

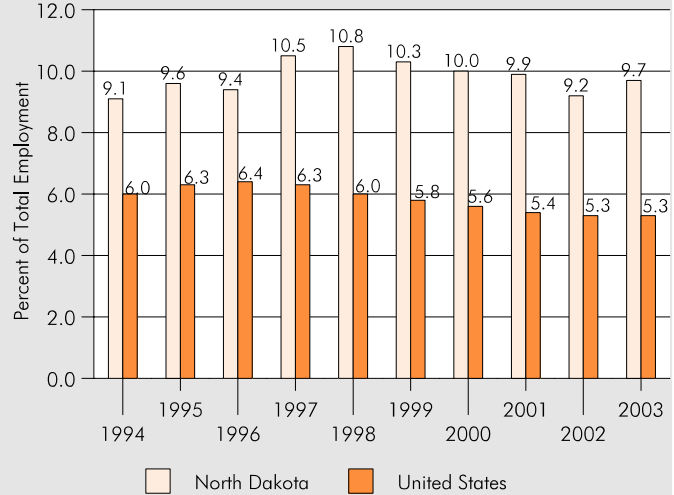
Multiple Job Holders in North Dakota: 1994 to 2003

North Dakota had the highest multiple job holding rate in the nation in 2003. Of all North Dakotans employed in 2003, 9.7 percent held more than one job. Nebraska and Utah followed closely at 9.4 percent and 9.0 percent, respectively. Nationally, 5.3 percent of employees held multiple jobs (Table 1).

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the highest multiple job holding rates continue to be found in the Upper Great Plains states. In contrast, states along the nation's southern border reported some of the lowest rates (Figure 2). The lowest rates in 2003 were recorded in Georgia and Nevada (3.9 percent each) and Alabama and Florida (4.0 percent each) (Table 1).

North Dakota's multiple job holding rate peaked in 1998 at 10.8 percent. The rate steadily declined to 9.2 percent in 2002. In 2003, the rate rose slightly to 9.7 percent. Nationally, the multiple job holding rate declined every year between its peak of 6.4 percent in 1996 and 5.3 percent in 2002 (Figure 1). No change was reported in the national multiple job holding rate between 2002 and 2003.

Figure 1. Multiple Job Holders as a Percent of Total Employment in North Dakota and the U.S.: 1994 to 2003



Source: Current Population Survey (CPS), data compiled by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Figure 2. Multiple Job Holders as a Percent of Total Employment by State: 2003

Source: Current Population Survey (CPS), U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Monthly Labor Review Online, <<http://www.bls.gov/opub/mlr/2004/07/rgtrends.htm>>

