

2024 United States Government Employment:

22,420,669*

Represents 14.5% of Total U.S. Employment

**Represents total (federal, state and local) government employees from all 50 states and the District of Columbia*

Highest Percentage of
Government Employment

24.0%

WY

Percentage of Government
Employment in New England

13.0%

NE

Percentage of Government
Employment in RI

12.5%

RI

Lowest Percentage of
Government Employment

11.2%

PA

NV

Federal Government Employees

Nation Total: 3,001,207
Represents 1.9% of U.S. total
employment

Highest Percentage: Maryland 5.8%

New England Percentage: 1.5%

RI Percentage: 2.4%
(National Rank: 13)

Lowest Percentage: CT, MN, WI 1.1%

State Government Employees

Nation Total: 4,819,889
Represents 3.1% of U.S. total
employment

Highest Percentage: Hawaii 10.7%

New England Percentage: 3.4%

RI Percentage: 3.5%
(National Rank: 25)

Lowest Percentage: IL, PA 2.1%

Local Government Employees

Nation Total: 14,599,573
Represents 9.4% of U.S. total
employment

Highest Percentage: Wyoming 16.6%

New England Percentage: 8.1%

RI Percentage: 6.6%
(National Rank: 48)

Lowest Percentage: Hawaii 3.0%

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Percentage of Government Employment Relative to Total Employment
Ranked from Highest Percentage of Government Employment to Lowest Percentage

