INDUSTRIES DRIVING THE RECOVERY: MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts has also had a broad-based recovery. The state expanded employment in industries ranging from a 0.1 percent increase in Information and Educational Services to 5.4 percent in Administrative & Support Services between the fourth quarters of 2009 and 2010. The Health Care & Social Assistance industry added over 12,000 jobs, an increase in employment 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 early stages of the recovery, the state experienced slight declines in three industries: Financial Activities, Wholesale Trade, and Management of Companies & Enterprises. While both Massachusetts and the Southeast region had broad-based recoveries, the state saw fewer industries losing jobs and smaller declines in such industries relative to Southeast, resulting in a stronger gain in total employment of 1.5 percent.


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