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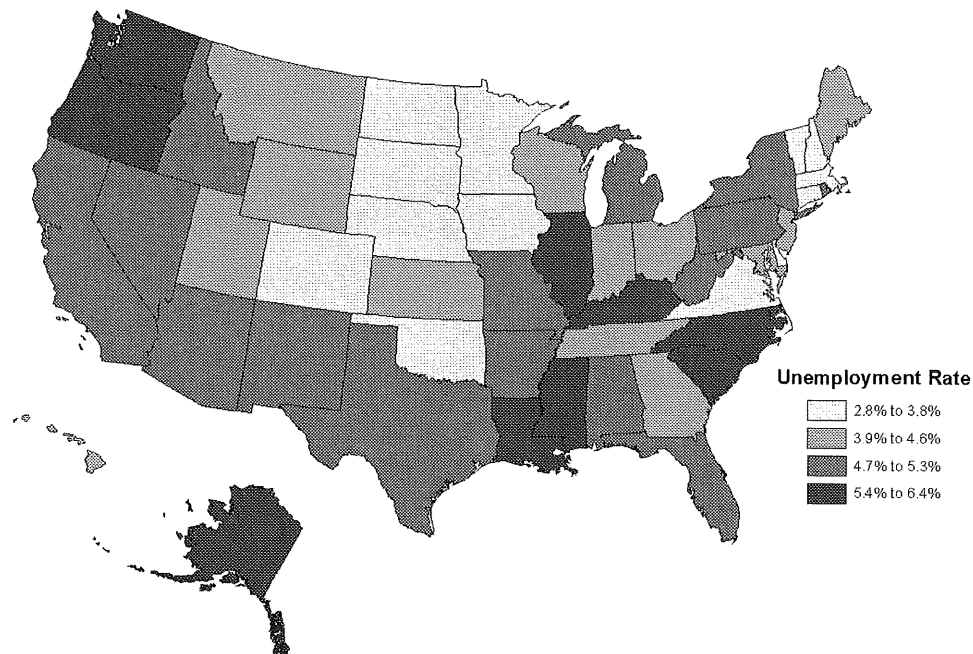
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Figure 1: Unemployment Rate, 2001

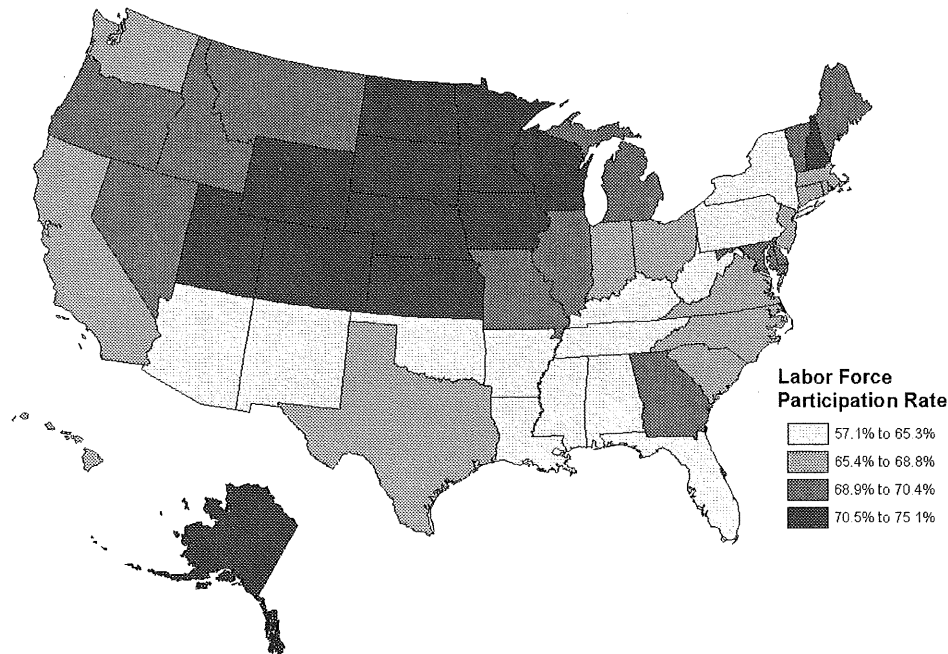


Minnesota's annual average unemployment rate, at 3.7 percent, tied with two other states for the 10th lowest in the nation in 2001. North Dakota had the lowest annual average rate at 2.8 percent, and Washington had the highest rate at 6.4 percent. The national annual average unemployment rate in 2001 was 4.8 percent.

<i>State</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Rate</i>
North Dakota	2.8 %	New Jersey	4.2 %	Texas	4.9 %
Nebraska	3.1	Kansas	4.3	West Virginia	4.9
Connecticut	3.3	Ohio	4.3	Idaho	5.0
Iowa	3.3	Indiana	4.4	Arkansas	5.1
South Dakota	3.3	Utah	4.4	Alabama	5.3
Delaware	3.5	Tennessee	4.5	California	5.3
New Hampshire	3.5	Hawaii	4.6	Michigan	5.3
Virginia	3.5	Montana	4.6	Nevada	5.3
Vermont	3.6	Wisconsin	4.6	Illinois	5.4
Colorado	3.7	Arizona	4.7	South Carolina	5.4
Massachusetts	3.7	Missouri	4.7	Kentucky	5.5
Minnesota	3.7	Pennsylvania	4.7	Mississippi	5.5
Oklahoma	3.8	Rhode Island	4.7	North Carolina	5.5
Wyoming	3.9	Florida	4.8	Louisiana	6.0
Georgia	4.0	New Mexico	4.8	Alaska	6.3
Maine	4.0	United States	4.8	Oregon	6.3
Maryland	4.1	New York	4.9	Washington	6.4

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Figure 2: Labor Force Participation Rate, 2000

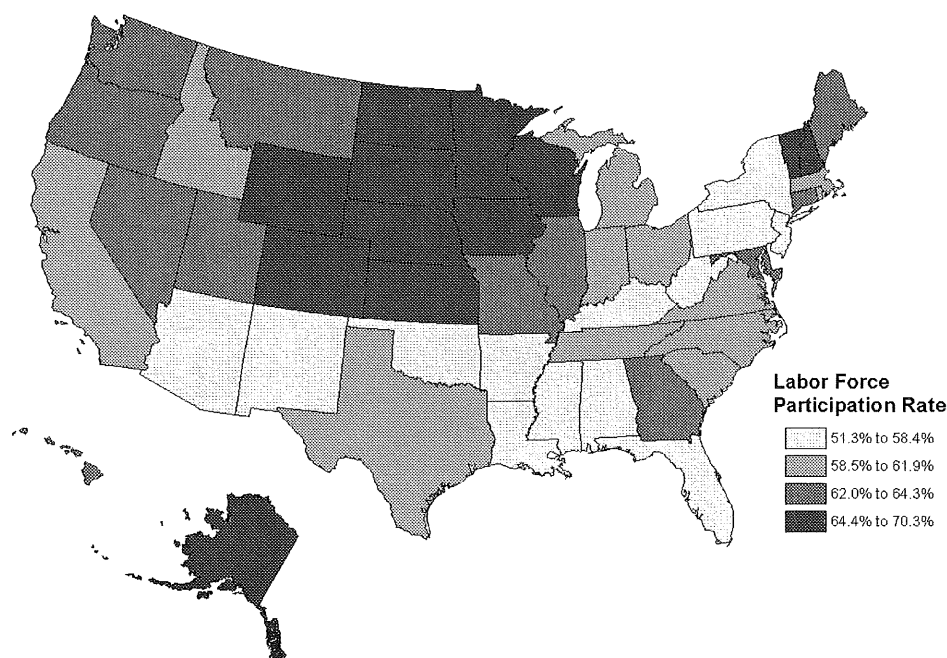


Minnesota's labor force participation rate, at 75.1 percent, was the highest in the nation in 2000. West Virginia had the lowest rate at 57.1 percent. The national labor force participation rate was 67.2 percent in 2000.

<i>State</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Rate</i>
Minnesota	75.1 %	Illinois	69.8 %	Hawaii	67.0 %
Nebraska	73.7	Delaware	69.6	Rhode Island	67.0
Alaska	73.5	Montana	69.3	New Jersey	66.6
New Hampshire	73.0	Idaho	69.2	South Carolina	65.5
Wisconsin	72.8	Oregon	69.1	Tennessee	65.3
South Dakota	72.7	Maine	69.0	Arizona	64.7
Colorado	72.4	Michigan	68.9	Oklahoma	64.4
Utah	72.3	Connecticut	68.8	Kentucky	64.3
Wyoming	72.0	Washington	68.7	Pennsylvania	64.3
Iowa	71.3	Texas	68.2	Mississippi	63.6
North Dakota	71.0	Indiana	68.1	Alabama	63.3
Kansas	70.5	North Carolina	68.1	New Mexico	63.2
Vermont	70.4	Virginia	68.1	New York	63.1
Missouri	70.3	Massachusetts	67.4	Arkansas	62.6
Nevada	70.0	United States	67.2	Florida	62.6
Georgia	69.9	California	67.1	Louisiana	61.7
Maryland	69.9	Ohio	67.1	West Virginia	57.1

Source: *Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment, 2000*, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Figure 3: Female Labor Force Participation Rate, 2000

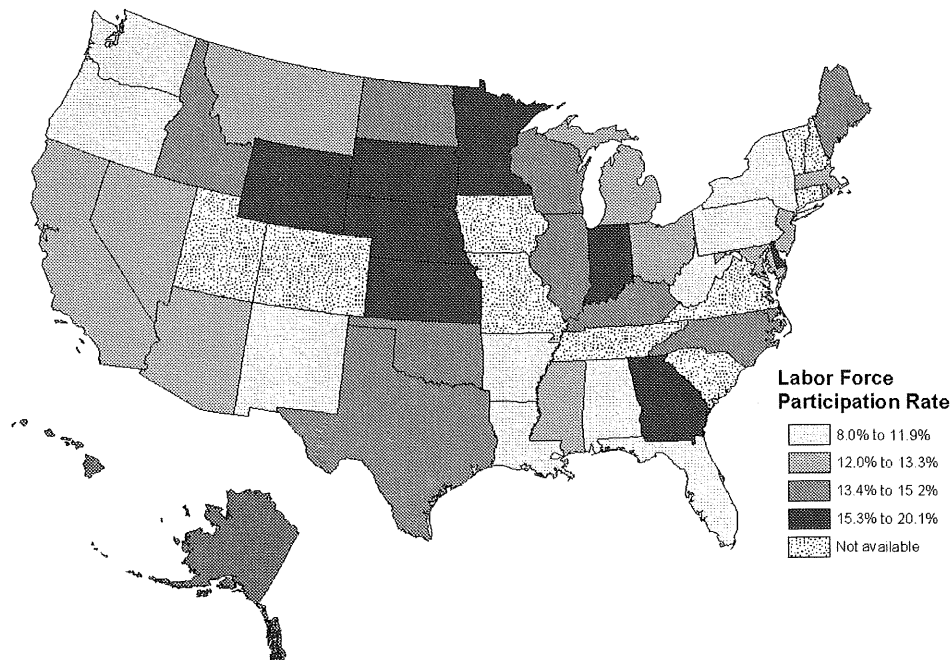


Minnesota's female labor force participation rate, at 70.3 percent, was the highest in the nation in 2000. West Virginia had the lowest rate at 51.3 percent. The national female labor force participation rate was 60.2 percent in 2000.

<i>State</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Rate</i>
Minnesota	70.3 %	Georgia	63.3 %	South Carolina	59.5 %
Nebraska	69.0	Illinois	63.1	Texas	59.4
Wisconsin	68.3	Nevada	63.0	California	59.1
Alaska	67.8	Connecticut	62.9	Tennessee	59.1
South Dakota	67.7	Utah	62.7	New Jersey	58.4
North Dakota	67.0	Hawaii	62.6	Kentucky	57.9
New Hampshire	66.7	Washington	62.6	Oklahoma	57.3
Iowa	65.7	Oregon	62.2	New Mexico	57.2
Kansas	65.7	Idaho	61.9	Pennsylvania	57.1
Colorado	65.5	North Carolina	61.6	Mississippi	57.0
Vermont	65.3	Michigan	61.5	Alabama	56.9
Wyoming	65.1	Massachusetts	61.4	Arizona	56.6
Maryland	64.3	Virginia	61.3	Arkansas	56.1
Missouri	64.3	Ohio	60.9	New York	56.1
Montana	64.3	Rhode Island	60.6	Florida	55.7
Maine	63.9	United States	60.2	Louisiana	54.2
Delaware	63.8	Indiana	59.8	West Virginia	51.3

Source: *Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment, 2000*, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Figure 4: Labor Force Participation Rate, Age 65 and Older, 2000

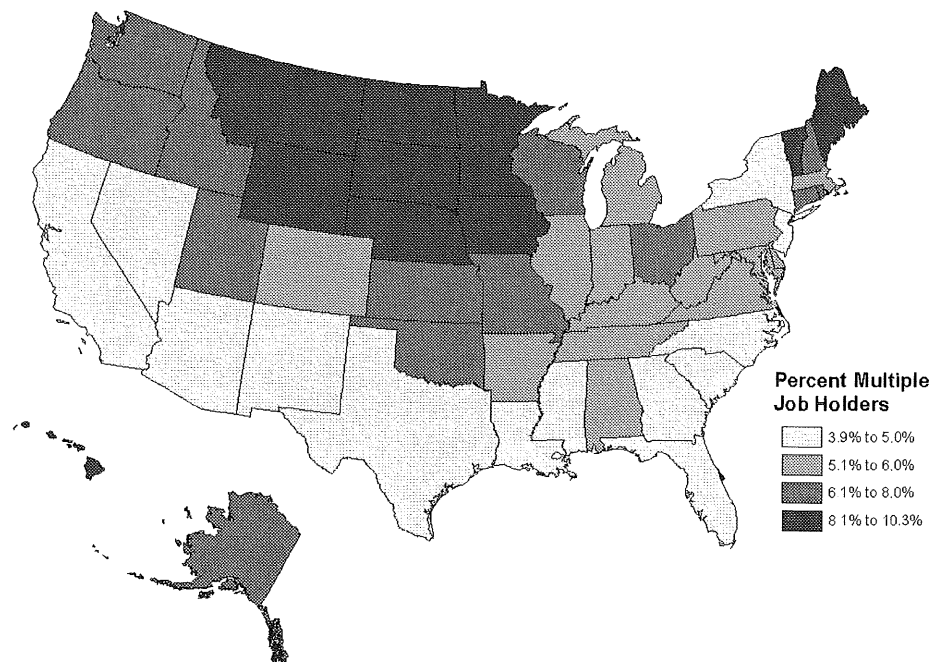


Minnesota had the second-highest labor force participation rate for residents age 65 and older at 19.7 percent in 2000. Wyoming had the highest rate at 20.1 percent, and West Virginia had the lowest at 8.0 percent. Ten states do not have publishable data. Nationally, the labor force participation rate of those age 65 and older was 12.8 percent in 2000.

