

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS FOR MERRIMACK VALLEY SERVICE DELIVERY AREA

(Three Year Comparison)

(Previous Six Months)

Major Labor Area	Current January 2008	January 2007	January 2006	Current January 2008	December 2007	November 2007	October 2007	September 2007	August 2007	July 2007
Massachusetts	4.5	6.0	5.3	4.5	4.1	3.9	3.8	4.4	4.3	5.2
National	4.9	4.6	4.7	4.9	5.0	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.6
Lawrence/NH NECTA Division	7.6	8.7	8.2	7.6	6.5	6.0	5.9	6.6	6.7	7.7
Lower Merrimack Valley (WIA)	5.8	6.8	6.2	5.8	4.7	4.4	4.4	5.0	5.1	6.0
Amesbury	4.8	5.6	4.8	4.8	3.8	3.4	3.3	4.1	4.6	5.3
Andover	3.7	5.3	4.2	3.7	3.4	3.5	3.4	4.2	3.9	5.0
Boxford	3.7	4.1	3.6	3.7	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.0	3.7
Georgetown	4.4	3.9	4.1	4.4	3.3	3.4	3.3	4.0	4.1	4.7
Groveland	4.0	5.4	4.7	4.0	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.4	3.6	4.4
Haverhill	5.5	6.4	5.8	5.5	4.5	4.0	4.0	4.7	4.7	5.5
Lawrence	10.2	12.0	11.0	10.2	8.6	7.7	7.5	8.5	8.8	10.1
Merrimac	4.1	4.6	3.9	4.1	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.9	4.1	4.8
Methuen	6.1	7.2	6.5	6.1	5.0	4.6	4.7	5.3	5.2	6.3
Newbury	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.4	3.0	2.8	2.8	3.3	3.6	4.3
Newburyport	3.7	4.3	4.4	3.7	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.6	3.2	3.9
North Andover	4.0	4.8	4.0	4.0	3.3	3.4	3.4	4.0	4.2	4.8
Rowley	4.8	4.9	4.8	4.8	3.8	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.9
Salisbury	6.3	7.3	6.9	6.3	4.2	3.8	3.5	4.1	4.2	5.0
West Newbury	3.6	4.6	3.8	3.6	2.7	2.5	3.0	3.4	3.5	3.4

(Data not seasonally adjusted)

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