

# INDUSTRIES DRIVING THE RECOVERY: MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts has also had a broad-based recovery. The state expanded employment in industries ranging from Information (up 0.1 percent) to Administrative & Support Services (up 5.4 percent) between the fourth quarters of 2009 and 2010. The Health Care & Social Assistance industry added over 12,100 jobs, an increase in employment of 2.4 percent. Job growth was spread across a number of the sub-industries that make up Health Care & Social Assistance, including: Social Assistance (3,200 jobs), Ambulatory Health Care Services (3,300 jobs), and Hospitals (5,700 jobs). During the

recovery, the state has experienced slight declines in only three industries: Financial Activities, Wholesale Trade, and Management of Companies & Enterprises. Notably, the state's employment growth in 11 of 17 major industries lagged the rates of their counterparts in the Northeast region. As a result, employment growth between the fourth quarters of 2009 and 2010 was 1.5 percent, or over 47,100 jobs, which trailed the 2.3 percent in the Northeast region.

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

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

