

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

While Berkshire lost jobs in a number of industries between the fourth quarters of 2007 and 2009, four industries were able to avoid losses. The largest employment gains came from Educational Services, which added over 500 jobs to increase employment by 7.1 percent. The gains were mostly in the Colleges & Universities sub-industry (350 jobs). Health Care & Social Assistance, the largest industry in the region, also increased employment by 1.9 percent and added over 200 jobs. Government and Utilities added 150 jobs. These gains were more than offset by the 1,400-plus jobs lost in the industries hit hardest by the Great Recession: Manufac-

turing (−15.0 percent) and Construction (−16.8 percent). Further steep job cuts in Retail Trade (−3.9 percent), Management of Companies & Enterprises (−63.7 percent), and Accommodation & Food Services (−8.5 percent) resulted in an additional loss of more than 1,300 jobs. In total, the region lost over 2,700 jobs between 2007 and 2009, a 4.3 percent decline in employment.

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

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

