

CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT DURING THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN BY MAJOR INDUSTRY: PIONEER VALLEY

While Pioneer Valley lost jobs between 2007 and 2009, five industries were able to avoid losses. Health Care & Social Assistance, the largest industry in the region, increased employment by 2.5 percent and added over 1,200 jobs. The employment increases were mostly from the sub-industries of Ambulatory Health Care Services (1,090 jobs). An additional 1,200 jobs came from the other four industries that did not lose jobs. However, these gains were more than offset by a loss of nearly 8,700 jobs in industries hit hardest by the Great Recession: Information (-11.6 percent), Administrative & Support Services

(-14.1 percent), Manufacturing (-14.9 percent), and Construction (-15.3 percent). Further employment contractions in the Trade, Transportation, & Utilities industries of Retail Trade (-5.9 percent), Wholesale Trade (-8.5 percent), and Transportation & Warehousing (-9.4 percent) resulted in an additional loss of 3,950 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.