<i>State</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Rate</i>
Wyoming	20.1 %	North Dakota	13.7 %	Louisiana	11.0 %
Minnesota	19.7	Texas	13.6	Pennsylvania	10.9
Nebraska	18.7	Arizona	13.3	Washington	10.9
Kansas	18.7	Maryland	13.3	Florida	10.3
South Dakota	18.4	Montana	13.1	Arkansas	10.0
Alaska	17.5	Michigan	13.1	Alabama	9.6
Indiana	16.8	Mississippi	13.1	West Virginia	8.0
Georgia	15.8	Nevada	12.8	Colorado	NA
Delaware	15.3	United States	12.8	Connecticut	NA
Idaho	15.2	California	12.5	Iowa	NA
Oklahoma	14.7	Ohio	12.4	Missouri	NA
Hawaii	14.6	Rhode Island	12.4	New Hampshire	NA
Illinois	14.4	Massachusetts	12.0	South Carolina	NA
Wisconsin	14.4	New Jersey	12.0	Tennessee	NA
Kentucky	14.2	Oregon	11.9	Utah	NA
Maine	13.9	New York	11.9	Vermont	NA
North Carolina	13.9	New Mexico	11.1	Virginia	NA

Source: *Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment, 2000*, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Figure 5: Percent of Multiple Jobholders, 2000

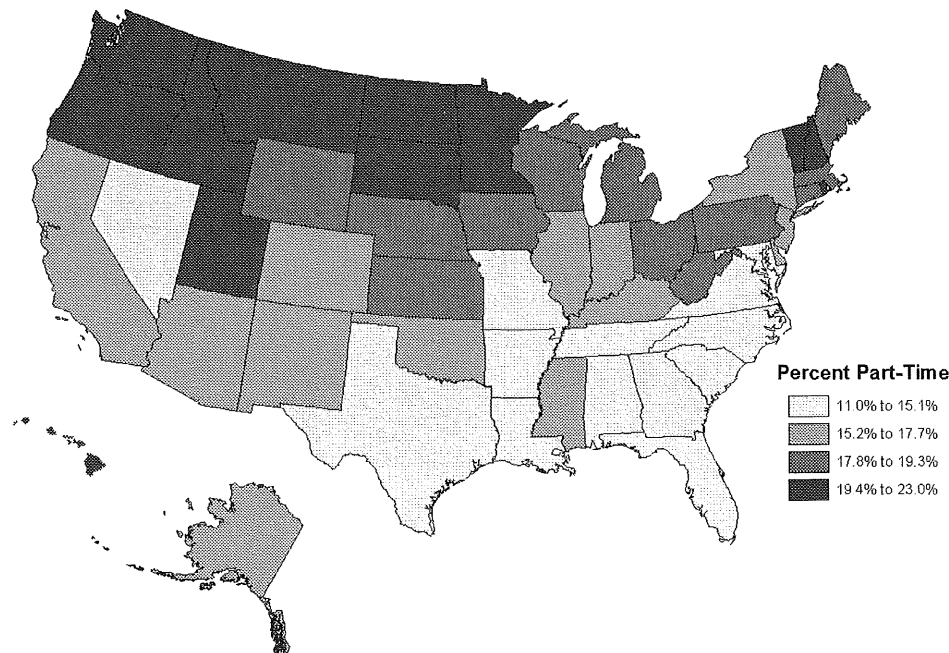


Minnesota had the ninth-highest rate of multiple jobholding at 8.4 percent in 2000. Nebraska had the highest rate at 10.3 percent, and Florida had the lowest rate at 3.9 percent. The national rate of multiple jobholding was 5.6 percent in 2000.

<i>State</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Rate</i>
Nebraska	10.3 %	Utah	7.0 %	Michigan	5.3 %
North Dakota	10.0	Connecticut	6.5	Alabama	5.1
Montana	9.8	Oklahoma	6.4	Tennessee	5.1
Hawaii	9.3	Oregon	6.4	West Virginia	5.1
Vermont	9.2	New Hampshire	6.3	Nevada	5.0
South Dakota	9.0	Ohio	6.3	New York	5.0
Wyoming	8.8	Colorado	6.0	Arizona	4.9
Maine	8.6	Indiana	6.0	North Carolina	4.9
Minnesota	8.4	Maryland	5.8	California	4.8
Iowa	8.1	Massachusetts	5.8	New Mexico	4.8
Kansas	8.0	Delaware	5.7	Texas	4.7
Wisconsin	8.0	Kentucky	5.7	South Carolina	4.5
Idaho	7.9	Pennsylvania	5.7	Mississippi	4.3
Rhode Island	7.8	United States	5.6	Georgia	4.2
Alaska	7.6	Virginia	5.6	Louisiana	4.2
Missouri	7.6	Arkansas	5.4	New Jersey	4.2
Washington	7.6	Illinois	5.4	Florida	3.9

Source: Unpublished data, Current Population Survey, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Figure 6: Percent of Part-Time Workers, 2000

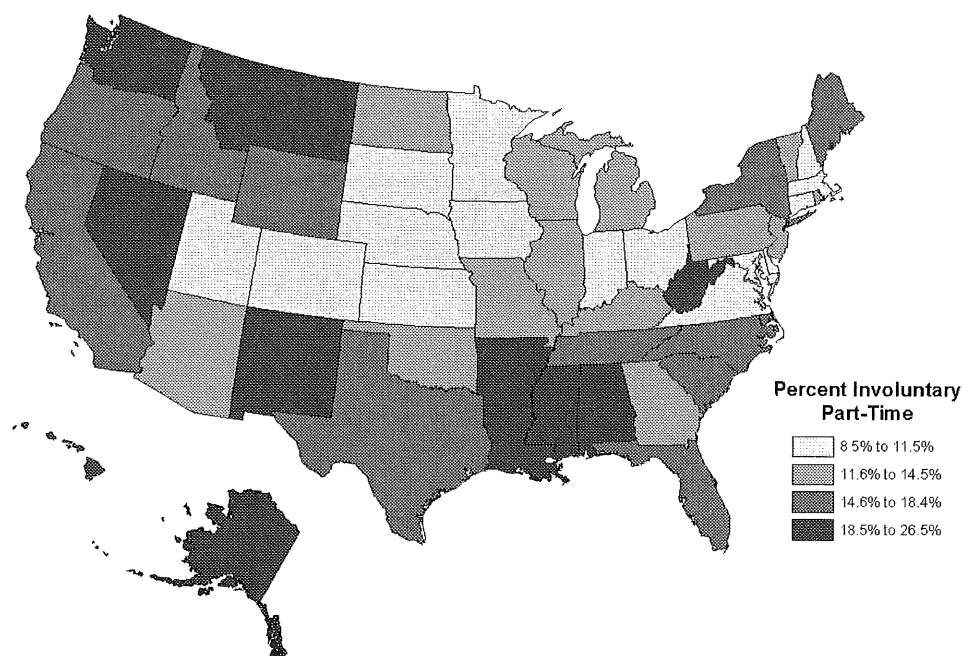


At 20.9 percent, Minnesota had the third-highest rate of part-time workers in 2000. Utah had the highest rate of part-time workers at 23.0 percent, and Nevada had the lowest rate at 11.0 percent. The national rate of part-time workers was 16.5 percent in 2000.

<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Utah	23.0 %	Ohio	18.9 %	Alaska	16.1 %
Montana	21.9	Wyoming	18.9	New Jersey	16.0
Minnesota	20.9	Wisconsin	18.6	Delaware	15.4
New Hampshire	20.7	Massachusetts	18.6	Mississippi	15.4
Oregon	20.3	Kansas	18.5	Alabama	15.1
Rhode Island	20.3	Connecticut	18.2	Tennessee	15.1
North Dakota	20.0	West Virginia	18.0	Louisiana	14.8
Washington	19.8	New Mexico	17.7	Missouri	14.8
Vermont	19.7	Indiana	17.2	South Carolina	14.7
Hawaii	19.7	California	17.0	Maryland	14.2
Idaho	19.6	Kentucky	17.0	Arkansas	13.9
South Dakota	19.6	Oklahoma	16.7	Florida	13.8
Michigan	19.3	United States	16.5	Virginia	13.7
Nebraska	19.2	New York	16.4	Texas	13.5
Maine	19.2	Illinois	16.4	North Carolina	13.4
Pennsylvania	19.2	Colorado	16.3	Georgia	13.0
Iowa	18.9	Arizona	16.1	Nevada	11.0

Source: *Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment, 2000*, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Figure 7: Percent of Involuntary Part-Time Workers, 2000

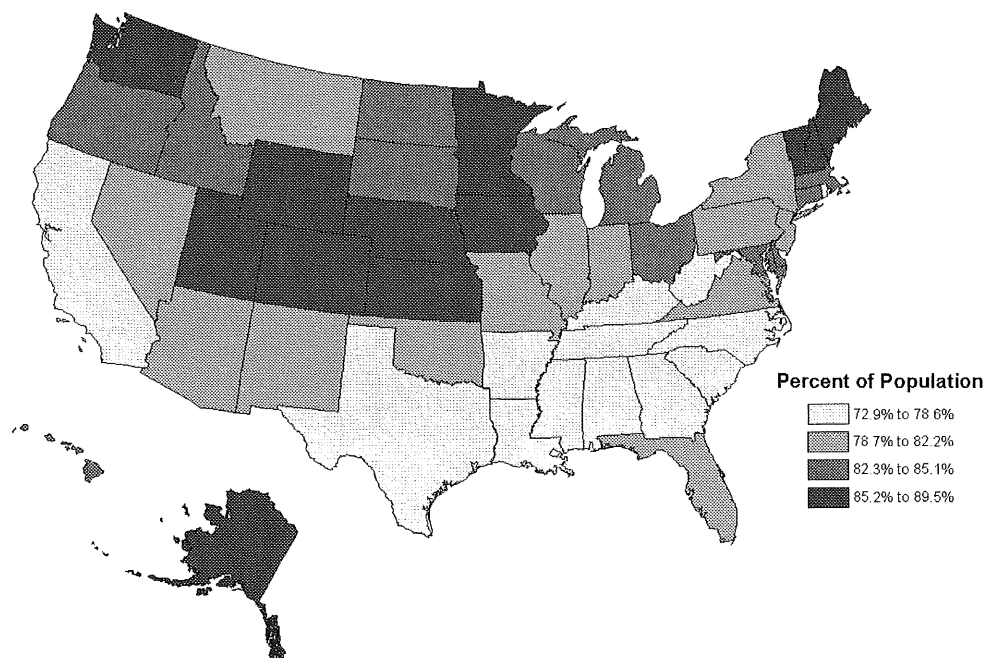


At 9.6 percent, Minnesota had the third-lowest rate of involuntary part-time workers as a percent of all workers employed part-time in 2000. Connecticut had the lowest rate at 8.5 percent, and Alaska had the highest at 26.5 percent. The national rate of involuntary part-time workers was 14.5 percent in 2000.

<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Connecticut	8.5 %	New Jersey	11.8 %	South Carolina	16.3 %
New Hampshire	8.8	North Dakota	11.9	Wyoming	16.3
Minnesota	9.6	Michigan	12.0	Florida	16.4
Massachusetts	9.6	Vermont	12.1	Tennessee	16.8
Maryland	9.7	Kentucky	12.7	Texas	17.5
Iowa	10.3	Wisconsin	12.9	California	18.4
Nebraska	10.3	Illinois	13.1	Nevada	18.8
Indiana	10.4	Pennsylvania	13.4	Louisiana	18.8
Utah	10.5	Arizona	14.3	Washington	18.9
Virginia	10.6	Georgia	14.5	New Mexico	19.0
Kansas	10.7	United States	14.5	Arkansas	19.1
South Dakota	11.4	Oklahoma	14.5	Montana	19.6
Delaware	11.5	New York	15.0	Alabama	19.7
Ohio	11.5	North Carolina	15.3	Mississippi	20.1
Colorado	11.5	Idaho	15.6	Hawaii	22.1
Missouri	11.6	Oregon	15.8	West Virginia	22.7
Rhode Island	11.6	Maine	16.2	Alaska	26.5

Source: *Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment, 2000*, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Figure 8: Percent of Population Age 25 and Over with High School Diploma or Equivalent, 2000

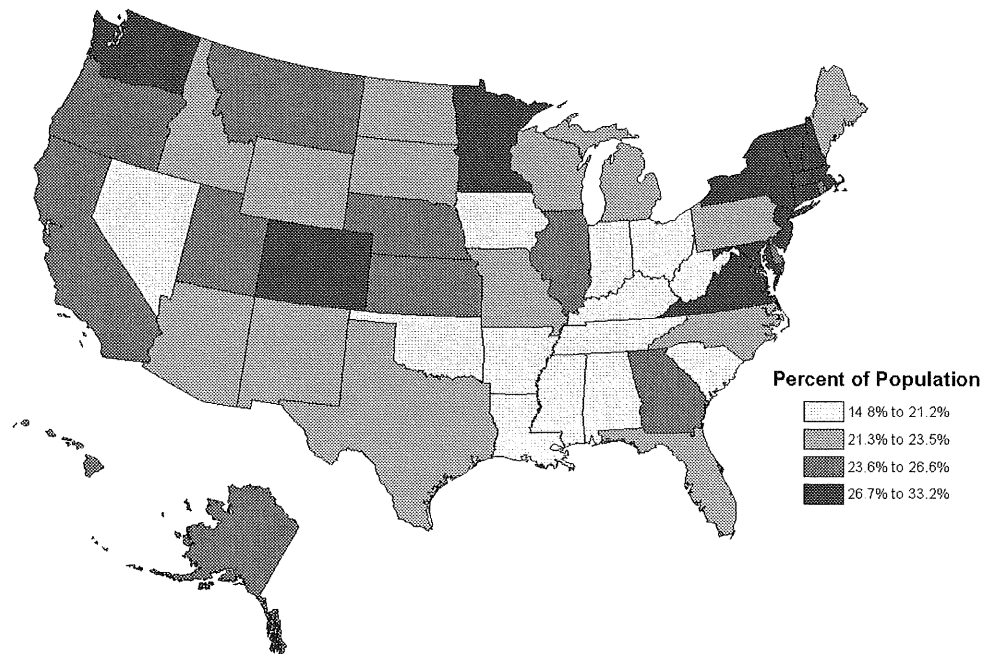


At 89.5 percent, Minnesota had the highest rate of persons age 25 and over with a high school diploma or equivalent in 2000. Mississippi had the lowest rate at 72.9 percent. The national rate was 81.6 percent in 2000.

