

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS FOR MERRIMACK VALLEY SERVICE DELIVERY AREA

(Three Year Comparison)

(Previous Six Months)

Major Labor Area	Current March 2009	March 2008	March 2007	Current March 2009	February 2009	January 2009	December 2008	November 2008	October 2008	September 2008
Massachusetts	8.2	4.4	4.8	8.2	8.3	8.1	6.5	5.5	5.0	5.3
National	8.5	5.1	4.4	8.5	8.1	7.6	7.2	6.7	6.5	6.1
Lawrence/NH NECTA Division	12.2	7.3	7.4	12.2	12.1	11.7	9.6	8.3	8.1	8.5
Lower Merrimack Valley (WIA)	9.6	5.5	5.5	9.6	9.7	9.4	7.5	6.4	6.1	6.5
Amesbury	8.1	4.4	4.6	8.1	8.0	7.8	6.1	5.3	5.2	5.4
Andover	5.8	3.1	4.2	5.8	6.0	5.9	4.8	4.2	3.9	4.9
Boxford	5.8	3.3	3.4	5.8	6.1	5.9	4.5	4.0	3.5	4.0
Georgetown	7.2	4.0	3.6	7.2	7.2	7.5	5.0	4.2	4.4	4.5
Groveland	6.9	4.1	4.4	6.9	7.1	6.5	4.6	4.0	3.9	4.0
Haverhill	9.5	5.4	5.1	9.5	9.3	9.1	7.4	6.1	5.7	6.2
Lawrence	16.5	9.9	10.0	16.5	16.4	16.0	13.1	11.2	11.2	11.4
Merrimac	7.9	4.3	3.8	7.9	8.0	7.2	6.1	5.1	4.8	4.8
Methuen	10.0	5.8	5.9	10.0	10.1	9.8	7.9	6.8	6.5	7.2
Newbury	7.0	4.3	3.7	7.0	6.9	7.0	5.8	4.7	4.1	4.7
Newburyport	6.2	3.2	3.4	6.2	6.4	6.2	5.1	4.5	4.1	4.4
North Andover	7.2	3.8	3.7	7.2	7.3	7.1	5.5	4.8	4.6	5.1
Rowley	7.6	4.5	4.3	7.6	7.5	7.5	5.7	4.2	3.3	3.8
Salisbury	9.3	6.0	5.3	9.3	9.6	9.4	7.3	5.8	5.4	5.4
West Newbury	6.4	2.9	3.2	6.4	6.6	5.9	4.1	4.1	3.5	3.7

(Data not seasonally adjusted)

Merrimack Valley Workforce Investment Board

439 South Union Street, Lawrence, MA 01843 (978) 682-7099