

## UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS FOR NORTHERN MIDDLESEX SERVICE DELIVERY AREA

(Three Year Comparison)

(Previous Six Months)

| Major Labor Area                | Current<br>October<br>2008 | October<br>2007 | October<br>2006 | Current<br>October<br>2008 | September<br>2008 | August<br>2008 | July<br>2008 | June<br>2008 | May<br>2008 | April<br>2008 |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| Massachusetts                   | 5.0                        | 3.8             | 4.2             | 5.0                        | 5.3               | 5.1            | 5.2          | 5.3          | 4.7         | 3.9           |
| National                        | 6.5                        | 4.7             | 4.4             | 6.5                        | 6.1               | 6.1            | 5.7          | 5.5          | 5.5         | 5.0           |
| Lowell/NH LMA<br>NECTA Division | 5.2                        | 3.9             | 4.4             | 5.2                        | 5.6               | 5.4            | 5.4          | 5.5          | 4.8         | 4.0           |
| Northern<br>Middlesex<br>(WIA)  | 5.2                        | 3.9             | 4.4             | 5.2                        | 5.6               | 5.4            | 5.4          | 5.5          | 4.8         | 4.0           |
| Billerica                       | 4.4                        | 3.6             | 4.0             | 4.4                        | 4.7               | 4.6            | 4.7          | 4.9          | 4.3         | 3.8           |
| Chelmsford                      | 4.0                        | 3.3             | 3.6             | 4.0                        | 4.6               | 4.4            | 4.5          | 4.6          | 3.8         | 3.1           |
| Dracut                          | 5.2                        | 4.0             | 4.3             | 5.2                        | 5.4               | 5.1            | 5.2          | 5.2          | 4.6         | 4.0           |
| Dunstable                       | 3.5                        | 3.0             | 3.0             | 3.5                        | 3.8               | 3.0            | 3.3          | 3.9          | 3.2         | 2.9           |
| Lowell                          | 6.7                        | 4.6             | 5.5             | 6.7                        | 7.1               | 6.9            | 7.0          | 6.9          | 6.1         | 5.2           |
| Pepperell                       | 3.7                        | 2.8             | 3.6             | 3.7                        | 3.8               | 4.3            | 4.4          | 3.8          | 3.2         | 3.4           |
| Tewksbury                       | 4.7                        | 3.8             | 4.0             | 4.7                        | 5.0               | 4.8            | 4.7          | 4.8          | 4.0         | 3.4           |
| Tyngsborough                    | 4.0                        | 3.4             | 3.5             | 4.0                        | 4.4               | 4.9            | 4.9          | 4.8          | 3.9         | 3.5           |
| Westford                        | 3.9                        | 3.1             | 3.6             | 3.9                        | 4.2               | 3.8            | 4.0          | 4.1          | 3.5         | 2.8           |

(Data not seasonally adjusted)

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