

CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT DURING THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN BY MAJOR INDUSTRY: MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts fared slightly better in the downturn than did Central Mass. The state's strongest employment gains also came in the Health Care & Social Assistance industry (4.0 percent), as a result of strong growth in the sub-industry of Ambulatory Health Care Services (7.7 percent). Further gains in Education Services (1.9 percent) were offset by significant losses in the Administrative & Support Services (-12.8 percent), Manufacturing (-13.5 percent), and Construction (-20.5 percent) industries. Within the Trade, Transportation, & Utilities sector, the state experienced large losses in two major industries: Retail Trade (-4.7 percent) and

Wholesale Trade (-9.3 percent). However, Massachusetts did not experience job losses as steep as did Central Mass in most industries and actually increased employment in a number of industries that declined in the region (i.e. Government, Other Services, and Utilities). As a result, employment losses statewide were less than those in Central Mass in the downturn between 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.

