

CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT DURING THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN BY MAJOR INDUSTRY: METRO SOUTH/WEST

Between 2007 and 2009, Metro South/West lost jobs, but the region did not fare as poorly as other parts of the state, largely because of Metro South/West's industry mix. Metro South/West benefited from growth in jobs in Professional & Technical Services (5.5 percent), a major industry within Professional & Business Services. Of the 3,400 jobs Professional & Technical Services gained over this time period, the sub-industry of Computer System Design & Related Services accounted for over 1,800 jobs. The region further benefited from gains in Health

Care & Social Assistance (5.2 percent) and Educational Services (5.8 percent), totaling 6,000 jobs. However, these gains were offset by a loss of 13,000 jobs in the two industries hit hardest by the Great Recession: Manufacturing (-13.6 percent) and Construction (-21.3 percent).

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

Note: Industries are sorted by size in Massachusetts in Q4 2010. See the Data Appendix for supersector and major industry employment trends.

