

Multiple Jobholders in the Ocean State

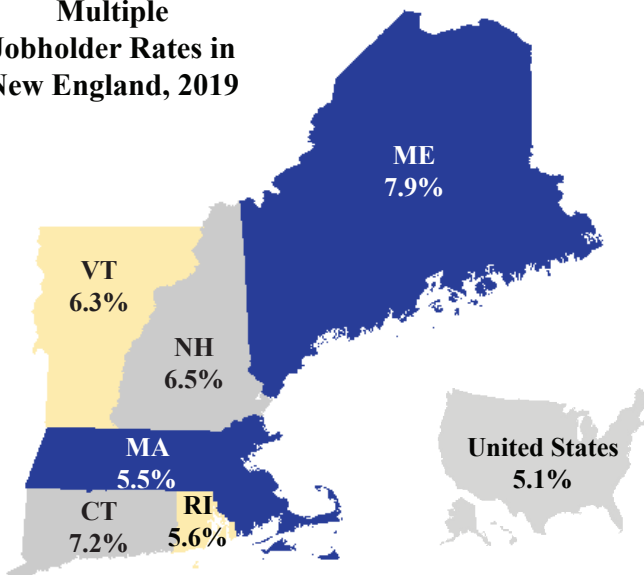
According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Current Population Survey, 5.6 percent of employed Rhode Islanders sixteen years and older held more than one job in 2019. This represented a 0.2 percentage point decrease from the state's 2018 rate and is Rhode Island's lowest level since 2016.

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 0.5 percentage points.

Since 1994, Rhode Island had 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 2019, the Ocean State fell into the bottom half of all states with multiple jobholders. Rhode Island was tied for the twenty-fourth lowest multiple jobholder rate in the United States. The highest rates were reported in Montana (8.7%), South Dakota (8.2%), Maine (7.9%) and Wisconsin (7.9%) while Nevada (3.3%), Arkansas (3.3%) and New Mexico (3.6%) had the lowest percentages of multiple jobholders in the country.

	RI	CT	MA	ME	NH	VT	US
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, 2019



Within New England, Rhode Island (5.6%) had the fifth highest multiple jobholder rate in 2019. Maine's multiple jobholder rate of 7.9 percent was the highest in the region. Connecticut (7.2%) reported the next highest multiple jobholder rate in the region, followed by New Hampshire (6.5%) and Vermont (6.3%). Massachusetts reported the lowest multiple jobholder rate in New England at 5.5 percent. Each of the six New England states reported multiple jobholder rates above the national average (5.1%).