<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Minnesota	89.5 %	South Dakota	84.6 %	Oklahoma	80.6 %
Alaska	88.3	Connecticut	84.0	Florida	79.9
Wyoming	87.9	North Dakota	83.9	New York	79.1
Utah	87.7	Maryland	83.8	New Mexico	78.9
New Hampshire	87.4	Michigan	83.4	Georgia	78.6
Washington	87.1	Ohio	83.0	North Carolina	78.1
Colorado	86.9	Deleware	82.6	Rhode Island	78.0
Nebraska	86.6	Montana	82.2	California	76.8
Vermont	86.4	Indiana	82.1	South Carolina	76.3
Iowa	86.1	New Jersey	82.1	Tennessee	75.9
Kansas	86.0	Pennsylvania	81.9	Texas	75.7
Maine	85.4	United States	81.6	Alabama	75.3
Oregon	85.1	Virginia	81.5	Arkansas	75.3
Wisconsin	85.1	Illinois	81.4	West Virginia	75.2
Massachusetts	84.8	Missouri	81.3	Louisiana	74.8
Idaho	84.7	Arizona	81.0	Kentucky	74.1
Hawaii	84.6	Nevada	80.7	Mississippi	72.9

Source: 2000 Census, United States Census Bureau

Figure 9: Percent of Population Age 25 and Over with Bachelor's or Advanced Degree, 2000

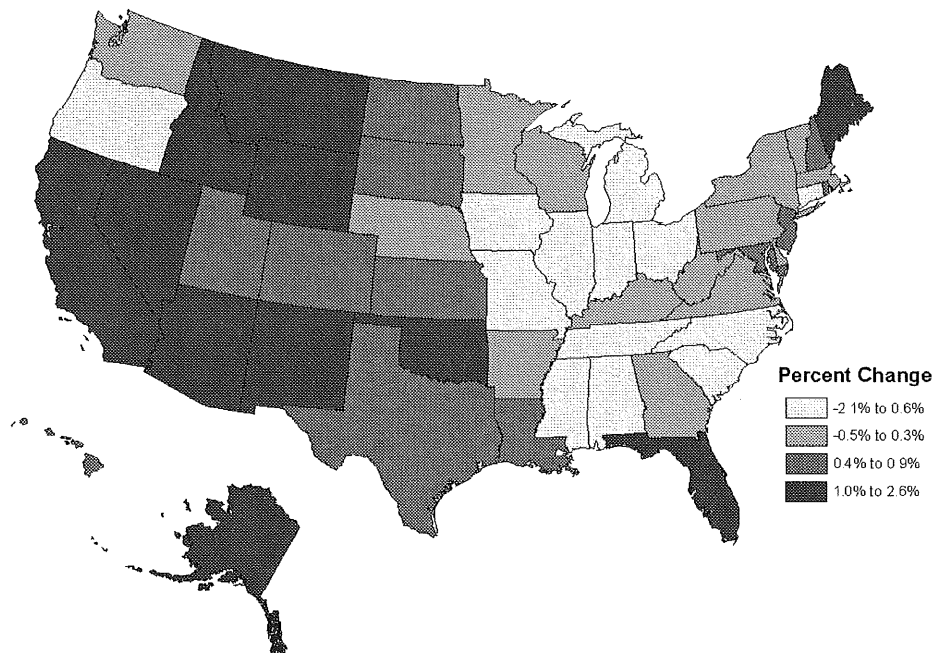


At 28.0 percent, Minnesota had the ninth-highest rate of persons age 25 and over with a bachelor's or advanced degree. Massachusetts had the highest rate at 33.2 percent, and West Virginia had the lowest rate at 14.8 percent. Nationally, 25.1 percent of the population 25 years of age and over had a bachelor's or advanced degree.

<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Massachusetts	33.2 %	United States	25.1 %	Michigan	21.8 %
Colorado	32.7	Oregon	25.1	Idaho	21.7
Connecticut	31.4	Delaware	25.0	Missouri	21.6
Maryland	31.4	Alaska	24.7	South Dakota	21.5
New Jersey	29.8	Montana	24.4	Iowa	21.2
Virginia	29.5	Georgia	24.3	Ohio	21.1
Vermont	29.4	Nebraska	23.7	South Carolina	20.4
New Hampshire	28.7	Arizona	23.5	Oklahoma	20.3
Minnesota	28.0	New Mexico	23.5	Tennessee	19.6
Washington	27.7	Texas	23.2	Indiana	19.4
New York	27.4	Maine	22.9	Alabama	19.0
California	26.6	North Carolina	22.5	Louisiana	18.7
Hawaii	26.2	Pennsylvania	22.4	Nevada	18.2
Illinois	26.1	Wisconsin	22.4	Kentucky	17.1
Utah	26.1	Florida	22.3	Mississippi	16.9
Kansas	25.8	North Dakota	22.0	Arkansas	16.7
Rhode Island	25.6	Wyoming	21.9	West Virginia	14.8

Source: 2000 Census, United States Census Bureau

Figure 10: Change in Nonfarm Employment, 2000 to 2001

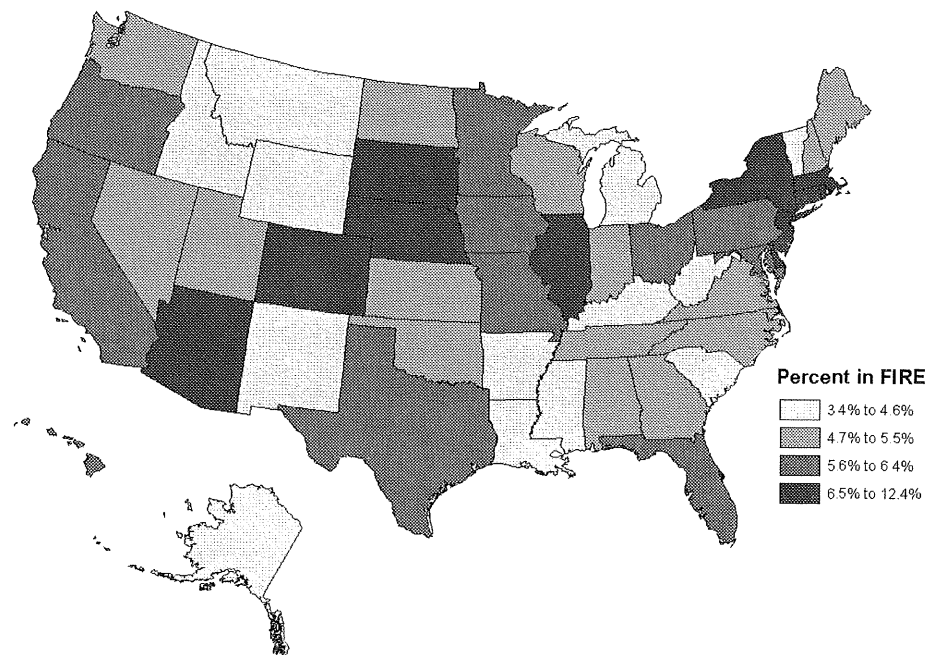


Minnesota's nonfarm employment experienced a slight decline of 0.1 percent between 2000 and 2001, tying West Virginia. Nevada had the largest over-the-year increase at 2.6 percent. Indiana had the largest drop in nonfarm employment, which fell 2.1 percent. Nationally, nonfarm employment grew 0.3 percent over the year.

<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Nevada	2.6 %	North Dakota	0.6 %	Delaware	-0.2 %
Wyoming	2.6	Utah	0.6	Wisconsin	-0.3
Alaska	2.1	Louisiana	0.6	Kentucky	-0.4
Idaho	1.8	Rhode Island	0.5	Washington	-0.5
Florida	1.7	Hawaii	0.4	Connecticut	-0.6
New Mexico	1.6	South Dakota	0.4	Iowa	-0.6
California	1.4	Massachusetts	0.3	Missouri	-0.6
Oklahoma	1.3	Virginia	0.3	Tennessee	-0.6
Montana	1.1	United States	0.3	Illinois	-0.7
Arizona	1.0	Pennsylvania	0.2	Oregon	-0.7
Maine	1.0	Georgia	0.1	North Carolina	-0.8
Kansas	0.9	Nebraska	0.1	Alabama	-0.9
Colorado	0.9	Vermont	0.1	Ohio	-1.0
Maryland	0.8	New York	0.0	South Carolina	-1.3
New Hampshire	0.8	Minnesota	-0.1	Mississippi	-1.7
Texas	0.8	West Virginia	-0.1	Michigan	-1.9
New Jersey	0.7	Arkansas	-0.2	Indiana	-2.1

Source: Current Employment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Figure 11: Percent of Nonfarm Employment in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, 2001

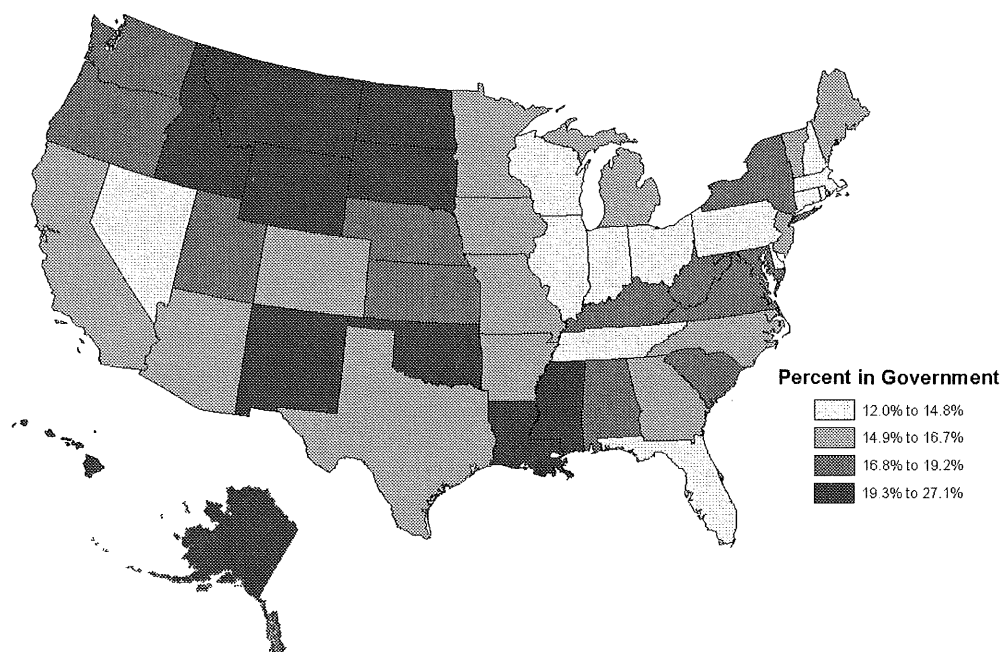


In Minnesota, 6.2 percent of nonfarm employment was in finance, insurance and real estate (FIRE) in 2001. Among the states, Minnesota had the 14th-highest share of nonfarm employment in FIRE. Delaware had the largest percent at 12.4, and Wyoming had the smallest percent at 3.4. Nationally, 5.8 percent of nonfarm employment was in FIRE in 2001.

