

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS FOR MERRIMACK VALLEY SERVICE DELIVERY AREA
(Three Year Comparison) (Previous Six Months)

Major Labor Area	Current August 2006	August 2005	August 2004	Current August 2006	July 2006	June 2006	May 2006	April 2006	March 2006	February 2006
Massachusetts	4.7	4.1	5.3	4.7	4.8	5.1	4.7	4.7	5.4	5.5
National	4.7	4.9	5.4	4.7	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.8
Lawrence/NH NECTA Division	6.9	6.7	7.7	6.9	7.1	7.2	7.0	7.3	8.2	8.3
Lower Merrimack Valley (WIA)	5.5	5.1	7.8	5.5	5.7	5.6	5.4	5.5	6.3	6.4
Amesbury	5.0	4.1	5.9	5.0	5.3	4.8	4.6	4.7	5.4	5.2
Andover	4.4	3.6	5.6	4.4	4.3	4.4	3.9	3.9	4.4	4.6
Boxford	3.4	2.6	4.2	3.4	3.7	3.6	3.4	3.5	4.1	3.7
Georgetown	3.3	3.8	4.8	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.5	3.6	4.1	4.2
Groveland	4.5	3.9	6.1	4.5	4.4	3.9	3.8	4.3	4.9	5.0
Haverhill	5.0	4.8	7.4	5.0	5.2	5.0	4.9	5.0	5.7	5.8
Lawrence	9.1	8.6	14.1	9.1	9.5	9.7	9.6	10.0	11.2	11.2
Merrimac	4.4	3.9	6.6	4.4	4.3	3.7	3.6	3.5	4.3	4.1
Methuen	5.9	5.5	8.8	5.9	6.0	5.9	5.7	5.8	6.6	6.6
Newbury	4.1	3.8	5.6	4.1	4.2	4.0	3.9	3.8	4.6	5.0
Newburyport	4.0	3.4	4.3	4.0	3.8	4.2	4.0	3.9	4.3	4.4
North Andover	4.4	4.2	5.5	4.4	4.7	4.4	4.1	3.9	4.2	4.3
Rowley	4.0	3.9	4.2	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.4	3.8	4.8	4.8
Salisbury	5.2	4.4	6.7	5.2	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.4	7.3	7.3
West Newbury	3.7	3.0	4.9	3.7	4.2	3.8	3.5	3.8	3.9	4.0

(Data not seasonally adjusted)

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