

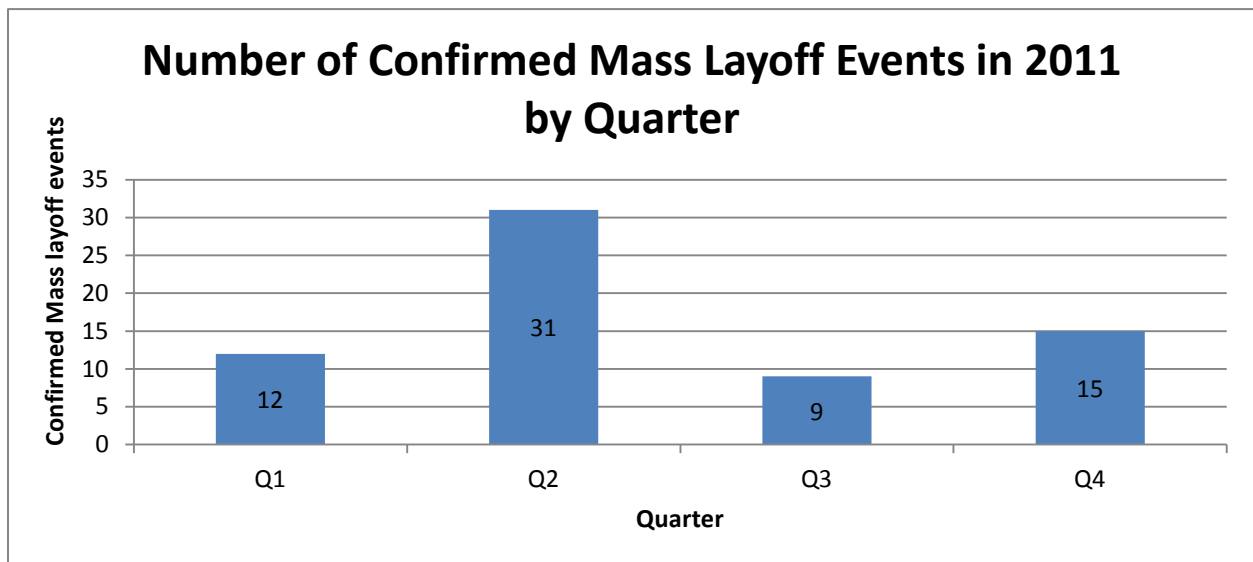
## Program Overview

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 2011

In 2011 there were 67 confirmed extended mass layoff events within the private nonfarm sector in Arizona which resulted in 11,423 worker separations.

## Events by Quarter

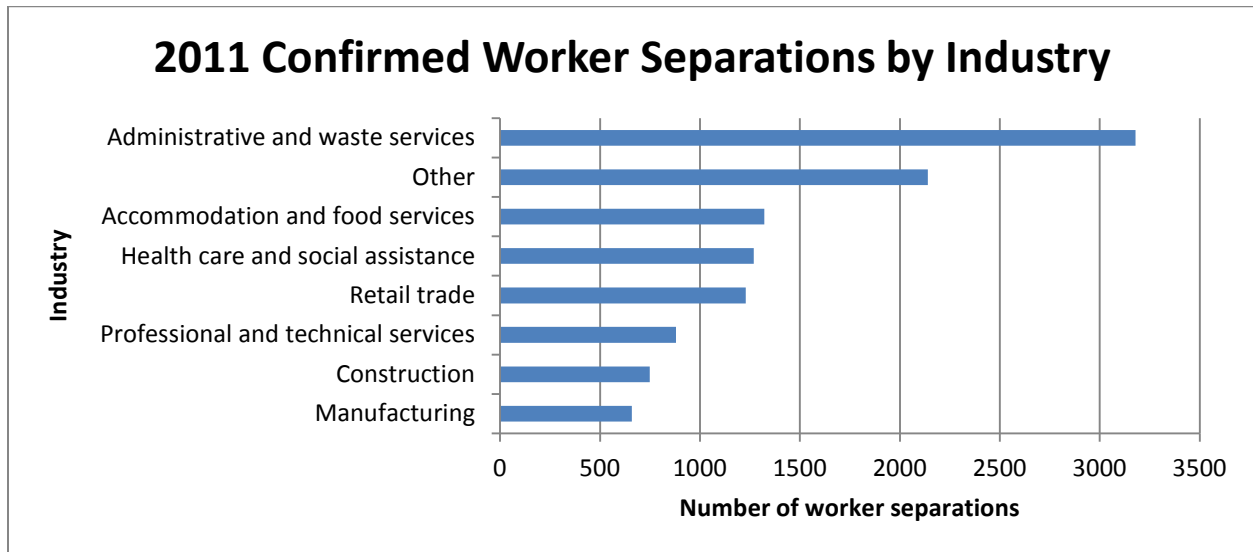


In 2011, the highest number of confirmed mass layoff events in Arizona took place within the second quarter. Arizona typically has a relatively high number of mass layoff events occurring in the second quarter due to the seasonal nature of produce packing in the southern portion of

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 2011 are summarized as follows:



Administrative and waste services - 15 events involving 3179 separations

Other – 11 events involving 2140 separations

Accommodation and food services - 9 events involving 1322 separations

Health care and social assistance - 8 events involving 1268 separations

Retail trade - 8 events involving 1228 separations

Professional and technical services - 5 events involving 879 separations

Construction – 5 events involving 748 separations

Manufacturing - 6 events involving 659 separations

The industry that experienced the most confirmed mass layoff events in 2011 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.

### 2011 Compared to 2010

There were fewer total confirmed mass layoff events in Arizona in 2011 than there were in 2010. Most quarters of 2011 saw a slightly lower number of confirmed mass layoff events when compared to the same quarter of 2010, with the exception of quarter three which experienced the same number of confirmed mass layoff events in 2011 as in 2010.

