

INDUSTRIES DRIVING THE RECOVERY: CENTRAL MASS

Since the trough of the downturn, Central Mass has experienced modest growth across a broad set of industries. Only six industries lost jobs between the fourth quarters of 2009 and 2010, with the largest declines coming from Management of Companies & Enterprises (600 jobs, or 12.9 percent) and Educational Services (704 jobs, or 1.8 percent). Health Care & Social Assistance continued to add jobs (more than 1,400), growing 2.6 percent. After cutting jobs in the recession, industries in the region's Trade, Transportation, & Utilities sector began to add jobs. Transportation & Warehousing was the fastest expanding industry, growing

by 12.5 percent and adding nearly 1,300 jobs. Retail trade, one of the hardest hit industries in the downturn, had somewhat more modest growth (3.0 percent), adding over 1,100 jobs. Combining this with more modest growth in most other industries, Central Mass added over 3,700 jobs, increasing employment by 1.2 percent in the first year of the recovery.

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

Note: Industries are sorted by size in Massachusetts in Q4 2010.

