CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT DURING THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN BY MAJOR INDUSTRY: METRO SOUTH/WEST

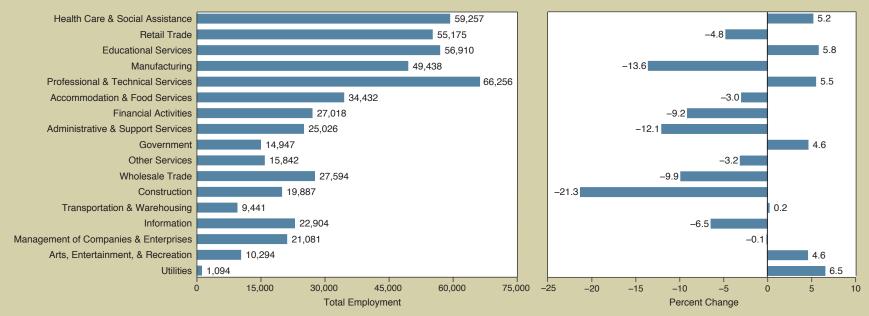
Between 2007 and 2009, Metro South/West lost jobs, but the region did not fare as poorly as other parts of the state, largely because of Metro South/West's industry mix. Metro South/ West benefited from growth in jobs in Professional & Technical Services (5.5 percent), a major industry within Professional & Business Services. Of the 3,400 jobs Professional & Technical Services gained over this time period, the sub-industry of Computer System Design & Related Services accounted for over 1,800 jobs. The region further benefited from gains in Health

Care & Social Assistance (5.2 percent) and Educational Services (5.8 percent), totaling 6,000 jobs. However, these gains were offset by a loss of 13,000 jobs in the two industries hit hardest by the Great Recession: Manufacturing (-13.6 percent) and Construction (-21.3 percent).

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

Note: Industries are sorted by size in Massachusetts in Q4 2010. See the Data Appendix for supersector and major industry employment trends.

Percent Change in Employment, Q4 2007 to Q4 2009



Q4 2009 Industry Employment