

## UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS FOR MERRIMACK VALLEY SERVICE DELIVERY AREA

(Three Year Comparison)

(Previous Five Months)

| Major Labor Area             | December 2025 | December 2024 | December 2023 | November 2025 | October 2025 | September 2025 | August 2025 | July 2025 | June 2025 |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Massachusetts                | 4.7           | 4.1           | 3.6           | 4.7           | N/A          | 4.5            | 4.7         | 4.8       | 4.8       |
| National                     | 4.1           | 3.8           | 3.5           | 4.3           | N/A          | 4.3            | 4.5         | 4.6       | 4.4       |
| Lower Merrimack Valley (WDA) | 4.9           | 4.4           | 3.7           | 4.9           | N/A          | 4.7            | 5.1         | 5.2       | 5.1       |
| Amesbury                     | 4.1           | 3.7           | 3.0           | 4.1           | N/A          | 3.8            | 4.1         | 4.3       | 4.0       |
| Andover                      | 4.3           | 3.7           | 3.1           | 4.5           | N/A          | 4.1            | 4.2         | 4.3       | 4.4       |
| Boxford                      | 4.0           | 3.9           | 2.8           | 4.2           | N/A          | 4.0            | 4.1         | 4.1       | 4.1       |
| Georgetown                   | 3.9           | 3.7           | 3.2           | 4.2           | N/A          | 4.7            | 5.0         | 4.8       | 4.5       |
| Groveland                    | 4.5           | 3.4           | 2.6           | 4.4           | N/A          | 3.7            | 4.2         | 4.2       | 4.1       |
| Haverhill                    | 5.0           | 4.5           | 3.8           | 5.0           | N/A          | 4.7            | 5.1         | 5.1       | 4.8       |
| Lawrence                     | 6.4           | 6.0           | 5.3           | 6.2           | N/A          | 6.1            | 6.8         | 7.0       | 6.9       |
| Merrimac                     | 4.2           | 3.6           | 3.1           | 4.2           | N/A          | 3.7            | 4.4         | 4.4       | 4.1       |
| Methuen                      | 4.8           | 4.2           | 3.8           | 4.7           | N/A          | 4.9            | 5.3         | 5.4       | 5.2       |
| Newbury                      | 4.0           | 3.1           | 2.6           | 3.7           | N/A          | 3.3            | 3.1         | 3.0       | 3.1       |
| Newburyport                  | 4.0           | 3.7           | 3.1           | 4.3           | N/A          | 4.3            | 4.4         | 4.5       | 4.4       |
| North Andover                | 4.2           | 3.8           | 3.2           | 4.5           | N/A          | 4.2            | 4.3         | 4.4       | 4.5       |
| Rowley                       | 3.6           | 3.2           | 3.2           | 3.4           | N/A          | 3.5            | 3.7         | 3.9       | 3.9       |
| Salisbury                    | 4.8           | 4.3           | 3.3           | 4.7           | N/A          | 4.2            | 4.7         | 4.7       | 4.6       |
| West Newbury                 | 3.6           | 3.3           | 2.4           | 3.6           | N/A          | 3.5            | 4.0         | 4.5       | 4.1       |

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