

## UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS FOR MERRIMACK VALLEY SERVICE DELIVERY AREA

(Three Year Comparison)

(Previous Five Months)

| Major Labor Area             | May 2019 | May 2018 | May 2017 | May 2019 | April 2019 | March 2019 | February 2019 | January 2019 | December 2018 |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Massachusetts                | 3.1      | 3.3      | 4.1      | 3.1      | 2.6        | 3.1        | 3.2           | 3.6          | 2.7           |
| National                     | 3.4      | 3.6      | 4.1      | 3.4      | 3.3        | 3.9        | 4.1           | 4.4          | 3.7           |
| Lawrence/ NH NECTA Division  | 4.1      | 4.6      | 5.5      | 4.1      | 3.6        | 4.1        | 4.3           | 4.8          | 3.5           |
| Lower Merrimack Valley (WDA) | 3.5      | 3.8      | 4.6      | 3.5      | 3.0        | 3.4        | 3.5           | 4.0          | 3.0           |
| Amesbury                     | 2.8      | 2.9      | 3.2      | 2.8      | 2.2        | 2.5        | 2.6           | 3.0          | 2.4           |
| Andover                      | 2.7      | 2.8      | 3.4      | 2.7      | 2.1        | 2.4        | 2.4           | 2.6          | 1.9           |
| Boxford                      | 2.2      | 2.8      | 3.0      | 2.2      | 1.9        | 2.1        | 2.1           | 2.5          | 1.9           |
| Georgetown                   | 3.0      | 2.6      | 3.2      | 3.0      | 2.5        | 2.5        | 2.6           | 3.0          | 2.3           |
| Groveland                    | 2.5      | 2.4      | 3.1      | 2.5      | 2.0        | 2.7        | 2.5           | 3.0          | 2.2           |
| Haverhill                    | 3.1      | 3.3      | 4.3      | 3.1      | 2.8        | 3.3        | 3.5           | 3.9          | 3.1           |
| Lawrence                     | 5.7      | 6.6      | 7.8      | 5.7      | 4.9        | 5.5        | 5.8           | 6.4          | 4.9           |
| Merrimac                     | 2.5      | 2.6      | 3.6      | 2.5      | 2.2        | 2.6        | 2.5           | 3.0          | 2.3           |
| Methuen                      | 3.5      | 3.6      | 4.6      | 3.5      | 3.1        | 3.4        | 3.6           | 4.3          | 3.1           |
| Newbury                      | 2.7      | 2.4      | 3.7      | 2.7      | 2.2        | 2.8        | 3.0           | 3.1          | 2.4           |
| Newburyport                  | 2.6      | 2.7      | 3.5      | 2.6      | 2.2        | 2.4        | 2.3           | 2.6          | 2.0           |
| North Andover                | 2.8      | 3.2      | 3.6      | 2.8      | 2.2        | 2.5        | 2.5           | 3.0          | 2.2           |
| Rowley                       | 3.1      | 2.8      | 3.3      | 3.1      | 2.9        | 2.9        | 3.1           | 3.6          | 2.5           |
| Salisbury                    | 2.8      | 3.2      | 3.9      | 2.8      | 2.6        | 3.3        | 3.5           | 3.9          | 2.9           |
| West Newbury                 | 1.9      | 2.7      | 3.3      | 1.9      | 1.7        | 1.9        | 2.0           | 2.1          | 1.8           |