<u>Total Government Employment</u>			<u>Total Federal Government</u>			<u>Total State Government</u>			<u>Total Local Government</u>		
U.S. TOTAL	14.5%		U.S. TOTAL	1.9%		U.S. TOTAL	3.1%		U.S. TOTAL	9.4%	
Wyoming	24.0%	1	Maryland	5.8%	1	Hawaii	10.7%	1	Wyoming	16.6%	1
Alaska	22.9%	2	Hawaii	5.6%	2	Alaska	6.8%	2	Oklahoma	12.9%	2
New Mexico	21.1%	3	Alaska	4.7%	3	Delaware	6.3%	3	Mississippi	12.9%	2
Oklahoma	19.9%	4	Virginia	4.7%	3	West Virginia	6.0%	4	Kansas	12.5%	4
Mississippi	19.8%	5	West Virginia	3.8%	5	New Mexico	5.8%	5	New Mexico	11.9%	5
West Virginia	19.5%	6	New Mexico	3.5%	6	Vermont	5.2%	6	Alaska	11.4%	6
Hawaii	19.2%	7	Oklahoma	3.1%	7	Arkansas	5.0%	7	Iowa	11.2%	7
Maryland	19.2%	7	Wyoming	2.9%	8	Alabama	5.0%	7	Nebraska	11.1%	8
Alabama	18.4%	9	Montana	2.8%	9	Utah	4.7%	9	New York	11.0%	9
Virginia	18.0%	10	Alabama	2.8%	9	Montana	4.6%	10	South Dakota	10.9%	10
North Dakota	17.4%	11	Maine	2.7%	11	Mississippi	4.6%	10	North Dakota	10.9%	10
Kansas	17.3%	12	South Dakota	2.6%	12	Wyoming	4.5%	12	Oregon	10.8%	12
Vermont	17.2%	13	Utah	2.4%	13	South Carolina	4.4%	13	Alabama	10.7%	13
Montana	16.8%	14	Rhode Island	2.4%	13	North Dakota	4.3%	14	Washington	10.4%	14
South Dakota	16.7%	15	Mississippi	2.3%	15	Kentucky	4.3%	14	California	10.2%	15
Washington	16.5%	16	Georgia	2.3%	15	Colorado	4.1%	16	Louisiana	10.2%	15
Nebraska	16.3%	17	Vermont	2.2%	17	Louisiana	4.0%	17	Texas	10.1%	17
South Carolina	16.0%	18	Washington	2.2%	17	Maryland	3.9%	18	South Carolina	10.0%	18
Colorado	15.9%	19	North Dakota	2.2%	17	Washington	3.8%	19	Illinois	9.9%	19
Louisiana	15.9%	19	Missouri	2.0%	20	Oklahoma	3.8%	19	Colorado	9.9%	19
Iowa	15.8%	21	Colorado	2.0%	20	Connecticut	3.8%	19	Vermont	9.8%	21
Maine	15.5%	22	Kansas	1.9%	22	North Carolina	3.7%	22	West Virginia	9.7%	22
Utah	15.3%	23	Arizona	1.8%	23	Michigan	3.6%	23	Virginia	9.7%	22
Arkansas	15.3%	23	Kentucky	1.8%	23	Virginia	3.6%	23	Idaho	9.5%	24
Kentucky	14.8%	25	Tennessee	1.8%	23	Rhode Island	3.5%	25	Maine	9.4%	25
Oregon	14.7%	26	Pennsylvania	1.7%	26	Nebraska	3.4%	26	Maryland	9.4%	25
North Carolina	14.6%	27	Nebraska	1.7%	26	Maine	3.4%	26	Montana	9.4%	25
Texas	14.5%	28	Louisiana	1.7%	26	Iowa	3.4%	26	Ohio	9.4%	25
California	14.5%	28	Arkansas	1.7%	26	Idaho	3.3%	29	Missouri	9.3%	29
New York	14.5%	28	Idaho	1.7%	26	South Dakota	3.2%	30	Minnesota	9.3%	29
Idaho	14.4%	31	North Carolina	1.7%	26	Massachusetts	3.2%	30	New Jersey	9.3%	29
Missouri	14.3%	32	South Carolina	1.7%	26	Missouri	3.0%	32	North Carolina	9.3%	29
Delaware	14.2%	33	Florida	1.6%	33	New Jersey	3.0%	32	Wisconsin	9.2%	33
Georgia	14.0%	34	Texas	1.6%	33	Minnesota	2.9%	34	Tennessee	8.8%	34
New Jersey	13.5%	35	Ohio	1.5%	35	Kansas	2.9%	34	Georgia	8.8%	34
Illinois	13.4%	36	Oregon	1.5%	35	California	2.9%	34	Kentucky	8.7%	36
Ohio	13.3%	37	Nevada	1.5%	35	Texas	2.9%	34	Arkansas	8.6%	37
Minnesota	13.3%	37	Delaware	1.4%	38	New Hampshire	2.8%	38	Indiana	8.5%	38
Connecticut	13.3%	37	California	1.4%	38	Georgia	2.8%	38	Arizona	8.5%	38
Michigan	13.2%	40	Illinois	1.4%	38	Wisconsin	2.8%	38	Connecticut	8.4%	40
Tennessee	13.2%	40	New Hampshire	1.3%	41	Indiana	2.8%	38	Michigan	8.3%	41
Wisconsin	13.1%	42	Michigan	1.3%	41	Tennessee	2.6%	42	Utah	8.2%	42
Arizona	12.6%	43	Indiana	1.3%	41	Ohio	2.4%	43	New Hampshire	8.0%	43
Indiana	12.6%	43	Massachusetts	1.3%	41	Oregon	2.4%	43	Massachusetts	7.8%	44
Rhode Island	12.5%	45	New York	1.2%	45	Nevada	2.3%	43	Nevada	7.5%	45
Massachusetts	12.2%	46	New Jersey	1.2%	45	Arizona	2.3%	43	Florida	7.4%	46
New Hampshire	12.1%	47	Iowa	1.2%	45	New York	2.3%	43	Pennsylvania	7.3%	47
Florida	11.3%	48	Minnesota	1.1%	48	Florida	2.2%	48	Rhode Island	6.6%	48
Nevada	11.2%	49	Connecticut	1.1%	48	Pennsylvania	2.1%	49	Delaware	6.4%	49
Pennsylvania	11.2%	49	Wisconsin	1.1%	48	Illinois	2.1%	49	Hawaii	3.0%	50

denotes national average

Note: Due to the high concentration of federal government employment (24.5%), and a low concentration of local government (0.5%) employment, the District of Columbia was excluded from the ranking