

CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT DURING THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN BY MAJOR INDUSTRY: THE NORTHEAST REGION

Between the fourth quarters of 2007 and 2009, the Northeast region lost jobs, but the region did not fare as poorly as did other parts of the state. The Education & Health Services sector added nearly 4,000 jobs here in the downturn, with Education Services up 2.2 percent and Health Care & Social Assistance up 5.0 percent. Most of this gain was in the sub-industry of Ambulatory Health Care Services (2,500 jobs). But Manufacturing declined by 10.7 percent, or 6,900 jobs, in the recession. While most forms of manufacturing were hit hard by the Great Recession, the largest losses occurred

in Computer & Electronic Product Manufacturing (-2,935 jobs). Other industries hit hard by the downturn include Information (-11.2 percent), Wholesale Trade (-12.3 percent), and Construction (-20.1 percent), which lost a combined 7,700 jobs. In total, the region's employment declined 3.7 percent between the fourth quarters of 2007 and 2009, a total loss of nearly 15,500 jobs.

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

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

