

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS FOR NORTHERN MIDDLESEX SERVICE DELIVERY AREA

(Three Year Comparison)

(Previous Six Months)

| Major Labor Area | August 2017 | August 2016 | August 2015 | August 2017 | July 2017 | June 2017 | May 2017 | April 2017 | March 2017 | February 2017 |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Massachusetts | 3.7 | 3.9 | 4.7 | 3.7 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 4.2 |
| National | 4.5 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.9 |
| Lowell/NH LMA NECTA Division | 3.8 | 5.1 | 6.2 | 3.8 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.2 |
| Greater Lowell (WDA) | 3.9 | 4.2 | 5.2 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.2 |
| Billerica | 3.6 | 3.0 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.9 |
| Chelmsford | 3.3 | 3.1 | 4.0 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.5 |
| Dracut | 3.4 | 2.6 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 4.2 |
| Dunstable | 3.3 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.7 |
| Lowell | 4.6 | 2.7 | 3.5 | 4.6 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 5.0 |
| Tewksbury | 3.5 | 3.9 | 4.8 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.8 |
| Tyngsborough | 3.7 | 7.1 | 8.8 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 4.0 |
| Westford | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.2 |

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