

INDUSTRIES DRIVING THE RECOVERY: BERKSHIRE

While most regional labor markets started to recover jobs between the fourth quarters of 2009 and 2010, Berkshire continued to shed jobs in a number of industries. In total, nine industries declined in employment, with the largest job losses in Construction (102 jobs, or -3.4 percent), Accommodation & Food Services (140 jobs, or -2.2 percent), and Manufacturing (145 jobs, or -3.0 percent). Some of these losses were offset by gains in eight industries, ranging from an increase of 10 jobs in Educational Services (0.1 percent) to 125 jobs in Wholesale Trade (14.7 percent). However, the job gains were not enough to offset the losses, and Berkshire

shed a total of 208 jobs between the fourth quarters of 2009 and 2010, for a 0.3 percent decline.

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

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

