

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS FOR NORTHERN MIDDLESEX SERVICE DELIVERY AREA

(Three Year Comparison)

(Previous Six Months)

| Major Labor Area | Current January 2012 | January 2011 | January 2010 | December 2011 | November 2011 | October 2011 | September 2011 | August 2011 | July 2011 |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Massachusetts | 7.7 | 9.0 | 10.4 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 6.8 | 7.2 | 7.0 | 7.8 |
| National | 8.5 | 9.0 | 9.7 | 8.5 | 8.6 | 9.0 | 9.1 | 9.1 | 9.1 |
| Lowell/NH LMA NECTA Division | 7.8 | 8.9 | 10.7 | 6.7 | 6.6 | 7.0 | 7.5 | 7.4 | 8.1 |
| Greater Lowell (WIA) | 7.8 | 9.0 | 10.8 | 6.7 | 6.6 | 7.1 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 8.1 |
| Billerica | 7.1 | 8.2 | 10.3 | 6.0 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 7.2 |
| Chelmsford | 6.3 | 6.8 | 8.6 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 6.6 |
| Dracut | 7.5 | 9.0 | 10.8 | 6.3 | 6.1 | 6.7 | 6.9 | 7.3 | 8.0 |
| Dunstable | 5.6 | 7.2 | 7.6 | 4.6 | 4.1 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 5.8 |
| Lowell | 9.7 | 11.2 | 13.1 | 8.8 | 8.7 | 9.3 | 9.8 | 9.6 | 10.2 |
| Pepperell | 6.5 | 7.9 | 10.1 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 6.2 | 6.7 | 6.9 |
| Tewksbury | 6.7 | 8.0 | 9.2 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.9 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 7.2 |
| Tyngsborough | 7.6 | 8.3 | 10.1 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 6.4 | 7.1 | 7.8 |
| Westford | 5.1 | 6.2 | 8.2 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.6 |

(Data not seasonally adjusted)

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