

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

Massachusetts and Pioneer Valley experienced similar employment losses in the downturn and fairly similar employment changes across industries. As in Pioneer Valley, the state's strongest employment gains came in the Health Care & Social Assistance industry (4.0 percent), resulting from strong growth in the sub-industry of Ambulatory Health Care Services (7.7 percent). The state also experienced significant losses in Administrative & Support Services (-12.8 percent), Manufacturing (-13.5 percent), and Construction (-20.5 percent). Within Trade, Transportation, & Utilities, the state experienced large losses in three major industries: Retail Trade (-4.7 percent), Transportation &

Warehousing (-7.3 percent), and Wholesale Trade (-9.3 percent). Divergences from this trend include the state's employment gains in Educational Services (1.9 percent), which declined in the region, and the region's employment gains in Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation employment, which declined statewide. The state also experienced more modest growth, relative to Pioneer Valley, in a number of other industries that added jobs.

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

Note: Industries are sorted by size in Massachusetts in Q4 2009.

