

## UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS FOR MERRIMACK VALLEY SERVICE DELIVERY AREA

(Three Year Comparison)

(Previous Six Months)

| Major Labor Area                | Current<br>September<br>2013 | September<br>2012 | September<br>2011 | Current<br>September<br>2013 | August<br>2013 | July<br>2013 | June<br>2013 | May<br>2013 | April<br>2013 | March<br>2013 |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| Massachusetts                   | 6.9                          | 6.4               | 7.2               | 6.9                          | 6.8            | 7.2          | 7.4          | 6.8         | 6.3           | 6.8           |
| National                        | 7.2                          | 7.8               | 9.1               | 7.2                          | 7.3            | 7.4          | 7.6          | 7.6         | 7.5           | 7.6           |
| Lawrence/ NH<br>NECTA Division  | 11.2                         | 10.9              | 11.4              | 11.2                         | 11.1           | 11.2         | 11.6         | 10.9        | 11.2          | 11.2          |
| Lower Merrimack<br>Valley (WIA) | 8.4                          | 7.9               | 8.7               | 8.4                          | 8.3            | 8.5          | 8.6          | 7.9         | 8.1           | 8.1           |
| Amesbury                        | 6.1                          | 5.8               | 6.7               | 6.1                          | 6.6            | 6.7          | 6.5          | 6.1         | 6.4           | 6.4           |
| Andover                         | 5.7                          | 5.0               | 5.7               | 5.7                          | 5.2            | 5.7          | 6.0          | 5.2         | 4.3           | 4.3           |
| Boxford                         | 4.6                          | 4.3               | 4.9               | 4.6                          | 4.2            | 5.2          | 5.9          | 5.0         | 5.0           | 5.0           |
| Georgetown                      | 5.4                          | 5.0               | 6.0               | 5.4                          | 5.1            | 5.8          | 5.7          | 4.9         | 5.2           | 5.3           |
| Groveland                       | 6.1                          | 5.8               | 5.2               | 6.1                          | 5.9            | 6.7          | 6.0          | 5.9         | 6.7           | 6.5           |
| Haverhill                       | 7.3                          | 7.1               | 8.3               | 7.3                          | 7.2            | 7.3          | 7.3          | 6.7         | 7.2           | 7.3           |
| Lawrence                        | 15.0                         | 14.6              | 16.1              | 15.0                         | 14.9           | 14.8         | 15.7         | 14.7        | 15.0          | 15.1          |
| Merrimac                        | 5.6                          | 6.0               | 5.9               | 5.6                          | 5.7            | 6.0          | 6.2          | 5.9         | 6.2           | 6.1           |
| Methuen                         | 9.2                          | 8.6               | 8.9               | 9.2                          | 9.3            | 9.6          | 9.1          | 8.3         | 8.5           | 8.5           |
| Newbury                         | 5.6                          | 5.5               | 5.6               | 5.6                          | 6.2            | 5.9          | 5.7          | 5.2         | 5.9           | 5.8           |
| Newburyport                     | 5.8                          | 5.3               | 5.8               | 5.8                          | 5.0            | 5.5          | 5.6          | 5.1         | 5.2           | 5.1           |
| North Andover                   | 6.7                          | 5.9               | 6.1               | 6.7                          | 6.5            | 6.9          | 6.6          | 5.9         | 5.3           | 5.2           |
| Rowley                          | 5.5                          | 5.3               | 6.5               | 5.5                          | 5.0            | 5.7          | 5.6          | 5.4         | 6.3           | 6.3           |
| Salisbury                       | 6.8                          | 5.6               | 7.2               | 6.8                          | 6.8            | 7.1          | 7.3          | 6.5         | 7.1           | 7.1           |
| West Newbury                    | 5.4                          | 5.2               | 5.4               | 5.4                          | 4.8            | 4.5          | 4.9          | 4.7         | 5.0           | 5.0           |

(Data not seasonally adjusted)

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