

CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT DURING THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN BY MAJOR INDUSTRY: THE CAPE & ISLANDS

While the Cape & Islands lost jobs in a number of industries between the fourth quarters of 2007 and 2009, two industries were able to avoid losses. The largest employment gains came from Health Care & Social Assistance, which added nearly 500 jobs to increase employment by 3.0 percent. This gain came mostly from the sub-industries of Home Health Care Services (189 jobs) and Nursing Care Facilities (224 jobs). The only other job gains came from the small Utilities industry, increasing by 3.3 percent (18 jobs). But these gains were more than offset by the 3,300-plus jobs lost in the industries hit hardest by the Great Recession: Retail Trade (-9.2 percent) and Construction (-21.5 percent). Further

job losses were spread across a number of industries, including Wholesale Trade (-9.2 percent), Manufacturing (-9.8 percent), Administrative & Support Services (-11.1 percent), and Management of Companies & Enterprises (-43.2 percent). In total, the region lost more than 5,300 jobs between 2007 and 2009, a 5.2 percent decline in employment.

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.