<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Delaware	12.4 %	Maryland	5.8 %	Tennessee	4.9 %
New York	8.6	Pennsylvania	5.8	Alabama	4.8
Connecticut	8.5	United States	5.8	Indiana	4.8
South Dakota	7.3	California	5.7	Nevada	4.7
Massachusetts	7.0	Ohio	5.6	Montana	4.6
Nebraska	6.8	Texas	5.6	Michigan	4.6
Rhode Island	6.8	Maine	5.5	South Carolina	4.6
Illinois	6.7	Virginia	5.5	Louisiana	4.5
New Jersey	6.7	Utah	5.5	Alaska	4.4
Arizona	6.6	New Hampshire	5.4	New Mexico	4.3
Colorado	6.5	Wisconsin	5.3	Vermont	4.3
Florida	6.4	Georgia	5.2	Idaho	4.3
Missouri	6.3	North Dakota	5.2	Kentucky	4.2
Minnesota	6.2	Washington	5.2	Arkansas	4.0
Iowa	6.0	Kansas	4.9	West Virginia	4.0
Oregon	6.0	Oklahoma	4.9	Mississippi	3.8
Hawaii	5.9	North Carolina	4.9	Wyoming	3.4

Source: Current Employment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Figure 12: Percent of Nonfarm Employment in Government, 2001

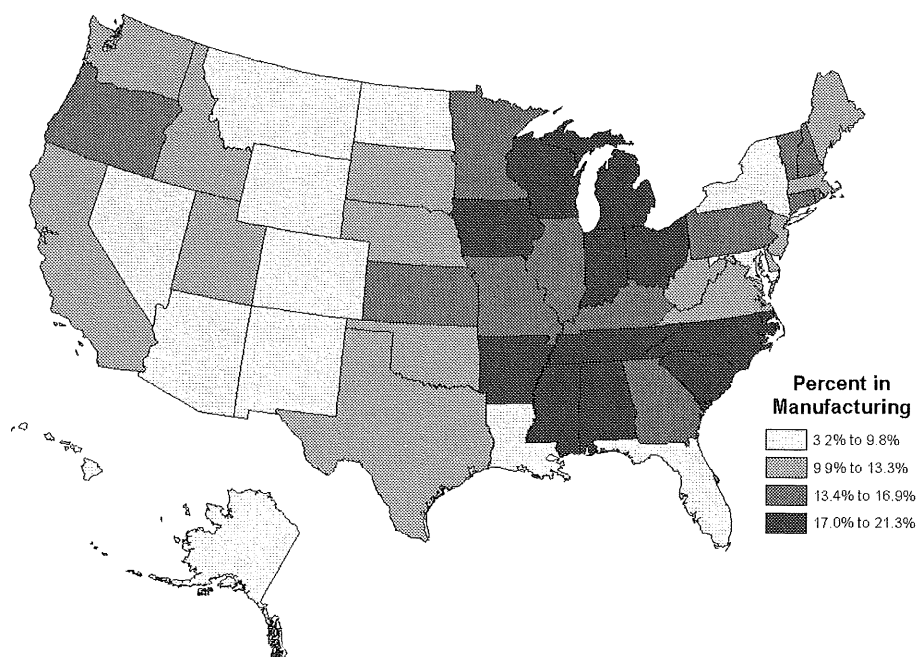


In Minnesota, 15.0 percent of nonfarm employment was in government in 2001. Among the states, Minnesota tied with Michigan having the 35th-highest share of nonfarm employment in government. Alaska had the largest percent at 27.1, and Nevada had the smallest percent at 12.0 percent. Nationally, 15.8 percent of nonfarm employment was in government in 2001.

<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Alaska	27.1 %	Utah	17.6 %	Georgia	15.3 %
Wyoming	25.2	South Carolina	17.4	Michigan	15.0
New Mexico	24.6	Nebraska	17.2	Minnesota	15.0
North Dakota	22.3	Kentucky	17.1	New Jersey	14.9
Montana	21.4	New York	17.1	Tennessee	14.8
Mississippi	21.1	Oregon	16.9	Wisconsin	14.6
Hawaii	20.8	Arkansas	16.7	Connecticut	14.5
Idaho	19.9	Iowa	16.7	Florida	14.3
Louisiana	19.6	Maine	16.7	Ohio	14.3
Oklahoma	19.6	Texas	16.7	Illinois	14.1
South Dakota	19.3	Vermont	16.7	Indiana	13.9
West Virginia	19.2	Arizona	16.6	Delaware	13.6
Washington	18.7	California	16.2	Rhode Island	13.5
Alabama	18.4	North Carolina	16.0	New Hampshire	13.4
Kansas	18.3	United States	15.8	Massachusetts	12.9
Maryland	18.3	Missouri	15.7	Pennsylvania	12.8
Virginia	17.9	Colorado	15.5	Nevada	12.0

Source: Current Employment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Figure 13: Percent of Nonfarm Employment in Manufacturing, 2001

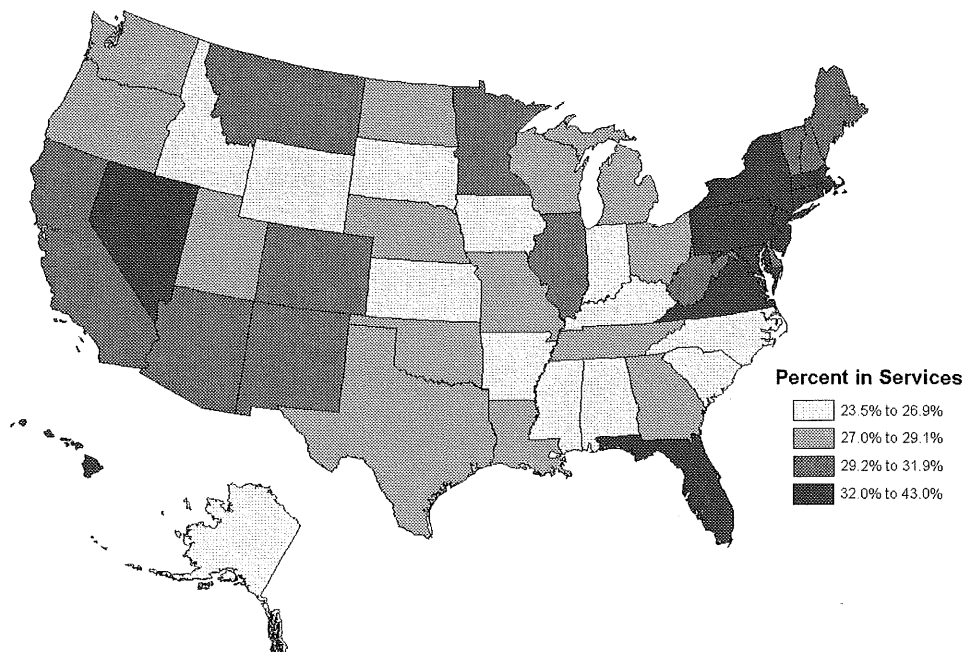


In Minnesota, 15.8 percent of nonfarm employment was in manufacturing in 2001. This was the 15th-highest share in the nation in this industry. Indiana ranked highest with 21.3 percent, and Hawaii lowest with 3.2 percent. Nationally, 13.4 percent of nonfarm employment was in manufacturing in 2001.

<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Indiana	21.3 %	Connecticut	15.1 %	New Jersey	11.2 %
Arkansas	20.8	Illinois	15.1	Texas	11.1
Wisconsin	20.8	Oregon	14.8	Virginia	10.5
Michigan	20.2	Rhode Island	14.6	West Virginia	10.5
Mississippi	18.9	Georgia	13.9	New York	9.8
North Carolina	18.8	Missouri	13.9	Louisiana	9.4
Ohio	18.5	United States	13.4	Arizona	9.3
South Carolina	18.1	Delaware	13.3	Colorado	8.9
Alabama	17.8	Idaho	13.3	North Dakota	7.7
Tennessee	17.6	Maine	13.3	Maryland	7.2
Iowa	17.1	California	13.0	Florida	6.5
Kentucky	16.9	Nebraska	12.9	Montana	6.1
New Hampshire	16.6	Massachusetts	12.7	New Mexico	5.7
Vermont	16.0	Washington	12.5	Alaska	4.7
Minnesota	15.8	South Dakota	12.2	Wyoming	4.6
Pennsylvania	15.7	Oklahoma	11.8	Nevada	4.4
Kansas	15.2	Utah	11.7	Hawaii	3.2

Source: Current Employment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Figure 14: Percent of Nonfarm Employment in Services, 2001

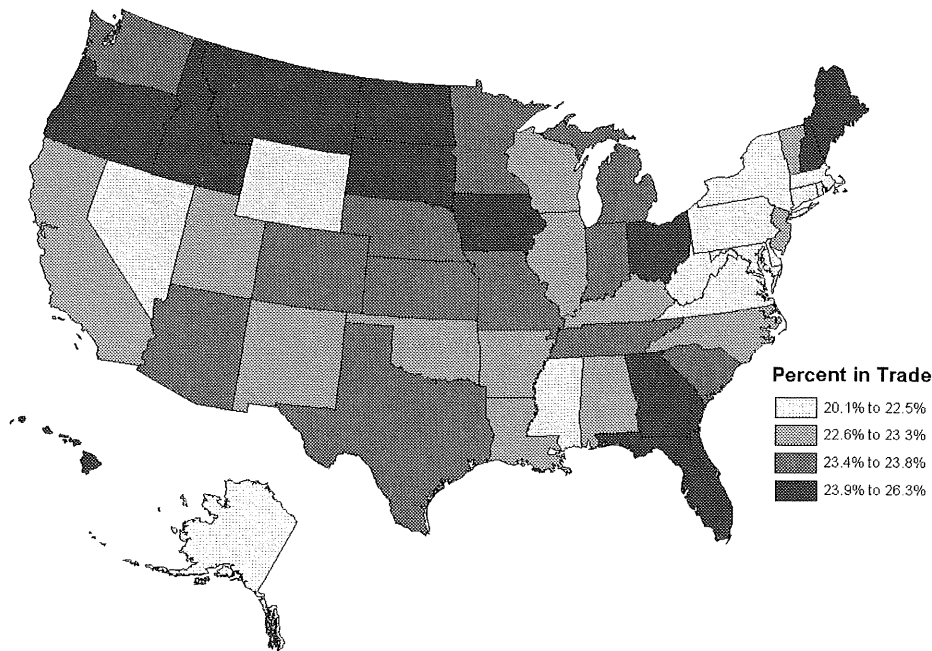


In Minnesota, 29.5 percent of nonfarm employment was in services in 2001. Minnesota had the 21st-highest share of nonfarm employment in services in 2001. Nevada ranked highest with 43.0 percent and Wyoming lowest with 23.5 percent. Nationally, 31.0 percent of nonfarm employment was in services in 2001.

<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Nevada	43.0 %	Colorado	30.9 %	Louisiana	28.1 %
Florida	37.3	Maine	30.7	Oregon	27.9
Massachusetts	36.8	New Hampshire	30.5	Tennessee	27.8
New York	35.5	Montana	29.6	Wisconsin	27.4
Rhode Island	35.2	Minnesota	29.5	Iowa	26.9
Maryland	34.9	New Mexico	29.4	North Carolina	26.9
Hawaii	33.6	Delaware	29.2	South Dakota	26.9
Pennsylvania	33.5	Georgia	29.1	Kentucky	26.6
New Jersey	33.3	Utah	29.1	Idaho	26.5
Virginia	32.7	Oklahoma	29.0	Kansas	26.4
Connecticut	32.1	Texas	28.9	Indiana	25.5
California	31.9	Missouri	28.8	Alaska	25.2
West Virginia	31.6	Ohio	28.8	Alabama	25.1
Arizona	31.4	Washington	28.7	South Carolina	25.0
Vermont	31.1	Nebraska	28.5	Arkansas	24.2
Illinois	31.0	North Dakota	28.5	Mississippi	23.9
United States	31.0	Michigan	28.4	Wyoming	23.5

Source: Current Employment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Figure 15: Percent of Nonfarm Employment in Trade, 2001

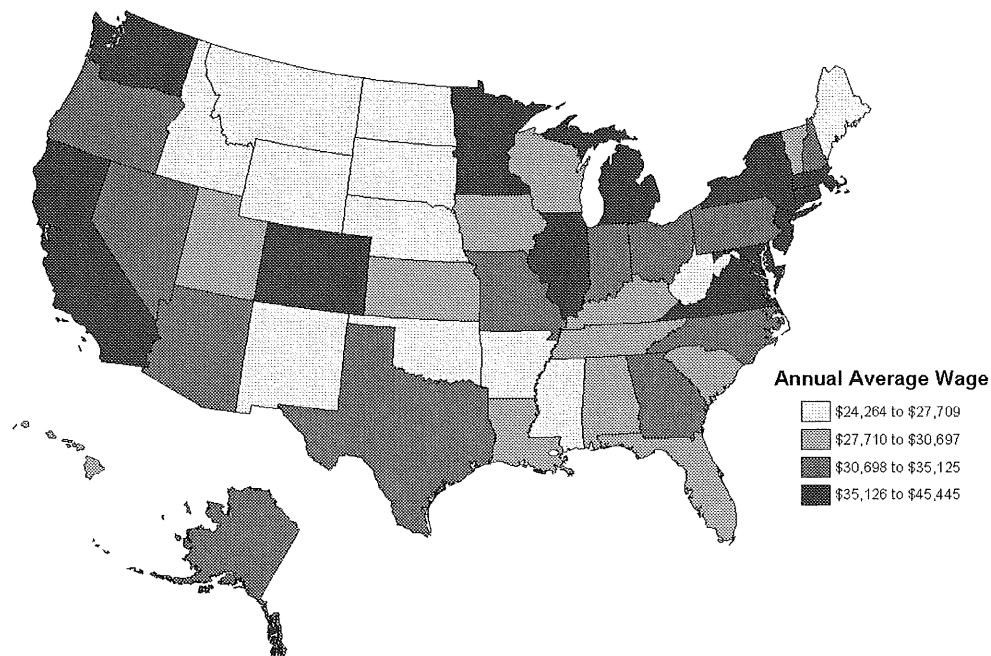


In Minnesota, 23.7 percent of nonfarm employment was in trade in 2001. Tied with two other states, Minnesota had the 14th-highest share of nonfarm employment in the nation in trade. New Hampshire ranked highest with 26.3 percent and Alaska lowest with 20.1 percent. Nationally, 23.1 percent of nonfarm employment was in trade in 2001.