**Multiple Jobholders as a Percentage of Total Employment By State
2009-2019 Annual Average**

State	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
United States	5.1	5.0	4.9	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	5.2
Alabama	3.9	4.4	4.3	4.5	4.3	3.9	3.7	4.0	3.3	3.3	4.6
Alaska	6.5	6.3	6.7	7.3	7.5	7.4	6.7	6.1	6.2	7.2	7.8
Arizona	5.7	5.4	4.6	4.7	4.0	4.2	4.9	4.8	3.9	4.1	3.8
Arkansas	3.3	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.6	4.0	4.7	3.7	4.3	4.8
California	4.0	3.8	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.4
Colorado	6.2	5.8	5.8	6.2	5.6	6.3	6.2	5.7	5.8	5.7	6.0
Connecticut	7.2	5.8	6.5	6.4	5.6	5.9	5.6	5.8	5.5	6.3	5.8
Delaware	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.4	4.9	4.2	4.5	4.4
District of Columbia	6.1	5.9	5.3	5.5	5.5	4.3	4.7	4.3	4.3	4.6	5.2
Florida	3.9	4.0	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.6	4.2
Georgia	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.1	3.8	3.8	3.5	3.9	3.8	3.9	4.6
Hawaii	7.1	6.9	6.5	5.5	5.7	6.0	5.8	6.2	6.1	7.0	7.7
Idaho	6.3	5.8	6.6	6.2	5.5	6.9	6.1	6.0	7.4	7.1	7.0
Illinois	5.0	5.3	5.2	4.9	5.2	5.3	4.8	5.1	5.0	5.5	5.4
Indiana	5.6	5.9	5.3	5.3	5.5	5.6	4.7	4.6	4.9	4.7	5.0
Iowa	6.4	7.2	8.1	7.6	8.6	8.2	7.6	7.3	7.6	8.4	8.8
Kansas	6.3	5.6	6.0	6.3	6.2	6.6	7.5	8.2	7.8	7.0	7.4
Kentucky	5.4	5.7	5.4	5.2	5.2	4.8	5.3	5.4	4.3	5.5	5.5
Louisiana	4.5	5.2	4.7	5.0	4.4	4.3	4.9	3.8	4.0	3.5	3.9
Maine	7.9	7.5	7.3	8.0	8.2	8.0	8.6	8.1	8.1	7.0	7.7
Maryland	5.1	5.3	5.6	5.7	5.3	5.6	6.1	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.7
Massachusetts	5.5	5.0	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.5	6.0
Michigan	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.7	4.4	5.0	4.7	4.6
Minnesota	7.7	7.6	7.2	6.8	7.7	7.7	8.0	8.1	8.1	8.6	9.0
Mississippi	4.6	4.0	4.6	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.3	5.0	5.3	5.1	5.5
Missouri	6.0	5.3	5.6	6.8	5.8	5.9	6.5	5.3	5.6	5.8	5.8
Montana	8.7	7.9	7.6	7.4	7.8	7.8	6.9	7.5	6.3	8.2	6.6
Nebraska	7.6	7.7	7.9	8.2	7.7	8.4	7.9	8.5	8.6	9.0	9.5
Nevada	3.3	4.2	4.0	4.0	3.8	4.1	4.2	4.5	5.0	4.2	3.7
New Hampshire	6.5	6.1	5.6	6.2	6.5	6.8	5.9	6.0	6.1	6.5	7.0
New Jersey	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.2	3.9	4.0	4.3	4.5	4.4	3.9	4.3
New Mexico	3.6	3.6	4.1	3.6	3.9	4.9	4.1	4.0	3.7	4.6	4.5
New York	5.1	4.5	3.9	3.8	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.9	4.4	4.3	4.6
North Carolina	4.5	4.7	4.7	4.9	5.0	4.6	4.9	5.1	5.1	4.5	4.9
North Dakota	7.4	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.7	7.5	7.9	8.0	9.0	8.9	9.8
Ohio	6.5	6.4	6.0	6.5	6.5	6.2	5.8	6.1	6.0	5.7	5.9
Oklahoma	5.3	4.7	4.7	4.2	4.2	4.5	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.5	4.4
Oregon	5.8	5.5	5.7	5.4	5.4	5.7	6.2	6.7	6.6	6.5	5.9
Pennsylvania	6.0	6.3	5.4	6.0	6.0	5.6	5.0	5.0	5.4	5.3	5.8
Rhode Island	5.6	5.8	5.7	4.6	5.6	6.4	5.7	5.6	5.9	7.0	7.5
South Carolina	4.4	4.4	4.0	3.9	3.7	3.7	4.3	3.7	3.6	4.1	4.5
South Dakota	8.2	8.2	8.5	8.2	9.1	8.7	8.9	9.5	9.0	10.3	10.3
Tennessee	4.2	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.1	4.6	4.1	4.4
Texas	4.4	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.8	4.1
Utah	7.4	7.5	7.7	7.2	6.5	5.7	6.0	6.0	5.8	6.5	7.6
Vermont	6.3	6.5	7.7	7.1	7.2	8.5	8.8	8.6	8.3	8.7	7.9
Virginia	5.8	5.7	5.8	5.3	5.2	5.5	5.2	4.4	4.5	4.4	5.0
Washington	5.7	5.3	5.2	5.7	5.4	5.1	5.9	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.5
West Virginia	4.9	4.7	4.4	4.6	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.3	4.1	4.4	4.5
Wisconsin	7.9	7.7	7.5	8.3	7.6	6.7	6.3	6.9	6.9	6.9	7.6
Wyoming	7.1	6.3	6.7	6.3	6.0	6.3	6.6	7.0	7.5	8.8	8.7

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey

