

Multiple Jobholders in the Ocean State

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Current Population Survey, 6.1 percent of employed Rhode Islanders sixteen years and older held more than one job in 2023. This represented a 0.9 percentage point increase from the state's 2022 rate and is the highest multiple jobholder rate in Rhode Island since 2014 (6.4%).

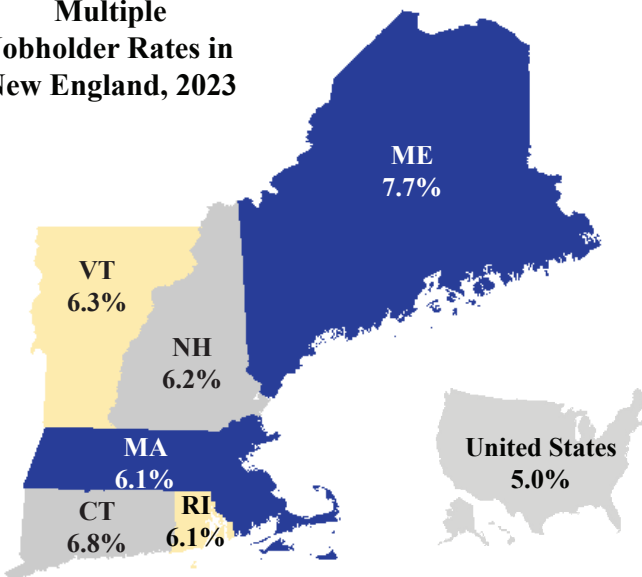
Historical data show that Rhode Island's multiple jobholder rate consistently surpasses the United States average. In 1994, 5.9 percent of the nation's workers held two or more jobs, 0.9 percentage points less than in the Ocean State. This gap widened to 2.3 percentage points in 1999 and again in 2009. The gap now stands at 1.1 percentage points.

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 2023, the Ocean State had the seventeenth highest multiple jobholder rate in the United States, tied with South Dakota (6.1%) and Massachusetts (6.1%). The highest rates were reported in Montana (7.9%), Maine (7.7%), Nebraska (7.7%) and Alaska (7.6%) while Mississippi (3.3%), Florida (3.4%), Alabama (3.6%), West Virginia (3.8%) and Tennessee (3.8%) 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
2023	6.1%	6.8%	6.1%	7.7%	6.2%	6.3%	5.0%
2022	5.2%	6.5%	5.3%	8.1%	6.0%	6.1%	4.8%
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, 2023



Within New England, Rhode Island (6.1%) and Massachusetts (6.1%) had the lowest multiple jobholder rates in 2023. Maine's multiple jobholder rate of 7.7 percent was the highest in the region and tied for second highest in the nation. Connecticut (6.8%) reported the next highest multiple jobholder rate in the region, followed by Vermont (6.3%) and New Hampshire (6.2%). Each of the six New England states reported multiple jobholder rates above the national average (5.0%).

