

Multiple Jobholders in the Ocean State

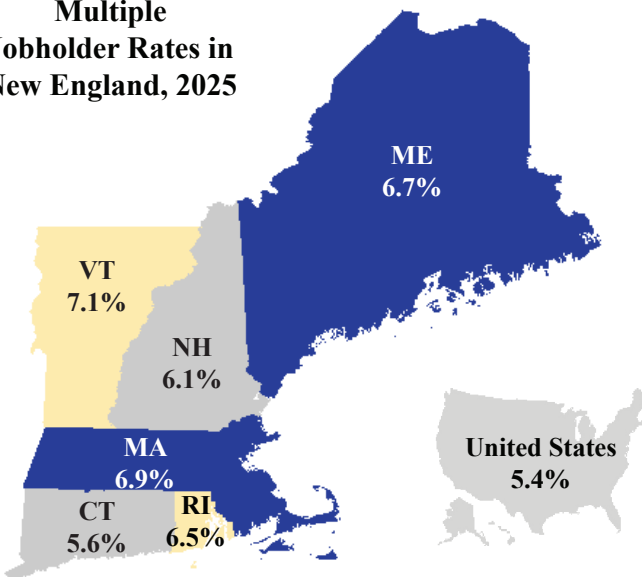
According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Current Population Survey, 6.5 percent of employed Rhode Islanders sixteen years and older held more than one job in 2025. This represented a 0.6 percentage point increase from the state's 2024 rate.

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 1.1 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 2025, the Ocean State was tied for seventeenth highest multiple jobholder rate in the United States. The highest rates were reported in Kansas (9.0%), Wyoming (8.3%), Maryland (8.1%), Alaska (8.1%) and Minnesota (7.8%) while Alabama (3.5%), Florida (3.9%), West Virginia (4.2%), Washington (4.3%) and New York (4.4%) had the lowest percentages of multiple jobholders in the country.

	RI	CT	MA	ME	NH	VT	US
2025*	6.5%	5.6%	6.9%	6.7%	6.1%	7.1%	5.4%
2024	5.9%	6.1%	6.0%	7.0%	6.4%	6.5%	5.2%
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, 2025



Within New England, Rhode Island (6.5%) had the third lowest multiple jobholder rates in 2025. Vermont's multiple jobholder rate of 7.1 percent was the highest in the region and was tied for the eleventh highest in the nation. Massachusetts (6.9%) reported the next highest multiple jobholder rate in the region, followed by Maine (6.7%), Rhode Island (6.5%), New Hampshire (6.1%) and Connecticut (5.6%). Each of the six New England states reported multiple jobholder rates above the national average (5.4%).

**Multiple Jobholders as a Percentage of Total Employment By State
2011-2025 Annual Average**

State	2025*	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
United States	5.4	5.2	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	3.5	3.3	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	8.1	6.4	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	6.4	5.4	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	5.6	4.2	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	4.5	4.6	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	6.4	6.2	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	5.6	6.1	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	5.9	5.4	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	6.4	6.0	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	3.9	3.6	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	5.0	4.4	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	7.7	7.6	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	5.7	5.7	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	5.2	5.5	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	6.2	5.7	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	7.6	7.2	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	9.0	7.6	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	5.7	5.2	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	5.1	4.8	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	6.7	7.0	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	8.1	6.1	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	6.9	6.0	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	6.2	6.0	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	7.8	7.8	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	4.7	3.8	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	6.2	5.8	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	7.0	8.3	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	7.3	8.0	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	4.8	4.5	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	6.1	6.4	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	5.5	4.3	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	5.6	5.1	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	4.7	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	4.3	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	7.1	7.8	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	6.6	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	5.4	6.1	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	6.4	6.0	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	5.0	5.1	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	6.5	5.9	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	6.0	5.4	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	7.5	6.5	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	4.6	4.4	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	4.6	4.4	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	6.6	6.9	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	7.1	6.5	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	5.6	5.7	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	4.3	5.3	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	4.2	4.6	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	7.3	7.9	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	8.3	7.7	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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*NOTE: Annual estimates for 2025 are 11-month averages that exclude October. (Data for October 2025 were not collected due to the federal government shutdown.) As a result, 2025 annual estimates are not strictly comparable with annual averages for other years.

