

## UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS FOR MERRIMACK VALLEY SERVICE DELIVERY AREA

(Three Year Comparison)

(Previous Six Months)

Major Labor Area	Current November 2008	November 2007	November 2006	Current November 2008	October 2008	September 2008	August 2008	July 2008	June 2008	May 2008
Massachusetts	5.5	3.9	4.6	5.5	5.0	5.3	5.1	5.2	5.3	4.7
National	6.7	4.7	4.5	6.7	6.5	6.1	6.1	5.7	5.5	5.5
Lawrence/NH NECTA Division	8.3	6.0	7.0	8.3	8.1	8.5	8.4	7.7	7.6	7.1
Lower Merrimack Valley (WIA)	6.4	4.4	5.3	6.4	6.1	6.5	6.3	6.0	5.9	5.2
Amesbury	5.3	3.4	4.0	5.3	5.2	5.4	5.4	5.3	4.8	4.1
Andover	4.2	3.5	4.2	4.2	3.9	4.9	3.9	4.0	4.2	2.6
Boxford	4.0	3.1	3.5	4.0	3.5	4.0	3.2	3.5	3.7	3.5
Georgetown	4.2	3.4	3.4	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.4	3.5
Groveland	4.0	3.2	3.8	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.4	3.6
Haverhill	6.1	4.0	4.5	6.1	5.7	6.2	5.9	5.7	5.5	4.9
Lawrence	11.2	7.7	9.7	11.2	11.2	11.4	11.2	10.5	10.0	9.2
Merrimac	5.1	3.2	4.0	5.1	4.8	4.8	4.5	4.8	4.4	3.8
Methuen	6.8	4.6	5.3	6.8	6.5	7.2	6.9	6.5	6.2	5.5
Newbury	4.7	2.8	3.2	4.7	4.1	4.7	4.6	4.4	4.8	4.0
Newburyport	4.5	3.2	3.7	4.5	4.1	4.4	3.9	4.0	4.3	3.6
North Andover	4.8	3.4	4.1	4.8	4.6	5.1	4.8	4.7	4.6	3.8
Rowley	4.2	3.0	3.8	4.2	3.3	3.8	3.7	4.1	4.3	4.0
Salisbury	5.8	3.8	5.1	5.8	5.4	5.4	5.6	5.1	5.4	4.9
West Newbury	4.1	2.5	3.6	4.1	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.6	2.9

(Data not seasonally adjusted)

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