<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>
New Hampshire	26.3 %	Missouri	23.5 %	California	22.7 %
Montana	26.1	South Carolina	23.5	Vermont	22.7
Florida	24.8	Tennessee	23.5	Wisconsin	22.7
Idaho	24.8	Washington	23.5	Illinois	22.6
Maine	24.8	Kansas	23.4	Rhode Island	22.5
North Dakota	24.7	Michigan	23.4	Wyoming	22.5
South Dakota	24.7	Nebraska	23.4	Maryland	22.4
Hawaii	24.6	Kentucky	23.3	Mississippi	22.3
Oregon	24.5	Louisiana	23.3	Pennsylvania	22.3
Georgia	24.4	Utah	23.2	Massachusetts	22.2
Iowa	23.9	Arkansas	23.1	West Virginia	22.0
Ohio	23.9	New Jersey	23.1	Delaware	21.7
Texas	23.8	United States	23.1	Virginia	21.7
Colorado	23.7	Alabama	23.0	Connecticut	21.3
Indiana	23.7	New Mexico	23.0	Nevada	21.0
Minnesota	23.7	North Carolina	22.8	Alaska	20.1
Arizona	23.5	Oklahoma	22.7	New York	20.1

Source: Current Employment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Figure 16: Average Annual Wage, 2000

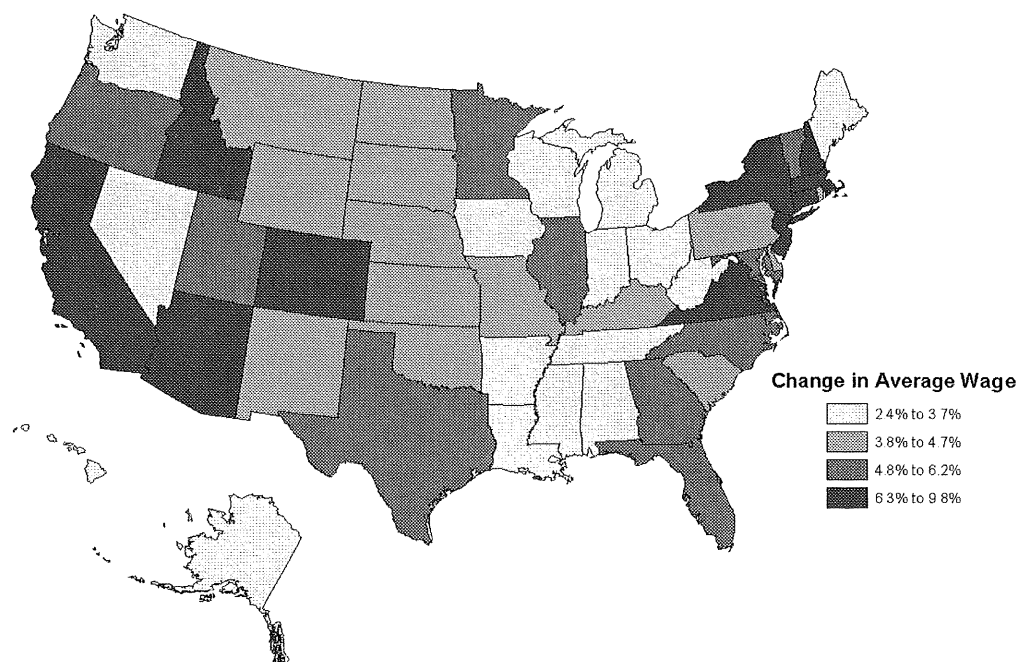


Minnesota's 2000 annual average wage was \$35,418, the 12th-highest in the nation. Connecticut had the highest average annual wage at \$45,445, and Montana had the lowest annual average wage at \$24,264. Nationally, the annual average wage was \$35,296 in 2000.

<i>State</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Connecticut	\$45,445	Georgia	\$34,182	Vermont	\$28,920
New York	44,942	Pennsylvania	33,999	Kentucky	28,829
Massachusetts	44,326	Oregon	32,765	South Carolina	28,173
New Jersey	43,691	Rhode Island	32,618	Iowa	27,928
California	41,194	Arizona	32,606	Louisiana	27,877
Illinois	38,044	Ohio	32,510	Idaho	27,709
Colorado	37,167	Nevada	32,276	Maine	27,664
Washington	37,059	Missouri	31,386	Nebraska	27,662
Michigan	37,016	North Carolina	31,077	New Mexico	27,498
Delaware	36,677	Indiana	31,015	Oklahoma	26,980
Maryland	36,373	Wisconsin	30,697	West Virginia	26,887
Minnesota	35,418	Hawaii	30,630	Wyoming	26,837
United States	35,296	Tennessee	30,558	Arkansas	26,307
Virginia	35,151	Florida	30,549	Mississippi	25,197
Alaska	35,125	Kansas	29,357	South Dakota	24,803
Texas	34,948	Utah	29,226	North Dakota	24,678
New Hampshire	34,731	Alabama	29,037	Montana	24,264

Source: Covered Employment and Wages, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Figure 17: Change in Average Annual Wage, 1999 to 2000

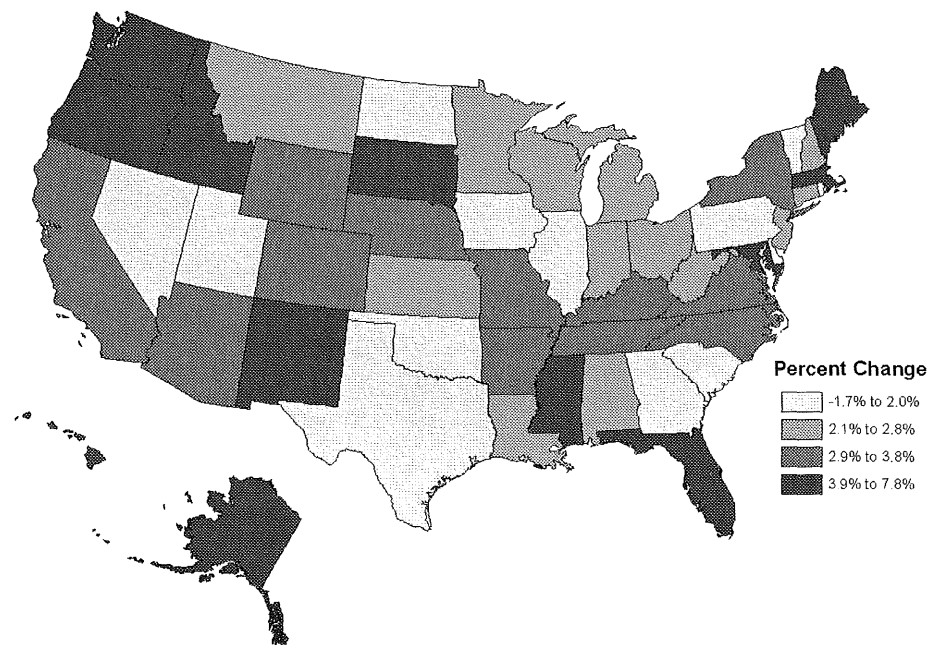


Minnesota had the 13th-largest change in average annual wage between 1999 and 2000 at 5.8 percent. Massachusetts had the largest change at 9.8 percent, and Louisiana had the smallest change at 2.4 percent. Nationally, the change in the average annual wage between 1999 and 2000 was 5.9 percent.

<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Massachusetts	9.8 %	North Carolina	5.5 %	South Carolina	3.8 %
California	9.6	Illinois	4.8	Arkansas	3.7
Colorado	8.7	Utah	4.8	Tennessee	3.7
New Hampshire	8.1	Vermont	4.8	Washington	3.7
Arizona	6.8	Kansas	4.7	Wisconsin	3.7
New York	6.6	Missouri	4.7	Iowa	3.6
Connecticut	6.5	New Mexico	4.7	Ohio	3.6
New Jersey	6.5	Rhode Island	4.6	Michigan	3.5
Idaho	6.4	Wyoming	4.6	Alabama	3.4
Virginia	6.4	Oklahoma	4.5	Nevada	3.4
Texas	6.2	South Dakota	4.4	Indiana	3.3
Oregon	6.1	Delaware	4.3	Mississippi	3.3
United States	5.9	Montana	4.3	West Virginia	3.3
Minnesota	5.8	Pennsylvania	4.0	Alaska	3.2
Georgia	5.7	Nebraska	3.9	Maine	2.9
Florida	5.6	North Dakota	3.9	Hawaii	2.8
Maryland	5.5	Kentucky	3.8	Louisiana	2.4

Source: Covered Employment and Wages, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Figure 18: Annual Change in Hourly Earnings for Manufacturing, 2000 to 2001

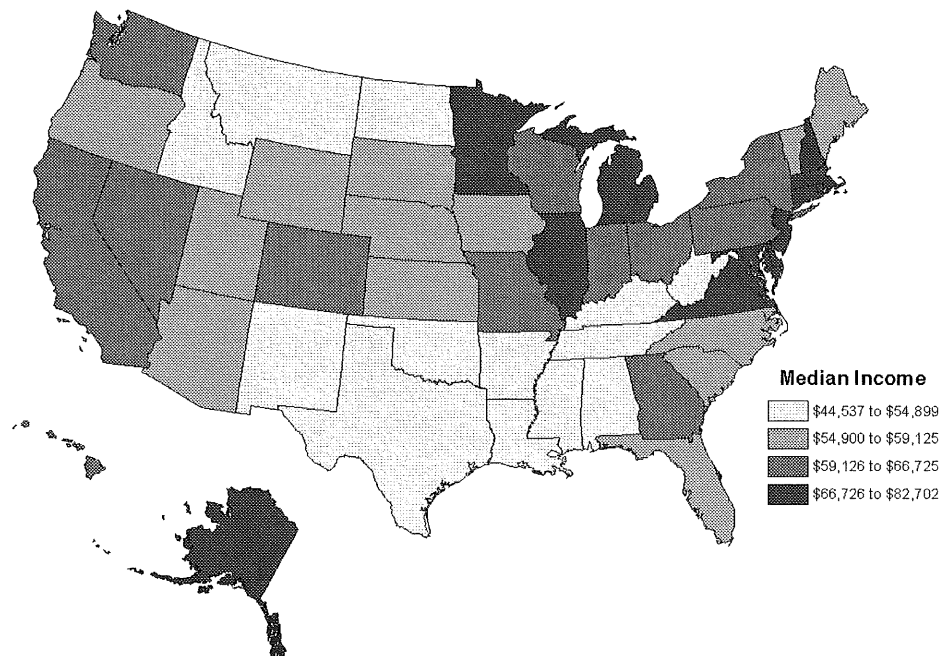


Minnesota had a 2.5 percent increase in annual average hourly pay for production workers in manufacturing between 2000 and 2001. Tied with one other state, Minnesota had the 29th-largest increase nationally. Idaho had the largest increase in pay at 7.8 percent, and Oklahoma a decrease of -1.7 percent. Nationally, hourly pay in manufacturing increased 3.9 percent between 2000 and 2001.

<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Idaho	7.8 %	Nebraska	3.5 %	Michigan	2.3 %
South Dakota	7.0	Tennessee	3.5	West Virginia	2.3
Alaska	6.5	Kentucky	3.4	Louisiana	2.2
New Mexico	6.3	Missouri	3.3	Kansas	2.1
Maine	6.2	Virginia	3.3	South Carolina	2.0
Maryland	6.2	California	3.2	Nevada	1.9
Washington	5.0	Wyoming	3.2	Iowa	1.8
Massachusetts	4.4	Arizona	3.1	Pennsylvania	1.7
Hawaii	4.4	New Hampshire	2.8	Texas	1.5
Mississippi	4.3	New Jersey	2.7	Utah	1.5
Oregon	4.2	Wisconsin	2.7	Illinois	1.3
Florida	4.1	Alabama	2.6	Delaware	0.6
United States	3.9	Minnesota	2.5	Vermont	0.6
North Carolina	3.8	Ohio	2.5	Georgia	0.5
Colorado	3.7	Connecticut	2.4	North Dakota	0.4
New York	3.7	Montana	2.4	Rhode Island	0.2
Arkansas	3.5	Indiana	2.3	Oklahoma	-1.7

Source: Covered Employment and Wages, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Figure 19: Median Income for a Four-Person Family, 2000

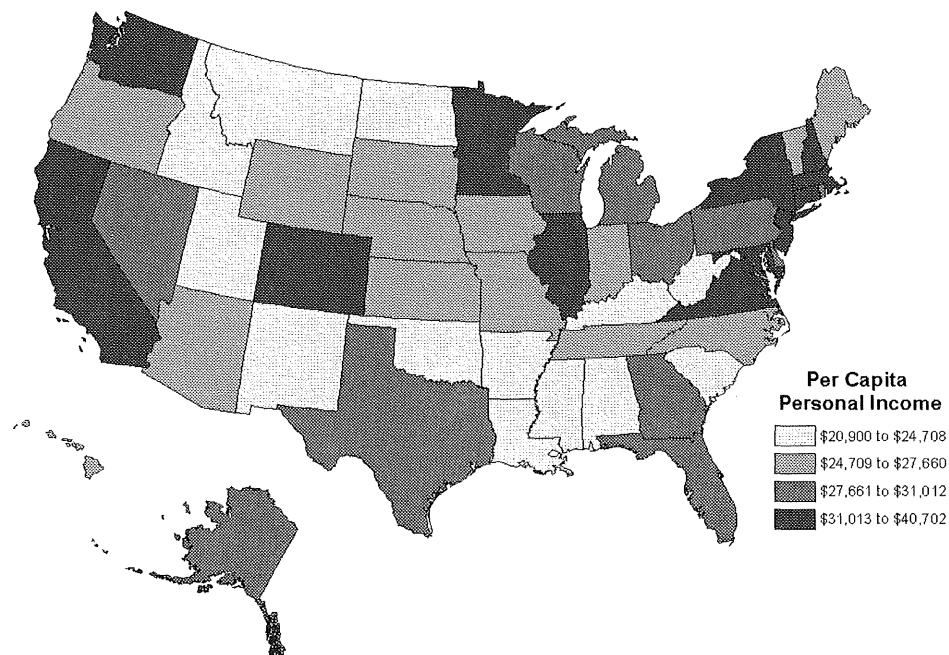


In 2000, Minnesota had the sixth-highest median income for a four-person family at \$70,553. Connecticut had the highest at \$82,702, and Arkansas had the lowest at \$44,537. The national median income for a four-person family was \$62,228 in 2000.

