

INDUSTRIES DRIVING THE RECOVERY: MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts as a whole has had a broad-based recovery across industries. Between the fourth quarters of 2009 and 2010, the state saw employment increases ranging from 0.1 percent in Information and Educational Services to 5.4 percent in Administrative & Support Services. The Health Care & Social Assistance industry added the most new jobs—more than 12,000 positions—experiencing growth of 2.4 percent. Job growth was spread across a number of the sub-industries that make up Health Care & Social Assistance, including Social Assistance (3,200 jobs), Ambulatory Health Care Services (3,400 jobs), and Hospitals (5,700

jobs). During the earliest stages of the recovery, the state experienced slight declines in only three industries: Financial Activities, Wholesale Trade, and Management of Companies & Enterprises. As a result, employment growth between the fourth quarters of 2009 and 2010 was 1.5 percent (47,100 jobs), or double the rate of growth in the Cape & Islands.

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

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

