

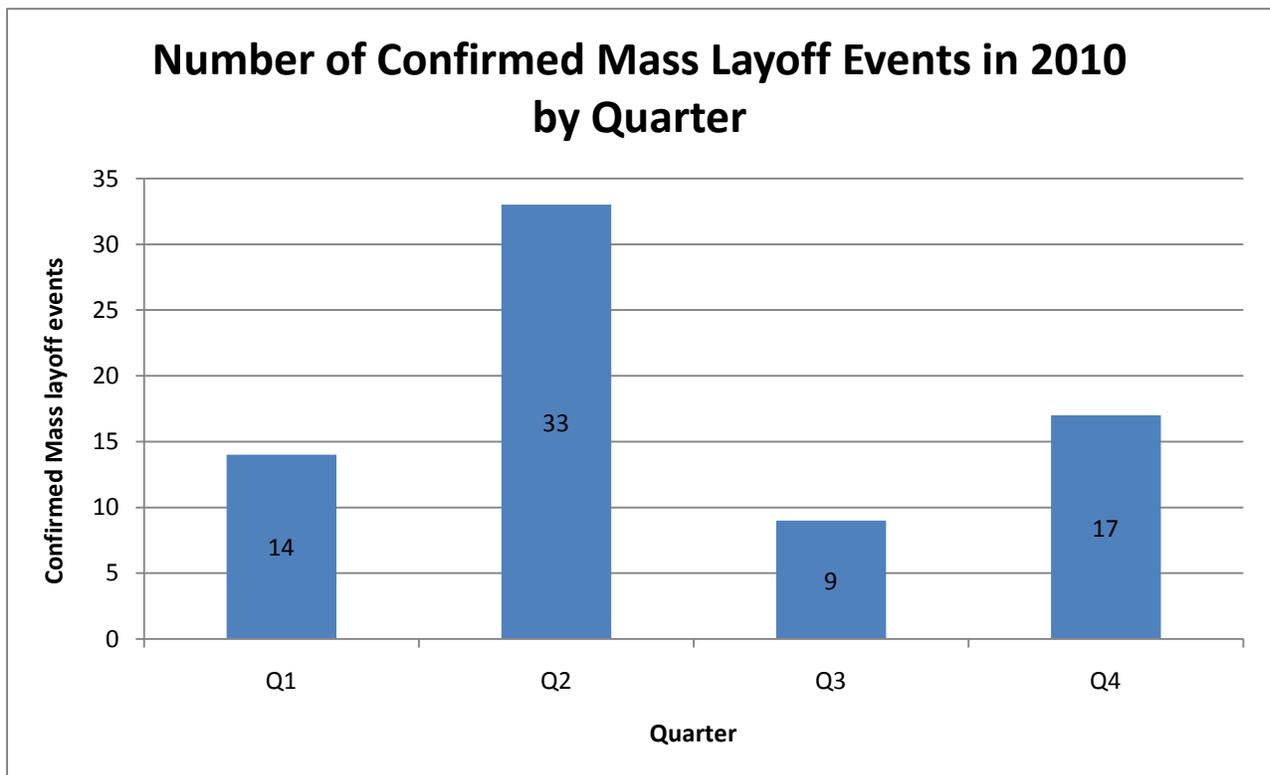
Program Overview

The Mass Layoff Statistics (MLS) program is a Federal/State cooperative program that collects data on mass layoff actions that result in workers being separated from their jobs. The Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes both monthly and quarterly releases. Monthly mass layoff numbers are from establishments which have at least 50 initial claims for unemployment insurance (UI) filed against them during a 5-week period. Quarterly issued extended mass layoff numbers are from a subset of such establishments—where private sector nonfarm employers indicate that 50 or more workers were separated from their jobs for at least 31 days. Worker separations is the term used to describe the number of workers affected by a layoff event.

Summary for 2010

In 2010 there were 73 confirmed extended mass layoff events within the private nonfarm sector in Arizona which resulted in 15,031 worker separations.

Events by Quarter



In 2010, the highest number of confirmed mass layoff events in Arizona took place within the second quarter. Arizona typically has a relatively high number of mass layoff events occurring in the second quarter due to the seasonal nature of produce packing in the southern portion of Arizona and the seasonal effect that the end of the school year has on some private sector businesses within the state.

Events by Industry

The industries that experienced confirmed extended mass layoff events in Arizona in 2010 are summarized as follows:



Administrative and waste services - 17 events involving 2782 separations

Retail trade - 10 events involving 1546 separations

Health care and social assistance - 9 events involving 1602 separations

Construction – 9 events involving 1340 separations

Manufacturing - 6 events involving 1125 separations

Accommodation and food services - 6 events involving 1084 separations

Other – 16 events involving 5552 separations

The industry that experienced the most confirmed mass layoff events in 2010 in Arizona was the administrative and waste services sector. This sector includes temporary agencies which experience a greater number of mass layoff events due to the temporary nature of the work. Seven sectors were combined in the 'Other' category including educational services, finance and insurance, along with others.

2010 Compared to 2009

There were fewer total confirmed mass layoff events in Arizona in 2010 than there were in 2009. In fact, every quarter of 2010 saw a lower number of confirmed mass layoff events when compared to the same quarter of 2009.

