Working Weekends

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) conducts the American Time Use Survey (ATUS) to estimate how, where, and with whom Americans spend their time. The ATUS measures the amount of time people spend doing various activities, including work, childcare, volunteering, leisure and sports activities, and socializing.

The ATUS reports that 34 percent of all employed people age 15 years and older worked on weekends in 2012. What percentage of those holding more than one job worked weekends?

a) 37 percent  
b) 46 percent  
c) 55 percent  
d) 67 percent

Answer d) According ATUS, 67 percent of Americans with multiple jobs worked weekends in 2012. That compares to 31 percent for those holding only one job.

The ATUS also reports that employed persons worked an average of 8.0 hours on the weekdays they worked. Those working weekends worked an average of 5.7 hours on the weekend days they worked.

Data from the ATUS is available free online at: http://www.bls.gov/tus/tables.htm  
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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