

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS FOR MERRIMACK VALLEY SERVICE DELIVERY AREA

(Three Year Comparison)

(Previous Six Months)

Major Labor Area	Current Jan - 06	January 2005	January 2004	Current Jan - 06	December 2005	November 2005	October 2005	September 2005	August 2005	July 2005
Massachusetts	5.3	5.4	6.2	5.3	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.7	4.1	4.9
National	4.7	5.2	5.6	4.7	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.1	4.9	5.0
Lawrence/NH NECTA Division	8.2	8.9	8.4	8.2	7.2	7.0	7.1	7.6	6.7	7.6
Lower Merrimack Valley (WIA)	6.2	6.5	8.7	6.2	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.9	5.1	5.9
Amesbury	4.8	5.0	6.3	4.8	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.4	4.1	4.8
Andover	4.2	3.9	5.4	4.2	4.0	4.3	4.3	4.5	3.6	4.2
Boxford	3.6	3.8	5.1	3.6	2.8	3.2	3.1	3.2	2.6	3.3
Georgetown	4.1	4.5	5.8	4.1	3.8	3.7	3.4	4.4	3.8	4.1
Groveland	4.7	4.7	6.1	4.7	3.7	3.7	3.6	4.4	3.9	4.7
Haverhill	5.8	5.9	8.5	5.8	5.2	5.0	4.8	5.7	4.8	5.5
Lawrence	11.0	11.8	15.9	11.0	9.7	8.8	8.8	9.9	8.6	10.0
Merrimac	3.9	5.1	6.6	3.9	3.7	3.9	3.6	4.1	3.9	4.2
Methuen	6.5	7.0	9.3	6.5	5.6	5.6	5.4	6.3	5.5	6.3
Newbury	4.6	4.5	5.0	4.6	3.6	3.8	3.7	4.0	3.8	4.0
Newburyport	4.4	3.9	5.7	4.4	4.0	4.3	3.6	4.1	3.4	3.9
North Andover	4.0	4.1	5.3	4.0	3.6	3.9	3.9	4.8	4.2	4.9
Rowley	4.8	4.9	5.5	4.8	4.1	4.3	3.0	4.1	3.9	4.4
Salisbury	6.9	7.5	9.3	6.9	5.4	5.3	5.0	4.9	4.4	5.4
West Newbury	3.8	4.2	4.8	3.8	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.6	3.0	3.3

(Data not seasonally adjusted)

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