<i>State</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Connecticut	\$82,702	Washington	\$63,568	Wyoming	\$55,859
New Jersey	78,560	California	63,206	Arizona	55,663
Massachusetts	78,025	Ohio	62,251	Florida	55,351
Maryland	77,562	United States	62,228	South Dakota	55,150
New Hampshire	71,661	Indiana	62,079	Tennessee	54,899
Minnesota	70,553	Missouri	61,173	Idaho	53,722
Delaware	69,360	Nevada	59,614	Texas	53,513
Michigan	68,740	Georgia	59,489	North Dakota	53,140
Rhode Island	68,418	Vermont	59,125	Alabama	51,451
Illinois	68,117	Oregon	58,315	Kentucky	51,249
Virginia	68,054	Iowa	57,921	Oklahoma	48,459
Alaska	66,874	North Carolina	57,203	Louisiana	47,363
Wisconsin	66,725	Utah	57,043	New Mexico	47,314
Colorado	66,624	Nebraska	57,040	Mississippi	46,331
Hawaii	65,872	Kansas	56,784	West Virginia	46,270
Pennsylvania	65,411	South Carolina	56,294	Montana	46,142
New York	64,520	Maine	56,186	Arkansas	44,537

Source: United States Census Bureau

Figure 20: Per Capita Personal Income, 2000

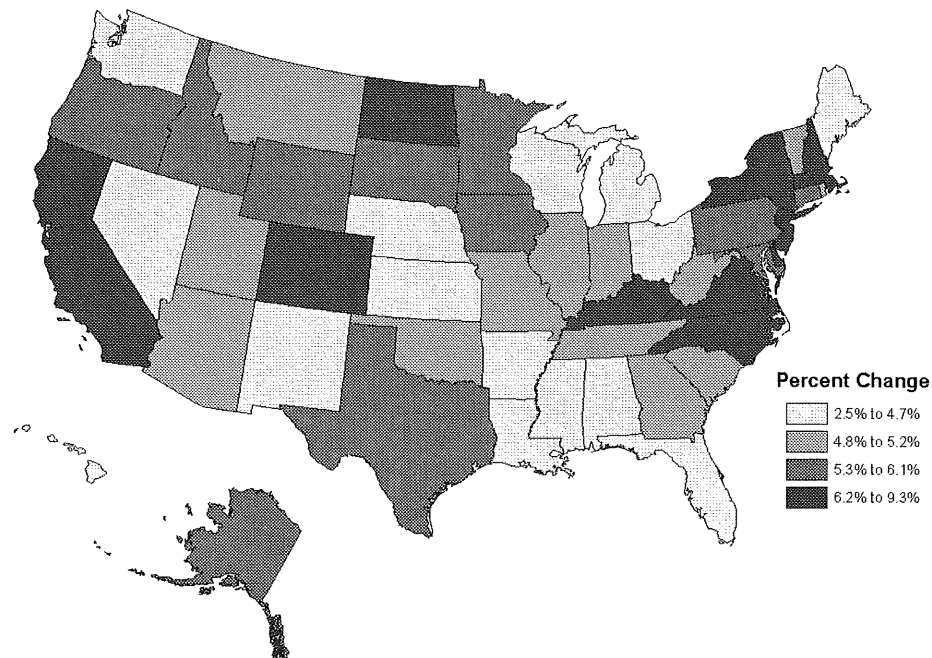


In 2000, Minnesota had the ninth-highest per capita personal income at \$31,935. Connecticut had the highest at \$40,702, while Mississippi had the lowest at \$20,900. The national per capita personal income was \$29,469 in 2000.

<i>State</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Connecticut	\$40,702	Michigan	\$29,127	South Dakota	\$25,958
Massachusetts	37,704	Rhode Island	29,113	Tennessee	25,946
New Jersey	37,118	Wisconsin	28,100	Maine	25,380
New York	34,689	Ohio	27,977	Arizona	24,988
Maryland	33,482	Hawaii	27,851	North Dakota	24,708
New Hampshire	33,169	Georgia	27,794	Kentucky	24,085
Colorado	32,434	Florida	27,764	South Carolina	24,000
California	32,149	Texas	27,752	Idaho	23,727
Minnesota	31,935	Oregon	27,660	Oklahoma	23,650
Illinois	31,856	Nebraska	27,630	Alabama	23,521
Washington	31,230	Kansas	27,374	Utah	23,436
Virginia	31,120	Wyoming	27,372	Louisiana	23,090
Delaware	31,012	Missouri	27,206	Montana	22,518
Alaska	29,642	Indiana	26,933	Arkansas	21,995
Nevada	29,506	North Carolina	26,882	New Mexico	21,931
Pennsylvania	29,504	Vermont	26,848	West Virginia	21,738
Unites States	29,469	Iowa	26,431	Mississippi	20,900

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Figure 21: Change in Per Capita Personal Income, 1999 to 2000

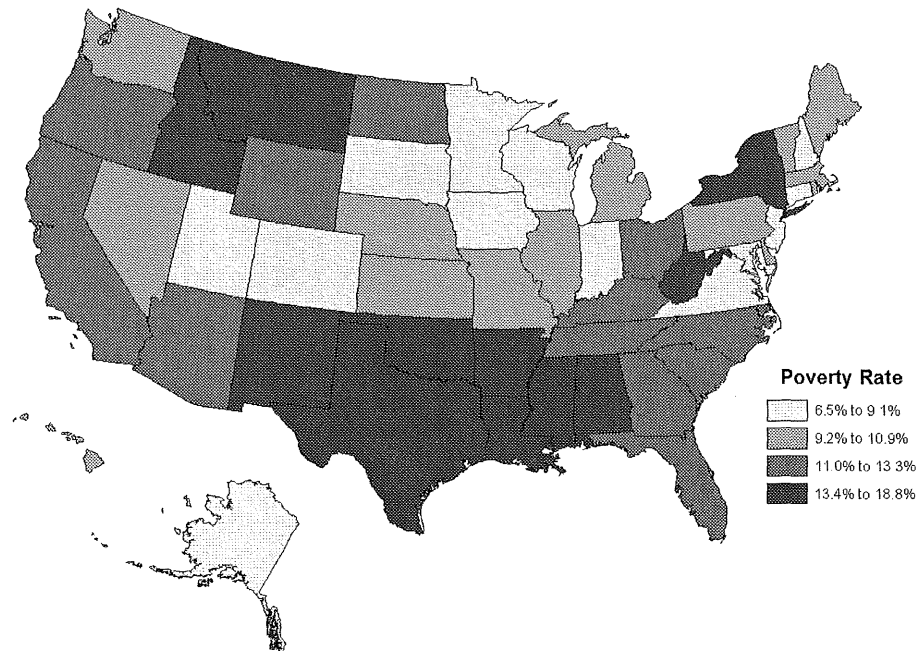


At 6.1 percent, Minnesota tied with two other states for the 12th-largest increase in per capita personal income between 1999 and 2000. Massachusetts had the largest change, 9.3 percent, and Nevada had the smallest change, 2.5 percent. Per capita personal income grew 5.8 percent nationally between 1999 and 2000.

<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Massachusetts	9.3 %	Maryland	5.8 %	Montana	4.8 %
New Hampshire	9.0	Texas	5.8	South Carolina	4.8
California	8.0	United States	5.8	Kansas	4.7
North Dakota	7.6	Pennsylvania	5.4	New Mexico	4.7
Colorado	7.4	Oregon	5.3	Washington	4.7
New Jersey	7.2	Wyoming	5.3	Maine	4.6
New York	6.5	Arizona	5.2	Michigan	4.6
Delaware	6.2	Vermont	5.2	Ohio	4.6
Kentucky	6.2	Illinois	5.1	Wisconsin	4.6
North Carolina	6.2	Indiana	5.1	Florida	4.4
Virginia	6.2	Missouri	5.1	Arkansas	4.2
Idaho	6.1	Oklahoma	5.1	Mississippi	3.9
Minnesota	6.1	Utah	5.1	Hawaii	3.9
South Dakota	6.1	Tennessee	5.0	Louisiana	3.7
Alaska	5.9	West Virginia	5.0	Nebraska	3.7
Iowa	5.9	Georgia	4.9	Alabama	3.6
Connecticut	5.9	Rhode Island	4.8	Nevada	2.5

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Figure 22: Average Poverty Rate, 1999/2000

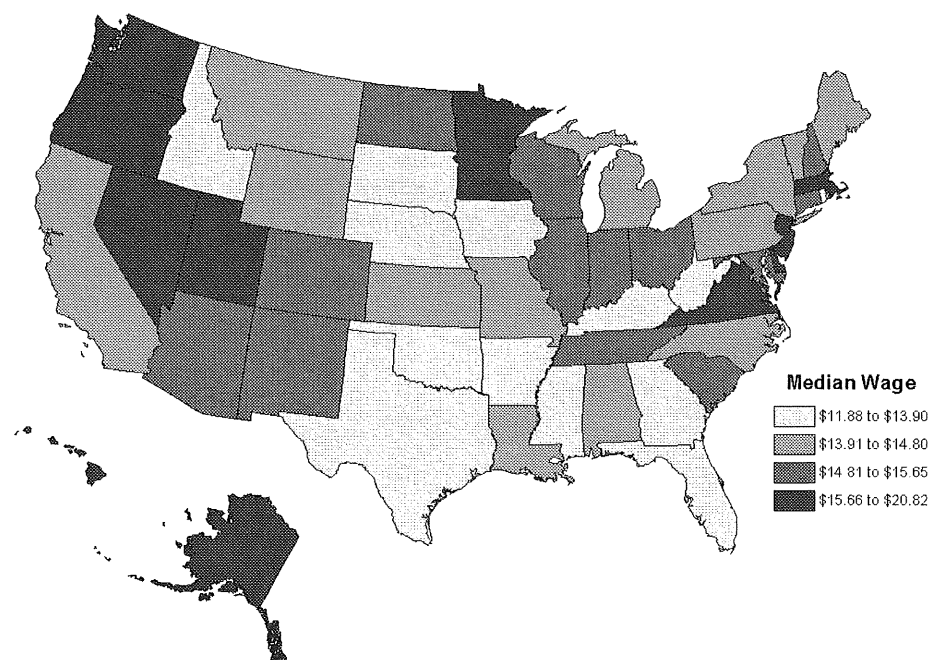


At 6.6 percent in 1999/2000, Minnesota had the second-lowest poverty rate among the states. New Hampshire had the lowest poverty rate at 6.5 percent, and New Mexico had the highest poverty rate at 18.8 percent. The national poverty rate was 11.6 percent in 1999/2000.

<i>State</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Rate</i>
New Hampshire	6.5 %	Missouri	9.8 %	Arizona	12.0 %
Minnesota	6.6	Washington	9.8	Kentucky	12.0
Connecticut	6.9	Michigan	9.9	Georgia	12.1
Iowa	7.4	Nevada	9.9	North Carolina	12.8
Maryland	7.5	Nebraska	10.0	California	13.3
Indiana	7.7	Hawaii	10.4	Tennessee	13.3
Utah	7.7	Vermont	10.5	Idaho	13.4
Virginia	7.8	Illinois	10.7	New York	13.8
Alaska	7.9	Kansas	10.9	Oklahoma	14.1
New Jersey	7.9	Massachusetts	10.9	Mississippi	14.5
Colorado	8.2	Ohio	11.0	Alabama	14.8
South Dakota	8.7	South Carolina	11.2	West Virginia	14.9
Wisconsin	9.1	Wyoming	11.3	Texas	14.9
Pennsylvania	9.2	Florida	11.5	Montana	15.7
Maine	9.5	North Dakota	11.6	Arkansas	16.3
Rhode Island	9.5	United States	11.6	Louisiana	18.3
Delaware	9.8	Oregon	11.9	New Mexico	18.8

Source: United States Census Bureau

Figure 23: Median Wage of Machinists, 2000

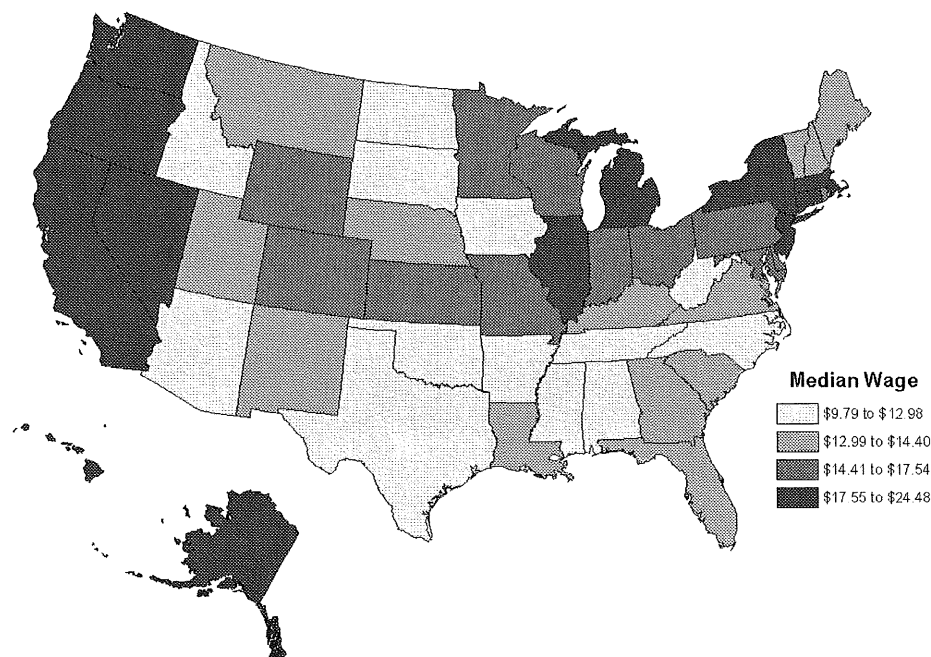


In Minnesota, the median hourly wage of machinists was \$16.31 in 2000. This was the eighth-highest in the nation. Alaska had the highest hourly median wage at \$20.82, and South Dakota had the lowest at \$11.88. Nationally, the median hourly wage of machinists was \$14.78 in 2000.

