

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS FOR NORTHERN MIDDLESEX SERVICE DELIVERY AREA

(Three Year Comparison)

(Previous Six Months)

| Major Labor Area | Current August 2012 | August 2011 | August 2010 | Current August 2012 | July 2012 | June 2012 | May 2012 | April 2012 | March 2012 | February 2012 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Massachusetts | 6.4 | 7.0 | 8.3 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 6.3 | 5.8 | 5.9 | 6.4 | 7.5 |
| National | 8.1 | 9.1 | 9.6 | 8.1 | 8.3 | 8.2 | 8.2 | 8.1 | 8.2 | 8.3 |
| Lowell/NH LMA NECTA Division | 6.8 | 7.4 | 8.7 | 6.8 | 7.0 | 6.7 | 6.1 | 6.2 | 6.6 | 7.6 |
| Greater Lowell (WIA) | 6.8 | 7.5 | 8.8 | 6.8 | 7.0 | 6.7 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 6.6 | 7.6 |
| Billerica | 5.9 | 6.5 | 7.8 | 5.9 | 6.3 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 6.2 | 7.3 |
| Chelmsford | 5.4 | 6.1 | 7.2 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 6.1 |
| Dracut | 6.7 | 7.3 | 9.1 | 6.7 | 6.8 | 6.4 | 5.8 | 5.9 | 6.5 | 7.3 |
| Dunstable | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 6.1 |
| Lowell | 8.5 | 9.6 | 10.7 | 8.5 | 8.6 | 8.4 | 7.8 | 7.6 | 8.1 | 9.4 |
| Pepperell | 5.6 | 6.7 | 6.9 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 6.5 | 6.8 |
| Tewksbury | 6.0 | 6.1 | 7.8 | 6.0 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 6.6 |
| Tyngsborough | 6.8 | 7.1 | 8.5 | 6.8 | 6.6 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.8 | 6.5 | 7.3 |
| Westford | 5.1 | 5.3 | 6.6 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 5.0 |

(Data not seasonally adjusted)

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