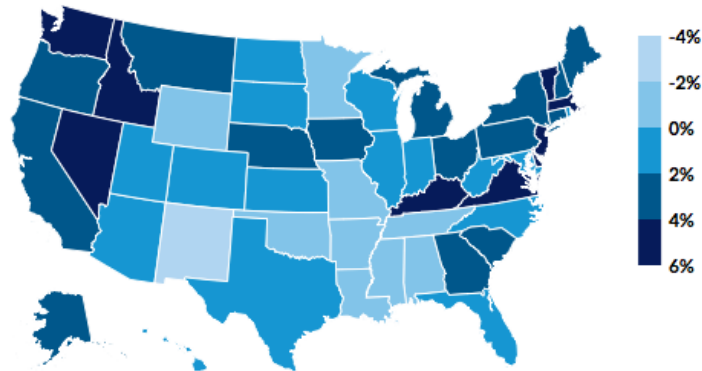
National weekly earnings for all US private employees averaged \$861 in May 2015. Among the 50 states, average wages ranged from \$666 in Arkansas to \$1,010 in Massachusetts. The District of Columbia’s average weekly earnings were \$1,372. Thirty-six states had average weekly earnings below the national average, including three states with average wages below \$700: Arkansas, Mississippi, (\$677), and New Mexico (\$694). Ten states had average weekly earnings above \$900: Massachusetts, Washington (\$998), New York (\$961), California (\$960), Connecticut (\$956), Alaska (\$951), New Jersey (\$932), Maryland (\$930), Virginia (\$920), and Colorado (\$908).

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

National real (inflation adjusted) average weekly earnings increased 2.3 percent from May 2014 to May 2015.



REGION/STATE      CHANGE      MONTH      YEAR  
**Utah**              **1.4%**      **May**      **2015**  
 US average: 2.3%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

National real (inflation-adjusted) average weekly earnings in May 2015 were 2.3 percent higher than in May 2014. Forty states saw real average weekly earnings increase over the year. Three states saw increases of more than 5 percent: Virginia (5.6 percent), Kentucky (5.3 percent), and Vermont (5.2 percent). Eleven other states had real average earnings growth between 3 and 5 percent. Nine states and DC saw average wages decline (Minnesota's real average wages were unchanged). New Mexico's 3.0 percent decline was the largest. Four states and DC had declines greater than 1 percent: New Mexico, Arkansas (-1.8 percent), Tennessee and Wyoming (both -1.4 percent), and DC (-1.1 percent).