

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

Massachusetts fared slightly better in the downturn than did the Southeast region. The state's strongest employment gains also came in the Health Care & Social Assistance industry (4.0 percent), as a result of strong growth in the sub-industry of Ambulatory Health Care Services (7.7 percent). Further gains in Education Services (1.9 percent) were offset by significant losses in the Administrative & Support Services (-12.8 percent), Manufacturing (-13.5 percent), and Construction (-20.5 percent) industries. Within the Trade, Transportation, & Utilities supersector, the state experienced large losses in two major industries: Retail Trade (-4.7 per-

cent) and Wholesale Trade (-9.3 percent). However, Massachusetts did not experience jobs losses as steep as in most industries as the Southeast region, and the state had stronger gains in the few industries that expanded employment. As a result, employment losses statewide (-4.0 percent or nearly 130,000 jobs) were less than those in the Southeast region in the downturn between 2007 and 2009.

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

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

