

## INDUSTRIES DRIVING THE RECOVERY: MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts has also had a broad-based recovery. The state expanded employment in industries ranging from a 0.1 percent increase in Information to a 5.4 percent increase in Administrative & Support Services 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 in the recovery to date. 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 (5,600 jobs). Between the fourth quarters of 2009 and 2010, the state experienced slight declines in three in-

dustries: Financial Activities, Wholesale Trade, and Management of Companies & Enterprises. In total, the state added over 47,000 jobs, increasing employment by 1.5 percent in the earliest stages of the recovery. Such growth trailed that of Pioneer Valley—the region experienced stronger employment gains than did the state in nine out of 17 industries between the fourth quarters of 2009 and 2010.

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

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

