

INDUSTRIES DRIVING THE RECOVERY: PIONEER VALLEY

Since the trough of the downturn, Pioneer Valley has experienced modest growth across a broad set of industries. Only four industries lost jobs between the fourth quarters of 2009 and 2010, with the largest decline in Information (292 jobs, or -6.3 percent). While a number of industries expanded employment, the largest number (1,317 jobs) was added by the Other Services industry, which includes jobs in Laundry, Maintenance, and Membership Organizations. Of the jobs gained in Other Services in the first year of the expansion, 1,290 were in Private Household employment (e.g., cooks, maids, chauffeurs, and gardeners). Administra-

tive & Support Services also experienced strong growth, increasing employment by 12.8 percent by adding over 1,100 jobs. Combining these figures with modest growth in most other industries, the region added nearly 5,300 jobs, increasing employment by 1.9 percent in the first year of the recovery.

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

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

