

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS FOR MERRIMACK VALLEY SERVICE DELIVERY AREA

(Three Year Comparison)

(Previous Five Months)

Major Labor Area	May 2026	May 2025	May 2024	May 2026	April 2026	March 2026	February 2026	January 2026	December 2025
Massachusetts	4.1	4.4	3.9	4.1	4.1	4.6	5.1	5.2	4.7
National	4.1	4.0	3.7	4.1	4.0	4.3	4.7	4.7	4.1
Lower Merrimack Valley (WDA)	4.5	4.7	4.2	4.5	4.5	4.8	5.3	5.4	4.9
Amesbury	3.9	3.7	3.3	3.9	3.7	4.2	4.7	4.7	4.1
Andover	3.8	4.1	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.7	4.1	4.3	4.3
Boxford	3.5	4.1	3.2	3.5	3.1	3.6	4.2	4.6	4.0
Georgetown	3.7	4.2	3.1	3.7	3.7	3.9	4.2	4.4	3.9
Groveland	3.4	3.8	3.2	3.4	3.5	4.4	4.8	4.9	4.5
Haverhill	4.3	4.5	4.2	4.3	4.5	4.9	5.3	5.5	5.0
Lawrence	5.9	6.3	5.7	5.9	6.2	6.4	7.1	7.2	6.4
Merrimac	3.6	3.7	3.3	3.6	3.3	3.5	4.0	4.5	4.2
Methuen	4.6	4.7	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.8	5.2	5.2	4.8
Newbury	3.0	3.2	3.4	3.0	3.1	3.6	4.0	4.1	4.0
Newburyport	3.7	4.1	3.4	3.7	3.4	3.7	4.2	4.2	4.0
North Andover	3.9	4.1	3.6	3.9	3.9	3.8	4.5	4.6	4.2
Rowley	3.4	3.8	3.0	3.4	3.5	3.8	4.2	4.3	3.6
Salisbury	3.9	4.4	3.7	3.9	3.8	4.6	5.0	5.0	4.8
West Newbury	4.1	3.9	3.5	4.1	3.7	3.6	3.9	3.6	3.6

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 Per Department of Economic Research - New England City and Town Areas (NECTAs) will be discontinued.