

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS FOR NORTHERN MIDDLESEX SERVICE DELIVERY AREA

(Three Year Comparison)

(Previous Six Months)

| Major Labor Area | Current September 2006 | September 2005 | September 2004 | Current September 2006 | August 2006 | July 2006 | June 2006 | May 2006 | April 2006 | March 2006 |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| Massachusetts | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 5.4 |
| National | 4.6 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.7 |
| Lowell/NH LMA NECTA Division | 5.2 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.4 |
| Northern Middlesex (WIA) | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 5.4 |
| Billerica | 4.9 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.8 |
| Chelmsford | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.4 |
| Dracut | 5.2 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 5.4 |
| Dunstable | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 4.1 |
| Lowell | 6.4 | 6.1 | 7.0 | 6.4 | 6.1 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 6.6 |
| Pepperell | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.7 |
| Tewksbury | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 5.0 |
| Tyngsborough | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 5.1 |
| Westford | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 4.0 |

(Data not seasonally adjusted)

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