<i>State</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Alaska	\$20.82	Arizona	\$15.25	Alabama	\$14.28
Hawaii	19.64	Illinois	15.11	North Carolina	14.22
Washington	18.35	New Mexico	15.07	Vermont	14.14
Massachusetts	17.32	Tennessee	15.05	Kansas	14.09
Oregon	17.03	Colorado	15.03	Kentucky	13.90
New Jersey	16.79	Indiana	14.91	Georgia	13.78
Delaware	16.73	Ohio	14.88	Oklahoma	13.56
Minnesota	16.31	Michigan	14.80	Texas	13.48
Nevada	15.91	Louisiana	14.78	Nebraska	13.39
Virginia	15.87	United States	14.78	Florida	13.26
Utah	15.73	Wyoming	14.62	Arkansas	13.17
Connecticut	15.65	New York	14.60	Idaho	12.94
Wisconsin	15.65	Montana	14.56	Mississippi	12.80
Maryland	15.61	Missouri	14.43	Iowa	12.59
South Carolina	15.54	Pennsylvania	14.43	West Virginia	12.33
North Dakota	15.37	California	14.40	Rhode Island	11.99
New Hampshire	15.31	Maine	14.36	South Dakota	11.88

Source: Occupational Employment Statistics Wage Survey, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Figure 24: Median Wage of Carpenters, 2000

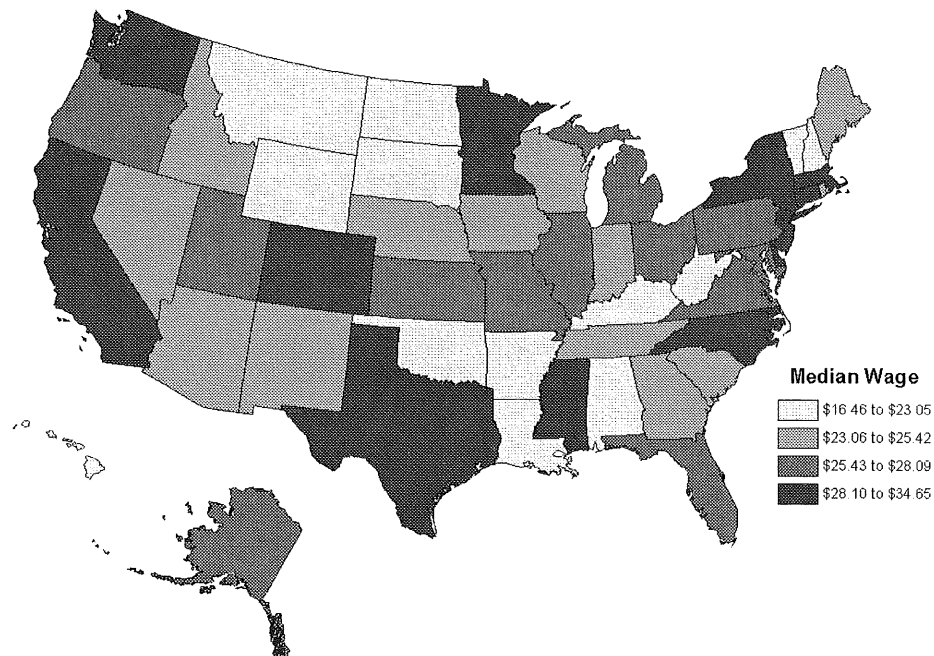


In Minnesota, the median hourly wage of carpenters was \$16.99 in 2000. This was the 14th-highest in the nation. Hawaii had the highest median hourly wage at \$24.48, and Arizona had the lowest at \$9.79. Nationally, the median hourly wage of carpenters was \$15.69 in 2000.

<i>State</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Hawaii	\$24.48	Delaware	\$15.91	Montana	\$13.45
Illinois	23.64	Pennsylvania	15.82	Virginia	13.41
Alaska	21.98	Ohio	15.78	Louisiana	13.15
New Jersey	19.88	United States	15.69	Florida	13.05
Washington	19.61	Maryland	15.68	Tennessee	12.98
California	19.34	Wyoming	15.60	Iowa	12.68
Massachusetts	19.22	Wisconsin	15.29	Texas	12.68
Nevada	19.17	Kansas	14.68	Arkansas	12.46
Connecticut	18.87	Maine	14.40	North Carolina	12.33
New York	18.29	Nebraska	14.36	North Dakota	12.30
Oregon	17.57	Utah	14.36	Mississippi	12.15
Michigan	17.56	Georgia	14.12	Alabama	11.94
Rhode Island	17.54	New Hampshire	14.11	Idaho	11.79
Minnesota	16.99	Kentucky	13.96	South Dakota	11.38
Missouri	16.67	Vermont	13.63	Oklahoma	11.35
Colorado	16.48	South Carolina	13.52	West Virginia	10.65
Indiana	16.20	New Mexico	13.47	Arizona	9.79

Source: Occupational Employment Statistics Wage Survey, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Figure 25: Median Wage of Computer Programmers, 2000

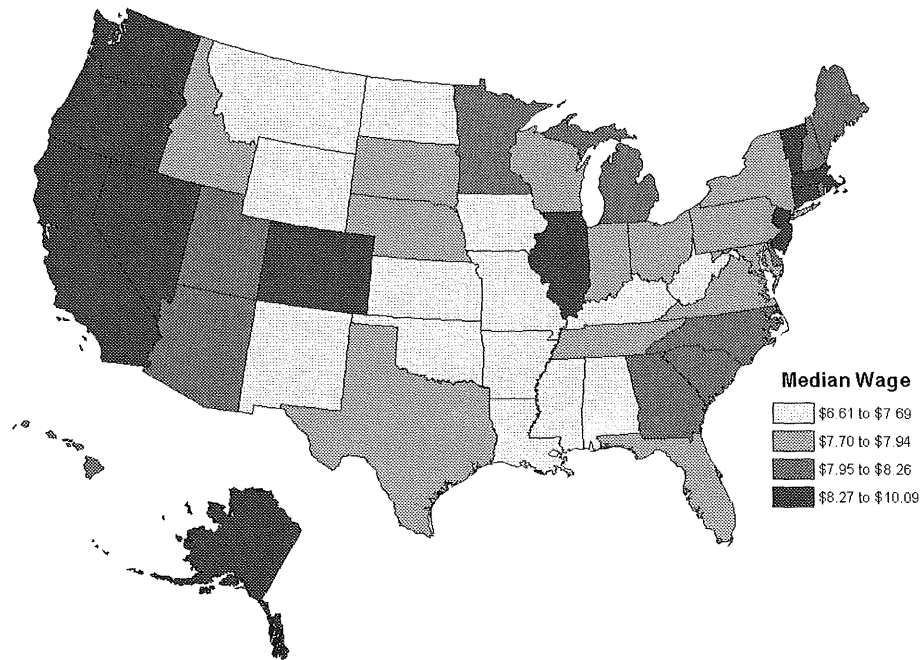


In Minnesota, the median hourly wage of computer programmers was \$29.38 in 2000. This is the eighth-highest in the nation. Delaware had the highest median hourly wage at \$34.65, and North Dakota had the lowest at \$16.46. Nationally, the median hourly wage of computer programmers was \$27.69 in 2000.

<i>State</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Delaware	\$34.65	Ohio	\$26.53	Maine	\$23.62
Washington	33.04	Oregon	26.33	Tennessee	23.59
New Jersey	32.70	Virginia	26.33	Iowa	23.40
Massachusetts	31.71	Kansas	26.18	South Carolina	23.18
Colorado	31.33	Illinois	26.14	Oklahoma	23.05
California	30.56	Michigan	25.91	Kentucky	22.64
Texas	30.06	Pennsylvania	25.76	Vermont	22.58
Minnesota	29.38	Florida	25.61	Alabama	22.32
New York	28.95	Arizona	25.42	New Hampshire	22.00
North Carolina	28.91	Georgia	25.35	Louisiana	21.60
Connecticut	28.30	Idaho	25.34	Montana	21.34
Mississippi	28.26	Nevada	25.22	South Dakota	20.23
Maryland	28.09	New Mexico	24.85	West Virginia	20.23
Missouri	27.86	Wisconsin	24.45	Hawaii	20.00
United States	27.69	Rhode Island	24.27	Arkansas	19.05
Utah	27.56	Nebraska	24.11	Wyoming	17.64
Alaska	26.55	Indiana	23.83	North Dakota	16.46

Source: Occupational Employment Statistics Wage Survey, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Figure 26: Median Wage of Retail Salespersons, 2000

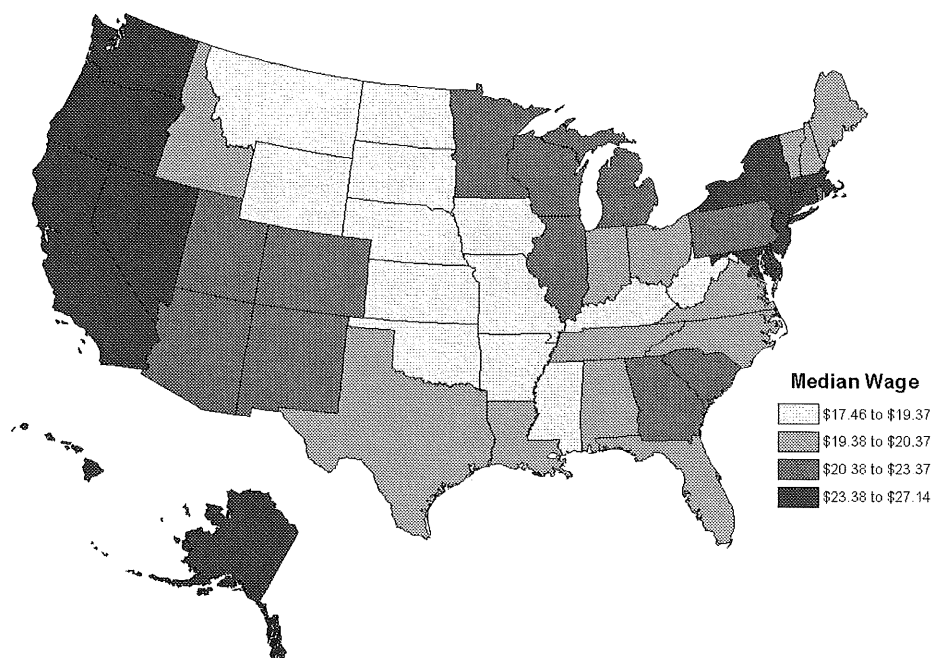


In Minnesota, the median hourly wage of retail salespersons was \$8.24 in 2000. This was the 13th-highest in the nation. Alaska had the highest median hourly wage at \$10.09, and West Virginia had the lowest at \$6.61. Nationally, the median hourly wage of retail salespersons was \$8.02 in 2000.

<i>State</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Alaska	\$10.09	Utah	\$ 8.09	Ohio	\$ 7.74
Washington	9.56	Delaware	8.08	Nebraska	7.72
Oregon	8.72	Michigan	8.04	Pennsylvania	7.71
Vermont	8.60	United States	8.02	Missouri	7.69
Nevada	8.50	North Carolina	7.98	New Mexico	7.69
Colorado	8.48	Georgia	7.97	Iowa	7.66
Connecticut	8.46	South Carolina	7.95	Oklahoma	7.60
Massachusetts	8.42	Florida	7.94	Alabama	7.58
California	8.38	Maryland	7.94	Kansas	7.52
New Jersey	8.32	Tennessee	7.88	Kentucky	7.43
Illinois	8.28	Virginia	7.87	North Dakota	7.29
Arizona	8.26	Wisconsin	7.85	Mississippi	7.20
Minnesota	8.24	Indiana	7.81	Montana	7.17
Hawaii	8.16	New York	7.80	Wyoming	7.10
Rhode Island	8.16	Idaho	7.78	Arkansas	7.07
New Hampshire	8.12	South Dakota	7.78	Louisiana	7.00
Maine	8.11	Texas	7.75	West Virginia	6.61

Source: Occupational Employment Statistics Wage Survey, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Figure 27: Median Wage of Registered Nurses, 2000

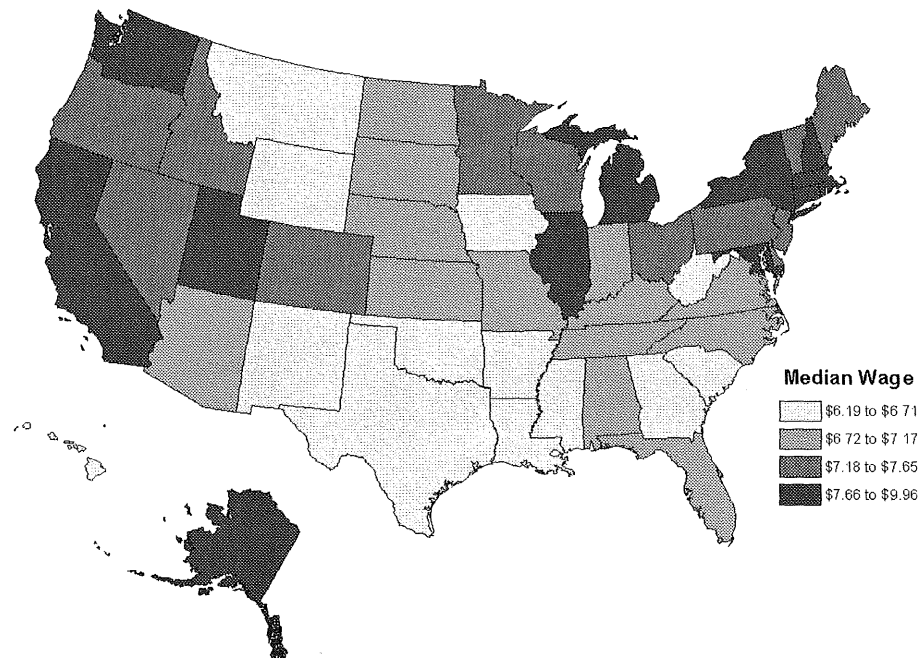


In Minnesota, the median hourly wage of registered nurses was \$23.37. This was the 13th highest in the nation. Maryland had the highest median hourly wage at \$27.14, and Iowa had the lowest at \$17.46. Nationally, the median hourly wage of registered nurses was \$21.56 in 2000.

