

Multiple Jobholders in the Ocean State

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Current Population Survey, 5.6 percent of employed Rhode Islanders sixteen years and older held more than one job in 2021. This represented a 0.4 percentage point increase from the state's 2020 rate and was equal to the 2019 rate.

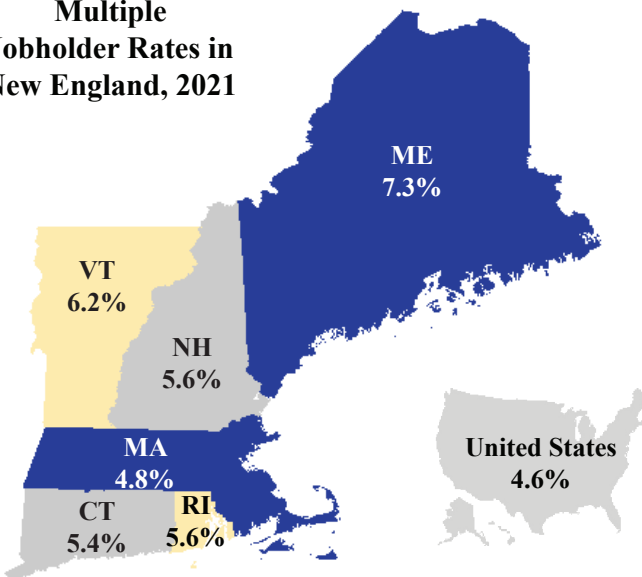
Historical data show that Rhode Island's multiple jobholder rate consistently surpasses the United States average. In 1994, 5.9 percent of the nation's workers held two or more jobs, 0.9 percentage points less than in the Ocean State. This gap widened to 2.3 percentage points in 1999 and again in 2009. The gap now stands at 1.0 percentage point.

Since 1994, Rhode Island has ranked among the top half of states with the highest multiple jobholder rates. In 1994, the Ocean State ranked twentieth in the nation, rising to fourteenth place in 1999 and 2000. In 2021, the Ocean State continued to be in the top half of all states with multiple jobholders. Rhode Island was tied for the sixteenth highest multiple jobholder rate in the United States. The highest rates were reported in Montana (8.0%), Iowa (7.5%), Nebraska (7.4%) and Maine (7.3%) while Florida (3.3%), Arkansas (3.4%), Alabama (3.5%) and New Mexico (3.5%) had the lowest percentages of multiple jobholders in the country.

Multiple Jobholders as Percentage of Total Employed
16 years and older

	RI	CT	MA	ME	NH	VT	US
2021	5.6%	5.4%	4.8%	7.3%	5.6%	6.2%	4.6%
2020	5.2%	5.3%	4.5%	6.8%	5.5%	5.7%	4.5%
2019	5.6%	7.2%	5.5%	7.9%	6.5%	6.3%	5.1%
2018	5.8%	5.8%	5.0%	7.5%	6.1%	6.5%	5.0%
2017	5.7%	6.5%	5.5%	7.3%	5.6%	7.7%	4.9%
2016	4.6%	6.4%	5.4%	8.0%	6.2%	7.1%	5.0%
2015	5.6%	5.6%	5.5%	8.2%	6.5%	7.2%	4.9%
2014	6.4%	5.9%	5.6%	8.0%	6.8%	8.5%	4.9%
2013	5.7%	5.6%	5.4%	8.6%	5.9%	8.8%	4.9%
2012	5.6%	5.8%	5.4%	8.1%	6.0%	8.6%	4.9%
2011	5.9%	5.5%	5.4%	8.1%	6.1%	8.3%	4.9%
2010	7.0%	6.3%	5.5%	7.0%	6.5%	8.7%	4.9%
2009	7.5%	5.8%	6.0%	7.7%	7.0%	7.9%	5.2%
2008	7.2%	5.9%	6.1%	8.3%	6.6%	8.9%	5.2%
2007	6.6%	6.3%	5.2%	8.1%	6.9%	9.4%	5.2%
2006	6.9%	5.9%	5.6%	8.2%	7.3%	9.3%	5.2%
2005	6.5%	5.5%	5.8%	7.8%	6.3%	8.3%	5.3%
2004	5.8%	5.3%	5.4%	7.7%	6.4%	8.5%	5.4%
2003	6.4%	4.9%	4.9%	7.9%	6.2%	8.9%	5.3%
2002	6.2%	5.9%	4.9%	7.2%	6.5%	8.9%	5.3%
2001	7.2%	6.4%	4.8%	7.1%	7.0%	7.8%	5.4%
2000	7.8%	6.5%	5.8%	8.6%	6.3%	9.2%	5.6%
1999	8.1%	5.9%	5.9%	8.0%	7.1%	8.7%	5.8%
1998	7.0%	5.1%	6.1%	8.0%	7.3%	8.8%	6.0%
1997	7.0%	5.3%	6.4%	8.8%	8.0%	8.9%	6.1%
1996	6.8%	6.1%	7.2%	7.9%	7.8%	8.6%	6.2%
1995	7.5%	5.4%	6.8%	6.7%	8.9%	8.5%	6.2%
1994	6.8%	6.1%	6.5%	6.5%	7.3%	7.9%	5.9%

Multiple Jobholder Rates in New England, 2021



Within New England, both Rhode Island (5.6%) and New Hampshire (5.6%) had the third highest multiple jobholder rate in 2021. Maine's multiple jobholder rate of 7.3 percent was the highest in the region. Vermont (6.2%) reported the next highest multiple jobholder rate in the region, followed by Rhode Island (5.6%), New Hampshire (5.6%) and Connecticut (5.4%). Massachusetts reported the lowest multiple jobholder rate in New England at 4.8 percent. Each of the six New England states reported multiple jobholder rates above the national average (4.6%).

