

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS FOR MERRIMACK VALLEY SERVICE DELIVERY AREA

(Three Year Comparison)

(Previous Six Months)

Major Labor Area	Current May 2008	May 2007	May 2006	Current May 2008	April 2008	March 2008	February 2008	January 2008	December 2007	November 2007
Massachusetts	4.7	4.9	4.7	4.7	3.9	4.4	5.0	4.5	4.1	3.9
National	5.5	4.5	4.6	5.5	5.0	5.1	4.8	4.9	5.0	4.7
Lawrence/NH NECTA Division	7.1	7.3	7.0	7.1	6.3	7.3	7.4	7.6	6.5	6.0
Lower Merrimack Valley (WIA)	5.2	5.5	5.4	5.2	4.6	5.5	5.6	5.8	4.7	4.4
Amesbury	4.1	4.4	4.6	4.1	3.9	4.4	4.4	4.8	3.8	3.4
Andover	2.6	4.6	3.9	2.6	2.7	3.1	3.3	3.7	3.4	3.5
Boxford	3.5	3.9	3.4	3.5	2.7	3.3	3.6	3.7	3.0	3.1
Georgetown	3.5	3.9	3.5	3.5	3.4	4.0	4.3	4.4	3.3	3.4
Groveland	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.4	4.1	3.9	4.0	3.2	3.2
Haverhill	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.5	5.4	5.4	5.5	4.5	4.0
Lawrence	9.2	9.6	9.6	9.2	8.5	9.9	9.9	10.2	8.6	7.7
Merrimac	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.8	3.6	4.3	4.3	4.1	3.3	3.2
Methuen	5.5	5.7	5.7	5.5	4.9	5.8	5.8	6.1	5.0	4.6
Newbury	4.0	3.7	3.9	4.0	3.2	4.3	4.3	4.4	3.0	2.8
Newburyport	3.6	3.6	4.0	3.6	2.8	3.2	3.5	3.7	3.2	3.2
North Andover	3.8	4.1	4.1	3.8	3.3	3.8	3.8	4.0	3.3	3.4
Rowley	4.0	3.9	3.4	4.0	3.4	4.5	4.6	4.8	3.8	3.0
Salisbury	4.9	4.8	5.2	4.9	4.7	6.0	5.8	6.3	4.2	3.8
West Newbury	2.9	3.1	3.5	2.9	2.5	2.9	3.1	3.6	2.7	2.5

(Data not seasonally adjusted)

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