<i>State</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Maryland	\$27.14	Illinois	\$21.56	Maine	\$19.83
Hawaii	26.58	United States	21.56	Indiana	19.67
California	26.50	Pennsylvania	20.89	Alabama	19.60
Alaska	24.90	Wisconsin	20.81	Tennessee	19.54
New Jersey	24.57	South Carolina	20.72	Missouri	19.37
Connecticut	24.45	Utah	20.66	Oklahoma	19.10
Delaware	24.34	Georgia	20.48	North Dakota	19.02
Nevada	24.25	New Mexico	20.40	Kentucky	18.97
Washington	24.02	Texas	20.37	Mississippi	18.77
New York	24.01	Florida	20.32	Nebraska	18.67
Oregon	23.83	Ohio	20.31	Arkansas	18.02
Massachusetts	23.75	North Carolina	20.22	South Dakota	17.89
Minnesota	23.37	Virginia	20.12	Kansas	17.84
Rhode Island	22.75	Idaho	20.10	Wyoming	17.84
Michigan	22.61	Louisiana	20.04	West Virginia	17.74
Arizona	21.97	Vermont	20.00	Montana	17.71
Colorado	21.77	New Hampshire	19.99	Iowa	17.46

Source: Occupational Employment Statistics Wage Survey, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Figure 28: Median Wage of Child Care Workers, 2000

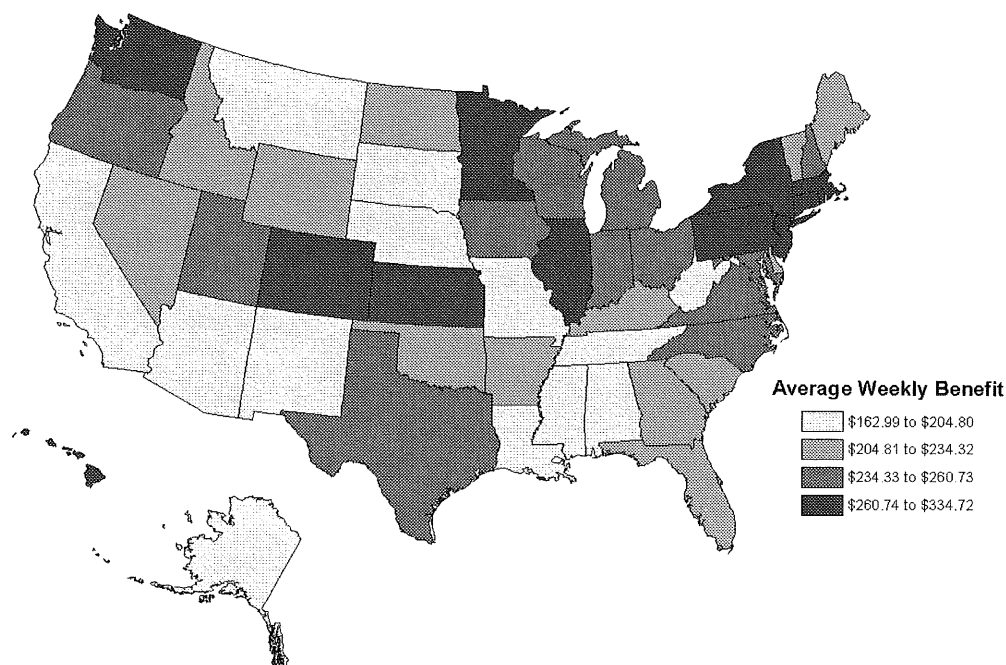


In Minnesota, the median hourly wage of child care workers was \$7.63 in 2000. This was the 14th-highest in the nation. Massachusetts had the highest median hourly wage at \$9.96, and Louisiana had the lowest at \$6.19. Nationally, the median hourly wage of child care workers was \$7.43 in 2000.

<i>State</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Massachusetts	\$ 9.96	Idaho	\$ 7.54	North Dakota	\$ 6.79
New York	9.19	New Jersey	7.50	Nebraska	6.76
Connecticut	9.11	United States	7.43	Alabama	6.75
Maryland	8.67	Oregon	7.40	Tennessee	6.72
California	8.31	Nevada	7.40	West Virginia	6.71
New Hampshire	8.12	Wisconsin	7.30	Hawaii	6.62
Michigan	8.06	Maine	7.20	Mississippi	6.59
Washington	8.00	Pennsylvania	7.19	South Carolina	6.52
Alaska	7.91	Kentucky	7.17	Montana	6.51
Rhode Island	7.86	Virginia	7.16	Wyoming	6.50
Utah	7.83	Kansas	7.13	Georgia	6.46
Illinois	7.80	Indiana	7.11	Texas	6.45
Delaware	7.65	Missouri	7.11	Iowa	6.43
Minnesota	7.63	North Carolina	7.08	Oklahoma	6.36
Vermont	7.60	South Dakota	6.94	Arkansas	6.25
Ohio	7.59	Florida	6.82	New Mexico	6.21
Colorado	7.56	Arizona	6.81	Louisiana	6.19

Source: Occupational Employment Statistics Wage Survey, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Figure 29: Average Weekly Unemployment Benefit, 2001

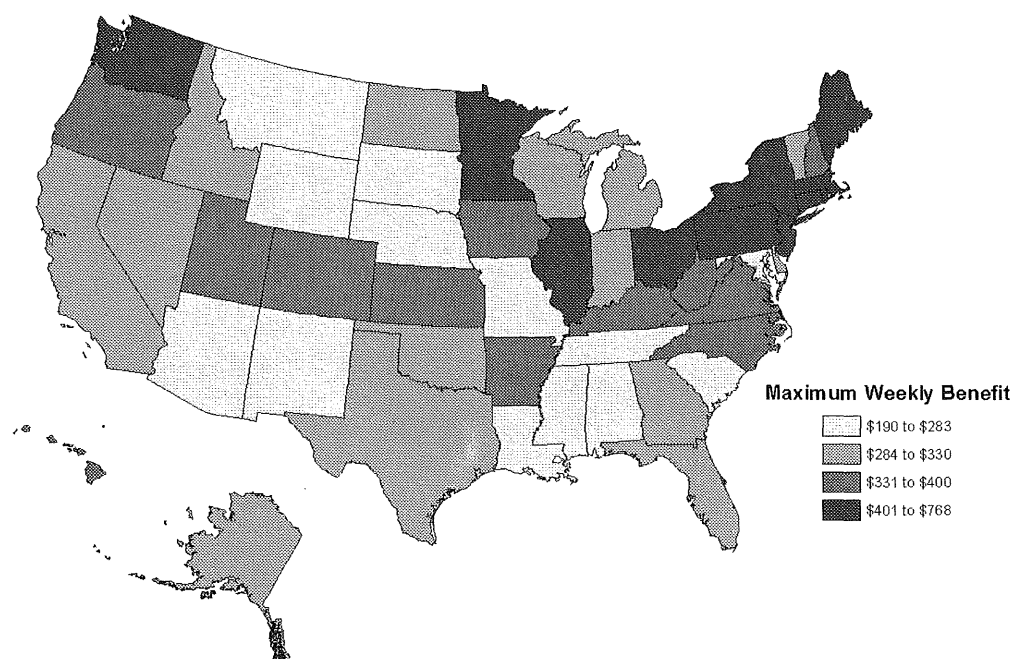


Minnesota's 2001 average weekly unemployment benefit was \$306.73, the fourth-highest in the nation. Massachusetts had the highest average weekly unemployment benefit at \$334.72, and Mississippi had the lowest at \$162.99. In 2001, the average weekly unemployment benefit for the nation was \$238.07.

<i>State</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Massachusetts	\$ 334.72	Ohio	\$ 247.65	North Dakota	\$ 218.17
Washington	311.27	Indiana	243.98	Maine	215.83
New Jersey	308.91	Wisconsin	241.71	Wyoming	215.31
Minnesota	306.73	Texas	241.35	South Carolina	205.88
Hawaii	296.97	New Hampshire	240.59	Nebraska	204.80
Colorado	291.47	United States	238.07	West Virginia	202.14
Rhode Island	289.12	Maryland	235.27	Missouri	200.49
Pennsylvania	281.52	Virginia	234.63	Tennessee	197.81
Connecticut	277.09	Kentucky	234.32	Montana	194.19
New York	268.99	Vermont	232.93	Louisiana	193.94
Illinois	268.68	Nevada	228.46	New Mexico	193.23
Kansas	260.89	Georgia	228.42	Alaska	193.01
Michigan	260.73	Oklahoma	227.88	South Dakota	189.91
Oregon	255.97	Idaho	223.46	Arizona	172.74
Utah	252.84	Florida	223.24	California	172.01
Iowa	249.57	Delaware	220.71	Alabama	164.17
North Carolina	248.00	Arkansas	220.10	Mississippi	162.99

Source: Unemployment Insurance Data Summary, 2001, United States Department of Labor

Figure 30: Maximum Weekly Unemployment Benefit, 2002*



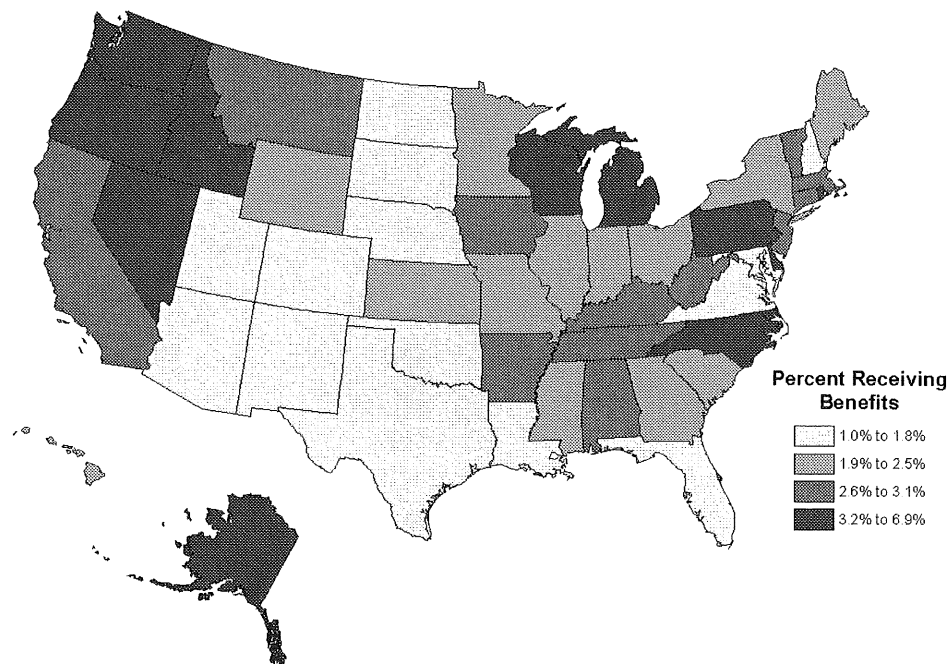
Minnesota's maximum weekly unemployment benefit was \$452, the sixth-highest in the nation in 2002. Massachusetts had the highest benefit at \$768, and Alabama had the lowest at \$190.

<i>State</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Massachusetts	\$ 768	Iowa	\$ 347	North Dakota	\$ 290
Rhode Island	518	Kentucky	341	Florida	288
Washington	496	West Virginia	338	Georgia	284
Connecticut	481	Arkansas	333	Wyoming	283
New Jersey	475	Kansas	333	Maryland	280
Minnesota	452	New Hampshire	331	New Mexico	277
Pennsylvania	450	California	330	Tennessee	275
Illinois	431	Delaware	330	Montana	268
Ohio	414	Wisconsin	324	South Carolina	268
Maine	408	Alaska	320	Nebraska	262
New York	405	Texas	319	Louisiana	258
Oregon	400	Idaho	315	Missouri	250
Hawaii	395	Indiana	312	South Dakota	234
Colorado	390	Vermont	312	Arizona	205
North Carolina	375	Oklahoma	304	Mississippi	200
Virginia	368	Nevada	301	Alabama	190
Utah	365	Michigan	300	United States	NA

Source: *Highlights of State Unemployment Compensation Laws*, 2002, United States Department of Labor

* As of January 1, 2002

Figure 31: Percent of Population Receiving Unemployment Benefits, 2000



In Minnesota, 2.2 percent of the population received unemployment benefits in 2000. Tied with six other states, this was the 19th-lowest. South Dakota had the lowest percent at 1.0, and Alaska had the highest at 6.9 percent. Nationally, 2.5 percent of the population received unemployment benefits in 2000.

<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Percent</i>
South Dakota	1.0 %	Mississippi	2.1 %	Iowa	2.9 %
New Hampshire	1.1	Georgia	2.2	New Jersey	2.9
Colorado	1.2	Maine	2.2	Vermont	2.9
Oklahoma	1.2	Minnesota	2.2	Alabama	3.0
Florida	1.4	New York	2.2	Connecticut	3.0
Virginia	1.4	Ohio	2.2	Tennessee	3.1
New Mexico	1.5	Wyoming	2.2	North Carolina	3.2
Texas	1.5	Illinois	2.5	Pennsylvania	3.2
Arizona	1.6	Missouri	2.5	Delaware	3.4
Louisiana	1.6	South Carolina	2.5	Nevada	3.4
Nebraska	1.6	United States	2.5	Idaho	3.5
Maryland	1.8	Arkansas	2.6	Washington	3.5
North Dakota	1.8	Massachusetts	2.7	Michigan	3.6
Utah	1.8	West Virginia	2.7	Rhode Island	3.6
Kansas	2.0	Kentucky	2.8	Oregon	4.3
Hawaii	2.1	Montana	2.8	Wisconsin	4.3
Indiana	2.1	California	2.9	Alaska	6.9

Source: Unemployment Insurance Data Summary, 2000, United States Department of Labor

