

**UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS FOR MERRIMACK VALLEY SERVICE DELIVERY AREA**  
(Three Year Comparison) (Previous Six Months)

Major Labor Area	Current September 2008	September 2007	September 2006	Current September 2008	August 2008	July 2008	June 2008	May 2008	April 2008	March 2008
Massachusetts	5.3	4.4	5.0	5.3	5.1	5.2	5.3	4.7	3.9	4.4
National	6.1	4.7	4.6	6.1	6.1	5.7	5.5	5.5	5.0	5.1
Lawrence/NH NECTA Division	8.5	6.6	7.4	8.5	8.4	7.7	7.6	7.1	6.3	7.3
Lower Merrimack Valley (WIA)	6.5	5.0	6.0	6.5	6.3	6.0	5.9	5.2	4.6	5.5
Amesbury	5.4	4.1	5.1	5.4	5.4	5.3	4.8	4.1	3.9	4.4
Andover	4.9	4.2	4.9	4.9	3.9	4.0	4.2	2.6	2.7	3.1
Boxford	4.0	3.2	3.9	4.0	3.2	3.5	3.7	3.5	2.7	3.3
Georgetown	4.5	4.0	4.0	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.4	3.5	3.4	4.0
Groveland	4.0	3.4	4.2	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.4	3.6	3.4	4.1
Haverhill	6.2	4.7	5.3	6.2	5.9	5.7	5.5	4.9	4.5	5.4
Lawrence	11.4	8.5	10.2	11.4	11.2	10.5	10.0	9.2	8.5	9.9
Merrimac	4.8	3.9	4.7	4.8	4.5	4.8	4.4	3.8	3.6	4.3
Methuen	7.2	5.3	6.3	7.2	6.9	6.5	6.2	5.5	4.9	5.8
Newbury	4.7	3.3	3.6	4.7	4.6	4.4	4.8	4.0	3.2	4.3
Newburyport	4.4	3.6	4.0	4.4	3.9	4.0	4.3	3.6	2.8	3.2
North Andover	5.1	4.0	4.6	5.1	4.8	4.7	4.6	3.8	3.3	3.8
Rowley	3.8	3.0	4.4	3.8	3.7	4.1	4.3	4.0	3.4	4.5
Salisbury	5.4	4.1	5.4	5.4	5.6	5.1	5.4	4.9	4.7	6.0
West Newbury	3.7	3.4	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.6	2.9	2.5	2.9

(Data not seasonally adjusted)

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