

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS FOR MERRIMACK VALLEY SERVICE DELIVERY AREA

(Three Year Comparison)

(Previous Six Months)

| Major Labor Area | Current August 2007 | August 2006 | August 2005 | Current August 2007 | July 2007 | June 2007 | May 2007 | April 2007 | March 2007 | February 2007 |
|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Massachusetts | 4.3 | 4.7 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 5.8 |
| National | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.5 |
| Lawrence/NH NECTA Division | 6.7 | 6.9 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 7.7 | 7.6 | 7.3 | 7.0 | 7.4 | 8.4 |
| Lower Merrimack Valley (WIA) | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 6.0 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 6.5 |
| Amesbury | 4.6 | 5.0 | 4.1 | 4.6 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 4.6 | 5.3 |
| Andover | 3.9 | 4.4 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 5.0 |
| Boxford | 3.0 | 3.4 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 4.3 |
| Georgetown | 4.1 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 4.2 |
| Groveland | 3.6 | 4.5 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 4.4 | 4.8 |
| Haverhill | 4.7 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 6.1 |
| Lawrence | 8.8 | 9.1 | 8.6 | 8.8 | 10.1 | 10.1 | 9.6 | 9.5 | 10.0 | 11.3 |
| Merrimac | 4.1 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 4.7 |
| Methuen | 5.2 | 5.9 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 6.3 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 6.8 |
| Newbury | 3.6 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 4.4 |
| Newburyport | 3.2 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 4.3 |
| North Andover | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 4.4 |
| Rowley | 3.1 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.1 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 4.3 | 5.3 |
| Salisbury | 4.2 | 5.2 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 6.7 |
| West Newbury | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 4.1 |

(Data not seasonally adjusted)

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