

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS FOR MERRIMACK VALLEY SERVICE DELIVERY AREA

(Three Year Comparison)

(Previous Six Months)

Major Labor Area	Current May 2007	May 2006	May 2005	Current May 2007	April 2007	March 2007	February 2007	January 2007	December 2006	November 2006
Massachusetts	4.9	4.7	4.5	4.9	4.4	4.8	5.8	6.0	4.9	4.6
National	4.5	4.6	5.1	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.5
Lawrence/NH NECTA Division	7.3	7.0	7.2	7.3	7.0	7.4	8.4	8.7	7.8	7.0
Lower Merrimack Valley (WIA)	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.2	5.5	6.5	6.8	5.9	5.3
Amesbury	4.4	4.6	4.0	4.4	4.1	4.6	5.3	5.6	4.6	4.0
Andover	4.6	3.9	3.7	4.6	3.9	4.2	5.0	5.3	4.6	4.2
Boxford	3.9	3.4	3.3	3.9	3.2	3.4	4.3	4.1	3.2	3.5
Georgetown	3.9	3.5	3.8	3.9	3.5	3.6	4.2	3.9	3.6	3.4
Groveland	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.6	4.4	4.8	5.4	4.5	3.8
Haverhill	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.9	4.7	5.1	6.1	6.4	5.3	4.5
Lawrence	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.5	10.0	11.3	12.0	10.9	9.7
Merrimac	3.9	3.6	4.0	3.9	3.6	3.8	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.0
Methuen	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.7	5.4	5.9	6.8	7.2	6.2	5.3
Newbury	3.7	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.7	4.4	4.4	3.4	3.2
Newburyport	3.6	4.0	3.7	3.6	3.0	3.4	4.3	4.3	3.6	3.7
North Andover	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.1	3.6	3.7	4.4	4.8	4.1	4.1
Rowley	3.9	3.4	3.7	3.9	3.4	4.3	5.3	4.9	4.0	3.8
Salisbury	4.8	5.2	5.4	4.8	4.8	5.3	6.7	7.3	5.9	5.1
West Newbury	3.1	3.5	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.2	4.1	4.6	3.6	3.6

(Data not seasonally adjusted)

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