

CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT DURING THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN BY MAJOR INDUSTRY: BOSTON/METRO NORTH

Between 2007 and 2009, Boston/Metro North lost jobs, but the region did not fare as poorly as other parts of the state, partly because of its industry mix. Health Care & Social Assistance, one of the few industries that increased employment during the Great Recession, is by far the largest industry in Boston/Metro North. The industry grew 3.6 percent between 2007 and 2009, adding over 5,700 jobs. The employment increases were mostly from two sub-industries: Ambulatory Health Care Services (2,600 jobs) and Hospitals (2,800 jobs). However, these gains were more

than offset by a loss of 22,600 jobs in industries hit hardest by the Great Recession: Manufacturing (-13.4 percent), Administrative & Support Services (-17.5 percent), and Construction (-20.0 percent). Employment contractions in the large regional industries of Financial Activities (-5.8 percent) and Professional & Technical Services (-3.4 percent) resulted in an additional loss of 9,700 jobs.

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.

