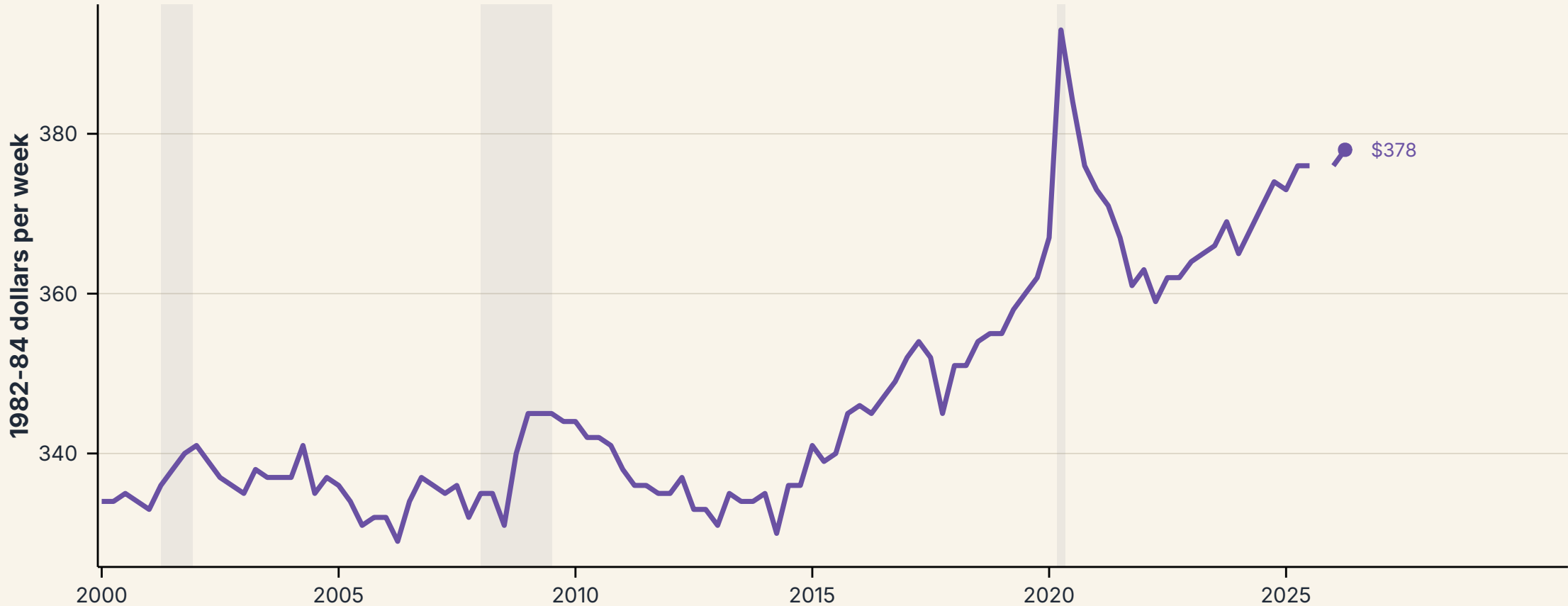


The Median Paycheque, Inflation-Adjusted

Latest: Q2 2026



Notes: Real median usual weekly earnings, full-time wage and salary workers. The MEDIAN - not the average, which composition distorts - deflated by CPI. The single best answer to 'are typical workers better off?' Shaded bars: NBER recessions. The October 2025 US government shutdown interrupted data collection and publication for that reference month. The line breaks there rather than drawing across it.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics via FRED (LES1252881600Q). Retrieved 01 Sep 2026.

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