**Multiple Jobholders as a Percentage of Total Employment By State
2011-2023 Annual Average**

<u>State</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
United States	5.0	4.8	4.6	4.5	5.1	5.0	4.9	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9
Alabama	3.6	3.6	3.5	4.1	3.9	4.4	4.3	4.5	4.3	3.9	3.7	4.0	3.3
Alaska	7.6	6.0	5.8	5.7	6.5	6.3	6.7	7.3	7.5	7.4	6.7	6.1	6.2
Arizona	4.0	4.5	5.2	5.0	5.7	5.4	4.6	4.7	4.0	4.2	4.9	4.8	3.9
Arkansas	4.1	3.7	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.6	4.0	4.7	3.7
California	4.4	4.2	3.6	3.3	4.0	3.8	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.3
Colorado	6.3	6.3	5.7	4.9	6.2	5.8	5.8	6.2	5.6	6.3	6.2	5.7	5.8
Connecticut	6.8	6.5	5.4	5.3	7.2	5.8	6.5	6.4	5.6	5.9	5.6	5.8	5.5
Delaware	5.4	5.3	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	6.0	5.6	4.6	5.2	6.1	5.9	5.3	5.5	5.5	4.3	4.7	4.3	4.3
Florida	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.9	4.0	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4
Georgia	3.9	4.1	4.3	3.6	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.1	3.8	3.8	3.5	3.9	3.8
Hawaii	7.2	5.5	6.2	6.2	7.1	6.9	6.5	5.5	5.7	6.0	5.8	6.2	6.1
Idaho	5.4	6.1	6.3	6.0	6.3	5.8	6.6	6.2	5.5	6.9	6.1	6.0	7.4
Illinois	5.4	4.7	5.0	4.5	5.0	5.3	5.2	4.9	5.2	5.3	4.8	5.1	5.0
Indiana	5.2	5.7	5.6	5.2	5.6	5.9	5.3	5.3	5.5	5.6	4.7	4.6	4.9
Iowa	7.0	6.8	7.5	7.5	6.4	7.2	8.1	7.6	8.6	8.2	7.6	7.3	7.6
Kansas	7.0	6.5	6.7	6.2	6.3	5.6	6.0	6.3	6.2	6.6	7.5	8.2	7.8
Kentucky	5.2	5.4	3.9	4.3	5.4	5.7	5.4	5.2	5.2	4.8	5.3	5.4	4.3
Louisiana	4.7	4.4	4.0	4.1	4.5	5.2	4.7	5.0	4.4	4.3	4.9	3.8	4.0
Maine	7.7	8.1	7.3	6.8	7.9	7.5	7.3	8.0	8.2	8.0	8.6	8.1	8.1
Maryland	5.0	5.5	5.6	5.2	5.1	5.3	5.6	5.7	5.3	5.6	6.1	5.4	5.3
Massachusetts	6.1	5.3	4.8	4.5	5.5	5.0	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.4
Michigan	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.7	4.4	5.0
Minnesota	6.9	6.5	6.2	6.6	7.7	7.6	7.2	6.8	7.7	7.7	8.0	8.1	8.1
Mississippi	3.3	3.8	3.9	3.8	4.6	4.0	4.6	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.3	5.0	5.3
Missouri	5.5	5.1	5.0	5.1	6.0	5.3	5.6	6.8	5.8	5.9	6.5	5.3	5.6
Montana	7.9	7.7	8.0	8.7	8.7	7.9	7.6	7.4	7.8	7.8	6.9	7.5	6.3
Nebraska	7.7	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.7	7.9	8.2	7.7	8.4	7.9	8.5	8.6
Nevada	5.0	4.1	3.7	3.3	3.3	4.2	4.0	4.0	3.8	4.1	4.2	4.5	5.0
New Hampshire	6.2	6.0	5.6	5.5	6.5	6.1	5.6	6.2	6.5	6.8	5.9	6.0	6.1
New Jersey	4.0	4.3	4.6	3.9	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.2	3.9	4.0	4.3	4.5	4.4
New Mexico	4.1	4.0	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6	4.1	3.6	3.9	4.9	4.1	4.0	3.7
New York	4.4	4.2	4.3	4.1	5.1	4.5	3.9	3.8	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.9	4.4
North Carolina	4.5	4.7	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.7	4.7	4.9	5.0	4.6	4.9	5.1	5.1
North Dakota	6.3	5.2	5.7	6.6	7.4	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.7	7.5	7.9	8.0	9.0
Ohio	6.5	5.8	5.6	5.4	6.5	6.4	6.0	6.5	6.5	6.2	5.8	6.1	6.0
Oklahoma	5.8	5.0	4.3	4.7	5.3	4.7	4.7	4.2	4.2	4.5	4.1	4.2	4.1
Oregon	5.8	4.6	4.9	5.2	5.8	5.5	5.7	5.4	5.4	5.7	6.2	6.7	6.6
Pennsylvania	5.7	5.2	4.7	5.1	6.0	6.3	5.4	6.0	6.0	5.6	5.0	5.0	5.4
Rhode Island	6.1	5.2	5.6	5.2	5.6	5.8	5.7	4.6	5.6	6.4	5.7	5.6	5.9
South Carolina	5.3	4.7	4.4	4.1	4.4	4.4	4.0	3.9	3.7	3.7	4.3	3.7	3.6
South Dakota	6.1	6.8	7.2	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.5	8.2	9.1	8.7	8.9	9.5	9.0
Tennessee	3.8	4.3	3.7	3.7	4.2	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.1	4.6
Texas	4.8	4.5	3.8	3.8	4.4	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.9
Utah	5.7	5.3	5.4	6.5	7.4	7.5	7.7	7.2	6.5	5.7	6.0	6.0	5.8
Vermont	6.3	6.1	6.2	5.7	6.3	6.5	7.7	7.1	7.2	8.5	8.8	8.6	8.3
Virginia	5.7	5.0	4.9	5.3	5.8	5.7	5.8	5.3	5.2	5.5	5.2	4.4	4.5
Washington	5.7	5.3	4.9	4.3	5.7	5.3	5.2	5.7	5.4	5.1	5.9	5.7	5.7
West Virginia	3.8	3.7	4.3	4.3	4.9	4.7	4.4	4.6	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.3	4.1
Wisconsin	6.8	5.8	5.9	6.9	7.9	7.7	7.5	8.3	7.6	6.7	6.3	6.9	6.9
Wyoming	7.0	6.7	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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