

## UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS FOR MERRIMACK VALLEY SERVICE DELIVERY AREA

(Three Year Comparison)

(Previous Six Months)

| Major Labor Area                | Current<br>September<br>2011 | September<br>2010 | September<br>2009 | Current<br>September<br>2011 | August<br>2011 | July<br>2011 | June<br>2011 | May<br>2011 | April<br>2011 | March<br>2011 |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| Massachusetts                   | 7.2                          | 8.0               | 9.3               | 7.2                          | 7.0            | 7.8          | 7.8          | 7.4         | 7.4           | 8.2           |
| National                        | 9.1                          | 9.6               | 9.8               | 9.1                          | 9.1            | 9.1          | 9.2          | 9.1         | 9.0           | 8.8           |
| Lawrence/NH<br>NECTA Division   | 11.4                         | 11.5              | 14.1              | 11.4                         | 11.1           | 11.6         | 11.7         | 11.4        | 11.1          | 12.4          |
| Lower Merrimack<br>Valley (WIA) | 8.7                          | 9.3               | 11.2              | 8.7                          | 8.5            | 9.1          | 9.2          | 9.0         | 8.7           | 10.0          |
| Amesbury                        | 6.7                          | 8.0               | 9.2               | 6.7                          | 6.6            | 7.5          | 7.1          | 7.0         | 6.7           | 7.7           |
| Andover                         | 5.7                          | 6.3               | 8.1               | 5.7                          | 5.7            | 6.5          | 6.3          | 6.1         | 5.7           | 6.1           |
| Boxford                         | 4.9                          | 5.4               | 6.1               | 4.9                          | 4.5            | 5.6          | 5.7          | 5.7         | 5.5           | 5.9           |
| Georgetown                      | 6.0                          | 5.9               | 8.3               | 6.0                          | 5.6            | 5.9          | 6.0          | 5.7         | 5.9           | 6.4           |
| Groveland                       | 5.2                          | 6.4               | 8.2               | 5.2                          | 4.7            | 5.8          | 5.8          | 5.3         | 5.6           | 6.6           |
| Haverhill                       | 8.3                          | 9.1               | 10.8              | 8.3                          | 8.0            | 8.5          | 8.5          | 8.3         | 8.2           | 9.5           |
| Lawrence                        | 16.1                         | 15.7              | 18.2              | 16.1                         | 15.6           | 16.2         | 16.8         | 16.5        | 16.3          | 18.2          |
| Merrimac                        | 5.9                          | 6.7               | 8.4               | 5.9                          | 5.7            | 6.6          | 6.4          | 6.0         | 5.8           | 6.9           |
| Methuen                         | 8.9                          | 9.7               | 12.2              | 8.9                          | 8.6            | 9.5          | 9.1          | 8.9         | 8.4           | 9.6           |
| Newbury                         | 5.6                          | 6.6               | 7.0               | 5.6                          | 6.0            | 6.5          | 7.1          | 6.5         | 6.6           | 7.5           |
| Newburyport                     | 5.8                          | 7.0               | 8.0               | 5.8                          | 5.5            | 6.2          | 6.5          | 6.0         | 5.8           | 6.9           |
| North Andover                   | 6.1                          | 7.4               | 8.9               | 6.1                          | 6.0            | 6.7          | 7.0          | 6.5         | 6.1           | 6.9           |
| Rowley                          | 6.5                          | 7.3               | 8.3               | 6.5                          | 6.4            | 7.2          | 6.8          | 7.4         | 7.3           | 8.7           |
| Salisbury                       | 7.2                          | 8.8               | 9.2               | 7.2                          | 6.9            | 7.4          | 7.6          | 7.8         | 7.4           | 9.7           |
| West Newbury                    | 5.4                          | 6.3               | 7.7               | 5.4                          | 4.6            | 5.2          | 5.5          | 5.5         | 5.5           | 6.3           |

(Data not seasonally adjusted)

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