

# Wisconsin Mass Layoffs 2010 Annual Report

The Mass Layoff Statistics (MLS) program reports on layoff actions that result in workers being separated from their jobs. Potential layoffs are from establishments which have at least fifty (50) initial claims for unemployment insurance (UI) filed against them in a 5-week period. Confirmed layoffs are from a subset of such establishments, those where the employer indicates that 50 or more people were separated from their jobs for at least 31 or more consecutive days.

	Natural Resources & Mining	Utilities	Construction	Manufacturing	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Transportation & Warehousing	Information	Financial Activities	Professional & Business Services	Education & Health Services	Leisure & Hospitality	Other Services	Public Administration	Unclassified Establishments	Total	
Initial Claims	2010	255	1,299	15,342	63,322	22,755	10,332	1,641	197	27,232	4,090	5,982	153	8,232	467	<b>161,299</b>
2009	565	749	18,942	148,344	23,557	11,099	2,779	640	24,431	3,336	5,630	243	4,765	0	<b>245,080</b>	
2008	480	95	17,534	112,543	18,817	9,918	346	217	20,487	1,884	4,608	215	2,202	118	<b>189,464</b>	
Potential Layoffs	2010	S	4	92	359	70	43	7	S	112	31	33	S	26	S	<b>785</b>
2009	5	4	117	709	83	55	11	6	108	29	31	3	21	0	<b>1,182</b>	
2008	3	S	101	475	55	46	S	S	83	17	22	S	12	S	<b>822</b>	
Confirmed Layoffs	2010	S	S	63	51	22	15	3	S	16	14	15	S	0	0	<b>205</b>
2009	S	3	71	165	25	19	3	4	27	14	10	S	0	0	<b>344</b>	
2008	S	0	61	35	14	20	S	S	8	S	10	0	0	0	<b>159</b>	
People Affected	2010	135	481	13,270	9,503	8,421	3,625	578	94	2,853	1,315	3,899	145	0	0	<b>44,319</b>
2009	173	382	10,532	35,206	6,543	4,232	407	410	5,539	1,245	1,666	127	0	0	<b>66,462</b>	
2008	200	0	9,711	8,197	8,322	3,473	175	163	1,283	669	1,625	0	0	0	<b>33,818</b>	

S = suppressed. Data do not meet disclosure standards.

	Business Demand	Disaster/Safety	Financial	Organizational	Production	Seasonal	Other	Total	
Confirmed Layoffs	2010	31	S	S	15	0	128	28	<b>205</b>
2009	128	0	S	15	S	121	70	<b>344</b>	
2008	19	0	S	S	S	113	18	<b>159</b>	
People Affected	2010	9,606	60	436	2,787	0	27,187	4,243	<b>44,319</b>
2009	23,161	0	1,634	5,082	62	22,235	14,288	<b>66,462</b>	
2008	3,028	0	250	2,360	70	24,542	3,568	<b>33,818</b>	

This table lists the most common reasons for layoffs.

- Seasonal and Business Demand were cited most often as the reason for layoff resulting in 36,793 people being separated from their jobs for more than 31 days. Organizational and other reasons only accounted for 43 of the 205 confirmed layoff events in 2010.

This table shows the number of initial claims associated with potential events by industry, the number of employers with 50 or more employees who have had a layoff, how many of those layoffs were confirmed and how many people were on layoff long term.

- In 2010, there were a total of 161,299 initial claims associated with 785 potential layoffs. Of those, 205 were confirmed layoffs affecting 44,319 people. The manufacturing sector had the highest number of initial claims and potential layoffs. The construction industry accounted for the highest number of confirmed layoffs and number of people out of work for at least 31 days due to the layoff.

