

CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT DURING THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN BY MAJOR INDUSTRY: CENTRAL MASS

Between 2007 and 2009, job losses in Central Mass were spread across nearly every major industry. The only employment gains came in Education Services (3.7 percent) and Health Care & Social Assistance (5.0 percent), the two industries that compose the Education & Health Services supersector. Although these two industries added 4,100 jobs in the downturn, such gains were more than offset by significant job losses in most other industries. Six industries in the region reported declines in excess of 10 percent of employment. Manufacturing lost the largest number of jobs, declining by 13.5 percent or 5,800 jobs. Within Manufacturing,

the largest losses in Central Mass occurred in Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing (–1,026 jobs). Combining this with losses in Construction (–2,897 jobs), Retail Trade (–2,678 jobs), and Administrative & Support Services (–2,283 jobs), among other industries, the region lost more than 14,800 jobs between the fourth quarters of 2007 and 2009.

Source: Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development ES-202.

Note: Industries are sorted by size in Massachusetts in Q4 2009. See the on-line Data Appendix for supersector and major industry employment trends.