**Multiple Jobholders as a Percentage of Total Employment By State
2011-2021 Annual Average**

State	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
United States	4.6	4.5	5.1	5.0	4.9	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9
Alabama	3.5	4.1	3.9	4.4	4.3	4.5	4.3	3.9	3.7	4.0	3.3
Alaska	5.8	5.7	6.5	6.3	6.7	7.3	7.5	7.4	6.7	6.1	6.2
Arizona	5.2	5.0	5.7	5.4	4.6	4.7	4.0	4.2	4.9	4.8	3.9
Arkansas	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.6	4.0	4.7	3.7
California	3.6	3.3	4.0	3.8	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.3
Colorado	5.7	4.9	6.2	5.8	5.8	6.2	5.6	6.3	6.2	5.7	5.8
Connecticut	5.4	5.3	7.2	5.8	6.5	6.4	5.6	5.9	5.6	5.8	5.5
Delaware	4.7	5.1	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.4	4.9	4.2
District of Columbia	4.6	5.2	6.1	5.9	5.3	5.5	5.5	4.3	4.7	4.3	4.3
Florida	3.3	3.4	3.9	4.0	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4
Georgia	4.3	3.6	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.1	3.8	3.8	3.5	3.9	3.8
Hawaii	6.2	6.2	7.1	6.9	6.5	5.5	5.7	6.0	5.8	6.2	6.1
Idaho	6.3	6.0	6.3	5.8	6.6	6.2	5.5	6.9	6.1	6.0	7.4
Illinois	5.0	4.5	5.0	5.3	5.2	4.9	5.2	5.3	4.8	5.1	5.0
Indiana	5.6	5.2	5.6	5.9	5.3	5.3	5.5	5.6	4.7	4.6	4.9
Iowa	7.5	7.5	6.4	7.2	8.1	7.6	8.6	8.2	7.6	7.3	7.6
Kansas	6.7	6.2	6.3	5.6	6.0	6.3	6.2	6.6	7.5	8.2	7.8
Kentucky	3.9	4.3	5.4	5.7	5.4	5.2	5.2	4.8	5.3	5.4	4.3
Louisiana	4.0	4.1	4.5	5.2	4.7	5.0	4.4	4.3	4.9	3.8	4.0
Maine	7.3	6.8	7.9	7.5	7.3	8.0	8.2	8.0	8.6	8.1	8.1
Maryland	5.6	5.2	5.1	5.3	5.6	5.7	5.3	5.6	6.1	5.4	5.3
Massachusetts	4.8	4.5	5.5	5.0	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.4
Michigan	4.8	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.7	4.4	5.0
Minnesota	6.2	6.6	7.7	7.6	7.2	6.8	7.7	7.7	8.0	8.1	8.1
Mississippi	3.9	3.8	4.6	4.0	4.6	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.3	5.0	5.3
Missouri	5.0	5.1	6.0	5.3	5.6	6.8	5.8	5.9	6.5	5.3	5.6
Montana	8.0	8.7	8.7	7.9	7.6	7.4	7.8	7.8	6.9	7.5	6.3
Nebraska	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.7	7.9	8.2	7.7	8.4	7.9	8.5	8.6
Nevada	3.7	3.3	3.3	4.2	4.0	4.0	3.8	4.1	4.2	4.5	5.0
New Hampshire	5.6	5.5	6.5	6.1	5.6	6.2	6.5	6.8	5.9	6.0	6.1
New Jersey	4.6	3.9	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.2	3.9	4.0	4.3	4.5	4.4
New Mexico	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6	4.1	3.6	3.9	4.9	4.1	4.0	3.7
New York	4.3	4.1	5.1	4.5	3.9	3.8	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.9	4.4
North Carolina	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.7	4.7	4.9	5.0	4.6	4.9	5.1	5.1
North Dakota	5.7	6.6	7.4	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.7	7.5	7.9	8.0	9.0
Ohio	5.6	5.4	6.5	6.4	6.0	6.5	6.5	6.2	5.8	6.1	6.0
Oklahoma	4.3	4.7	5.3	4.7	4.7	4.2	4.2	4.5	4.1	4.2	4.1
Oregon	4.9	5.2	5.8	5.5	5.7	5.4	5.4	5.7	6.2	6.7	6.6
Pennsylvania	4.7	5.1	6.0	6.3	5.4	6.0	6.0	5.6	5.0	5.0	5.4
Rhode Island	5.6	5.2	5.6	5.8	5.7	4.6	5.6	6.4	5.7	5.6	5.9
South Carolina	4.4	4.1	4.4	4.4	4.0	3.9	3.7	3.7	4.3	3.7	3.6
South Dakota	7.2	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.5	8.2	9.1	8.7	8.9	9.5	9.0
Tennessee	3.7	3.7	4.2	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.1	4.6
Texas	3.8	3.8	4.4	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.9
Utah	5.4	6.5	7.4	7.5	7.7	7.2	6.5	5.7	6.0	6.0	5.8
Vermont	6.2	5.7	6.3	6.5	7.7	7.1	7.2	8.5	8.8	8.6	8.3
Virginia	4.9	5.3	5.8	5.7	5.8	5.3	5.2	5.5	5.2	4.4	4.5
Washington	4.9	4.3	5.7	5.3	5.2	5.7	5.4	5.1	5.9	5.7	5.7
West Virginia	4.3	4.3	4.9	4.7	4.4	4.6	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.3	4.1
Wisconsin	5.9	6.9	7.9	7.7	7.5	8.3	7.6	6.7	6.3	6.9	6.9
Wyoming	6.7	6.9	7.1	6.3	6.7	6.3	6.0	6.3	6.6	7.0	7.5

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey

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