

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS FOR MERRIMACK VALLEY SERVICE DELIVERY AREA

(Three Year Comparison)

(Previous Six Months)

Major Labor Area	Current January 2009	January 2008	January 2007	Current January 2009	December 2008	November 2008	October 2008	September 2008	August 2008	July 2008
Massachusetts	8.1	4.5	6.0	8.1	6.5	5.5	5.0	5.3	5.1	5.2
National	7.6	4.9	4.6	7.6	7.2	6.7	6.5	6.1	6.1	5.7
Lawrence/NH NECTA Division	11.7	7.6	8.7	11.7	9.6	8.3	8.1	8.5	8.4	7.7
Lower Merrimack Valley (WIA)	9.4	5.8	6.8	9.4	7.5	6.4	6.1	6.5	6.3	6.0
Amesbury	7.8	4.8	5.6	7.8	6.1	5.3	5.2	5.4	5.4	5.3
Andover	5.9	3.7	5.3	5.9	4.8	4.2	3.9	4.9	3.9	4.0
Boxford	5.9	3.7	4.1	5.9	4.5	4.0	3.5	4.0	3.2	3.5
Georgetown	7.5	4.4	3.9	7.5	5.0	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.5
Groveland	6.5	4.0	5.4	6.5	4.6	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.3
Haverhill	9.1	5.5	6.4	9.1	7.4	6.1	5.7	6.2	5.9	5.7
Lawrence	16.0	10.2	12.0	16.0	13.1	11.2	11.2	11.4	11.2	10.5
Merrimac	7.2	4.1	4.6	7.2	6.1	5.1	4.8	4.8	4.5	4.8
Methuen	9.8	6.1	7.2	9.8	7.9	6.8	6.5	7.2	6.9	6.5
Newbury	7.0	4.4	4.4	7.0	5.8	4.7	4.1	4.7	4.6	4.4
Newburyport	6.2	3.7	4.3	6.2	5.1	4.5	4.1	4.4	3.9	4.0
North Andover	7.1	4.0	4.8	7.1	5.5	4.8	4.6	5.1	4.8	4.7
Rowley	7.5	4.8	4.9	7.5	5.7	4.2	3.3	3.8	3.7	4.1
Salisbury	9.4	6.3	7.3	9.4	7.3	5.8	5.4	5.4	5.6	5.1
West Newbury	5.9	3.6	4.6	5.9	4.1	4.1	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.5

(Data not seasonally adjusted)

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