

## UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS FOR MERRIMACK VALLEY SERVICE DELIVERY AREA

(Three Year Comparison)

(Previous Six Months)

Major Labor Area	Current December 2008	December 2007	December 2006	Current December 2008	November 2008	October 2008	September 2008	August 2008	July 2008	June 2008
Massachusetts	6.5	4.1	4.9	6.5	5.5	5.0	5.3	5.1	5.2	5.3
National	7.2	5.0	4.5	7.2	6.7	6.5	6.1	6.1	5.7	5.5
Lawrence/NH NECTA Division	9.6	6.5	7.8	9.6	8.3	8.1	8.5	8.4	7.7	7.6
Lower Merrimack Valley (WIA)	7.5	4.7	5.9	7.5	6.4	6.1	6.5	6.3	6.0	5.9
Amesbury	6.1	3.8	4.6	6.1	5.3	5.2	5.4	5.4	5.3	4.8
Andover	4.8	3.4	4.6	4.8	4.2	3.9	4.9	3.9	4.0	4.2
Boxford	4.5	3.0	3.2	4.5	4.0	3.5	4.0	3.2	3.5	3.7
Georgetown	5.0	3.3	3.6	5.0	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.4
Groveland	4.6	3.2	4.5	4.6	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.4
Haverhill	7.4	4.5	5.3	7.4	6.1	5.7	6.2	5.9	5.7	5.5
Lawrence	13.1	8.6	10.9	13.1	11.2	11.2	11.4	11.2	10.5	10.0
Merrimac	6.1	3.3	4.5	6.1	5.1	4.8	4.8	4.5	4.8	4.4
Methuen	7.9	5.0	6.2	7.9	6.8	6.5	7.2	6.9	6.5	6.2
Newbury	5.8	3.0	3.4	5.8	4.7	4.1	4.7	4.6	4.4	4.8
Newburyport	5.1	3.2	3.6	5.1	4.5	4.1	4.4	3.9	4.0	4.3
North Andover	5.5	3.3	4.1	5.5	4.8	4.6	5.1	4.8	4.7	4.6
Rowley	5.7	3.8	4.0	5.7	4.2	3.3	3.8	3.7	4.1	4.3
Salisbury	7.3	4.2	5.9	7.3	5.8	5.4	5.4	5.6	5.1	5.4
West Newbury	4.1	2.7	3.6	4.1	4.1	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.6

(Data not seasonally adjusted)

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