

INDUSTRIES DRIVING THE RECOVERY: BOSTON/METRO NORTH

Since the trough of the downturn, Boston/Metro North has experienced modest growth across a broad set of industries. Seven industries continued to contract in the early stages of the recovery (between the fourth quarters of 2009 and 2010), with the largest decline coming from Administrative & Support Services: 2,300 jobs, or -4.4 percent. During the same period, the Professional & Business Services supersector expanded employment, thanks to an increase of nearly 4,100 jobs in the Professional & Technical Service industry. Health Care & Social Assistance continued to expand with an additional 4,200 jobs, up 2.6 percent. However,

employment gains in Boston/Metro North were concentrated in the sub-industries of Hospitals (3,400 jobs) and Social Assistance (1,400 jobs), in contrast to the gain for Ambulatory Health Care Services during the recession.

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

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

