

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS FOR MERRIMACK VALLEY SERVICE DELIVERY AREA

(Three Year Comparison)

(Previous Six Months)

Major Labor Area	Current May 2006	May 2005	May 2004	Current May 2006	April 2006	March 2006	February 2006	January 2006	December 2005	November 2005
Massachusetts	4.7	4.5	5.0	4.7	4.7	5.4	5.5	5.3	4.5	4.4
National	4.6	5.1	5.6	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.9	5.0
Lawrence/NH NECTA Division	7.0	7.2	7.4	7.0	7.3	8.2	8.3	8.2	7.2	7.0
Lower Merrimack Valley (WIA)	5.4	5.4	7.3	5.4	5.5	6.3	6.4	6.2	5.4	5.3
Amesbury	4.6	4.0	4.6	4.6	4.7	5.4	5.2	4.8	4.0	4.0
Andover	3.9	3.7	4.9	3.9	3.9	4.4	4.6	4.2	4.0	4.3
Boxford	3.4	3.3	3.9	3.4	3.5	4.1	3.7	3.6	2.8	3.2
Georgetown	3.5	3.8	5.4	3.5	3.6	4.1	4.2	4.1	3.8	3.7
Groveland	3.8	3.7	5.0	3.8	4.3	4.9	5.0	4.7	3.7	3.7
Haverhill	4.9	4.8	7.1	4.9	5.0	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.2	5.0
Lawrence	9.6	9.6	13.9	9.6	10.0	11.2	11.2	11.0	9.7	8.8
Merrimac	3.6	4.0	5.6	3.6	3.5	4.3	4.1	3.9	3.7	3.9
Methuen	5.7	5.6	7.2	5.7	5.8	6.6	6.6	6.5	5.6	5.6
Newbury	3.9	3.7	4.7	3.9	3.8	4.6	5.0	4.6	3.6	3.8
Newburyport	4.0	3.7	4.2	4.0	3.9	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.0	4.3
North Andover	4.1	4.0	4.8	4.1	3.9	4.2	4.3	4.0	3.6	3.9
Rowley	3.4	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.1	4.3
Salisbury	5.2	5.4	5.6	5.2	5.4	7.3	7.3	6.9	5.4	5.3
West Newbury	3.5	2.9	4.4	3.5	3.8	3.9	4.0	3.8	3.3	3.5

(Data not seasonally adjusted)

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