

Nebraska Permanent Layoffs

2009-2011 Comparison and Analysis



Using the Rapid Response warning system, the Department of Labor is able to track reported layoffs and closures around the state. The enclosed permanent layoff data and analysis is intended to be representative of the disclosable reported layoffs (30+ days) and closures that occurred in Nebraska. The Office of Labor Market Information is often unable to account for gradual drawdowns, changed closure dates, and failure of businesses to report a layoff or closure. The following data is the product of available Rapid Response data and is not intended to represent every layoff event that occurred in Nebraska during the given time periods.

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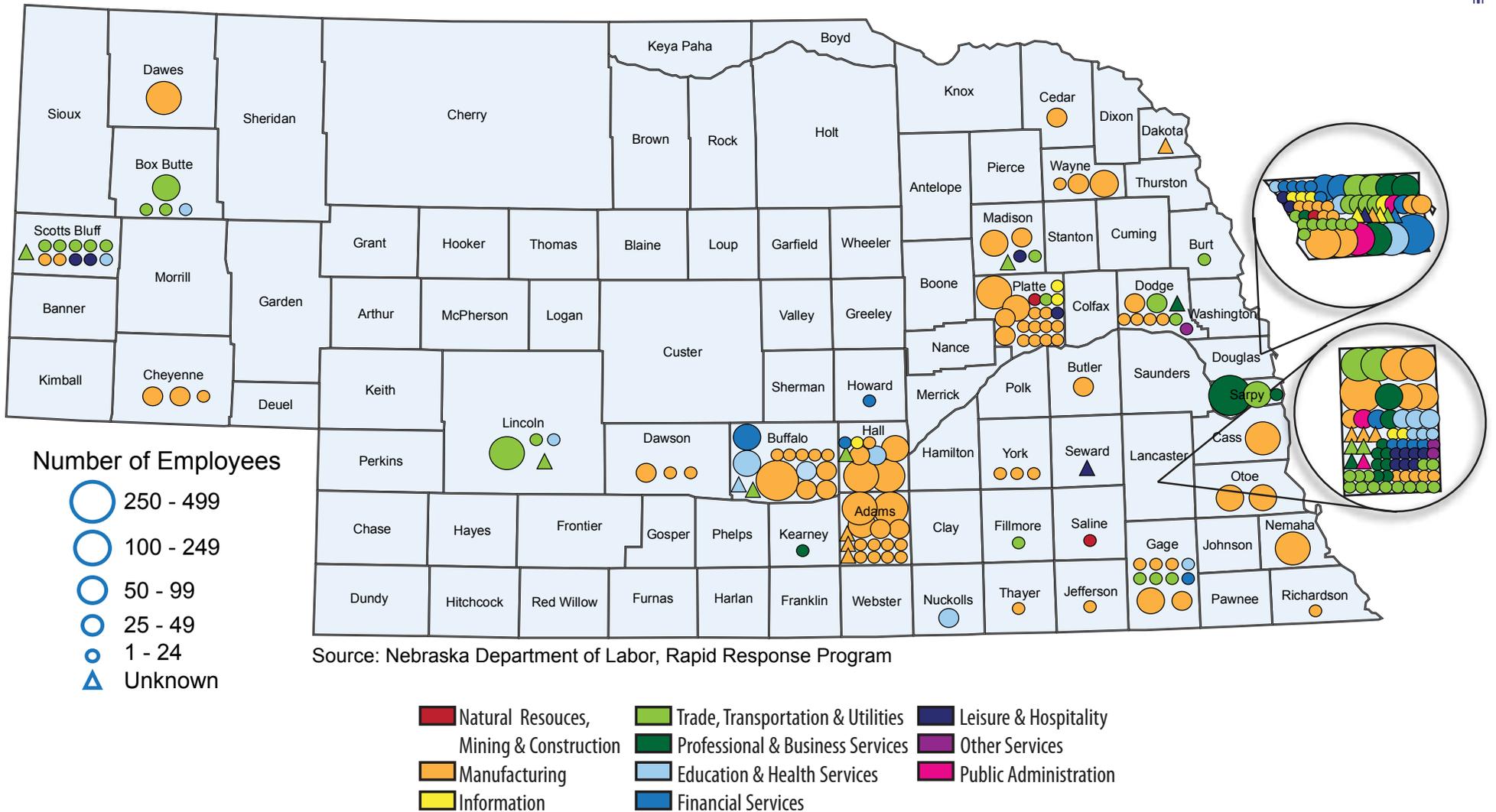
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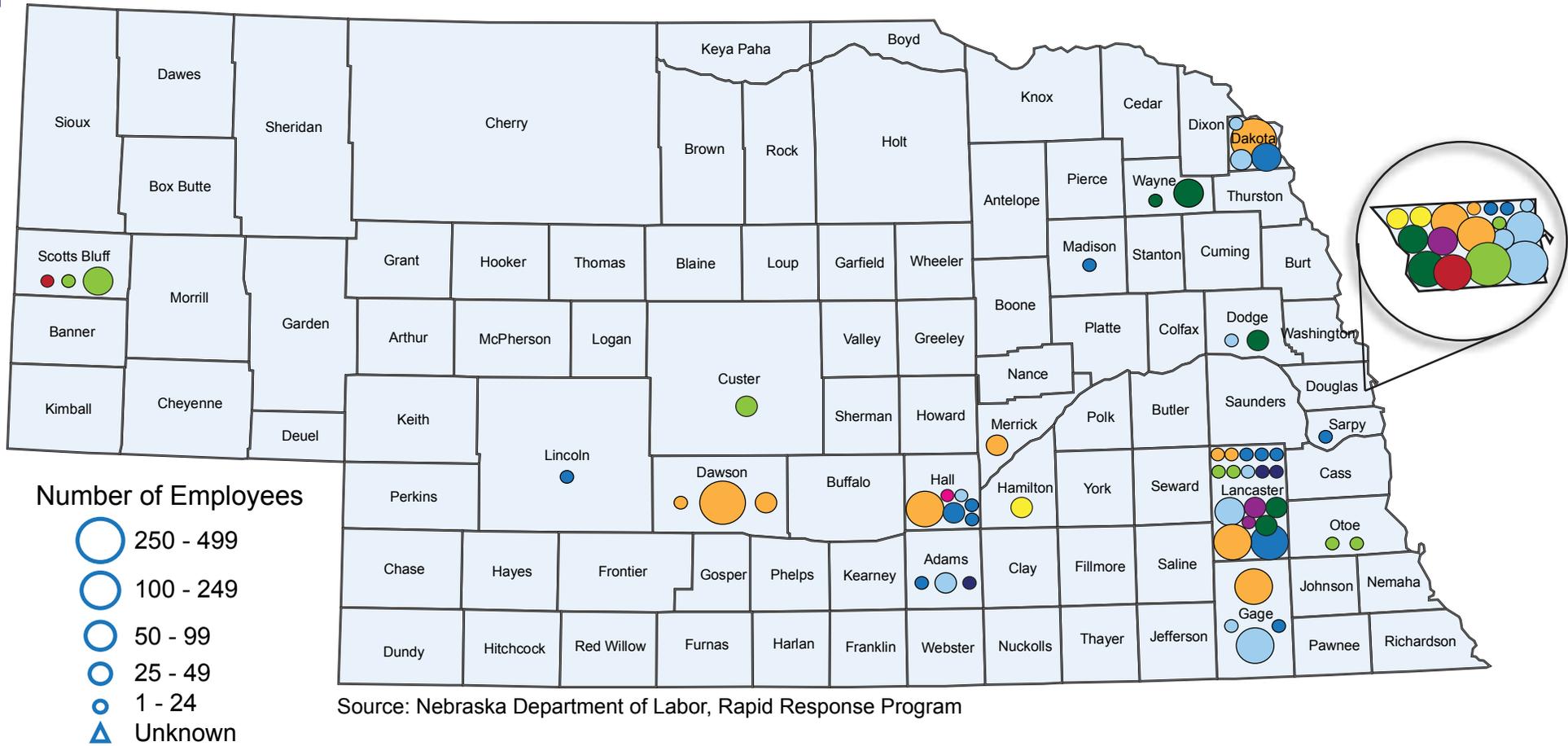
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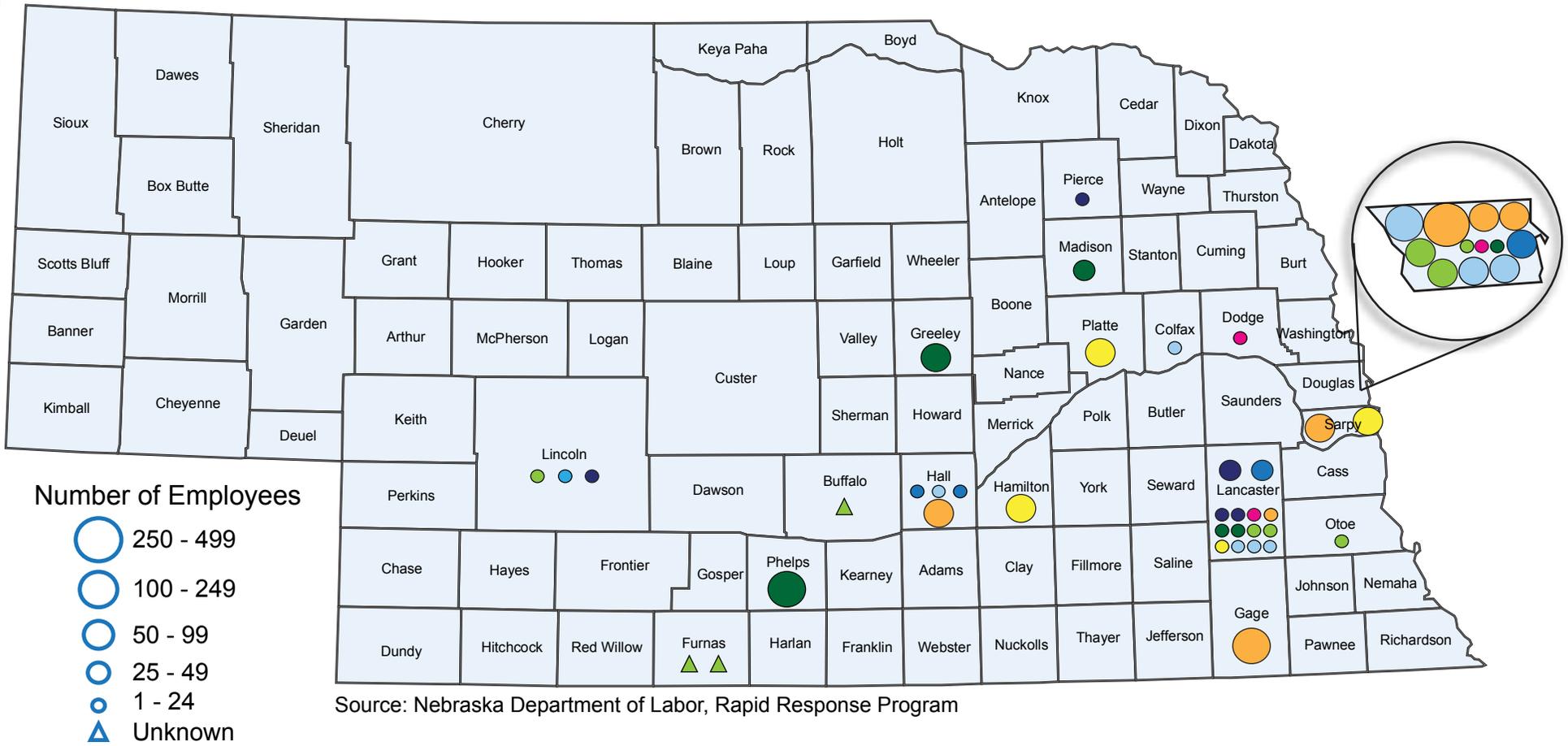
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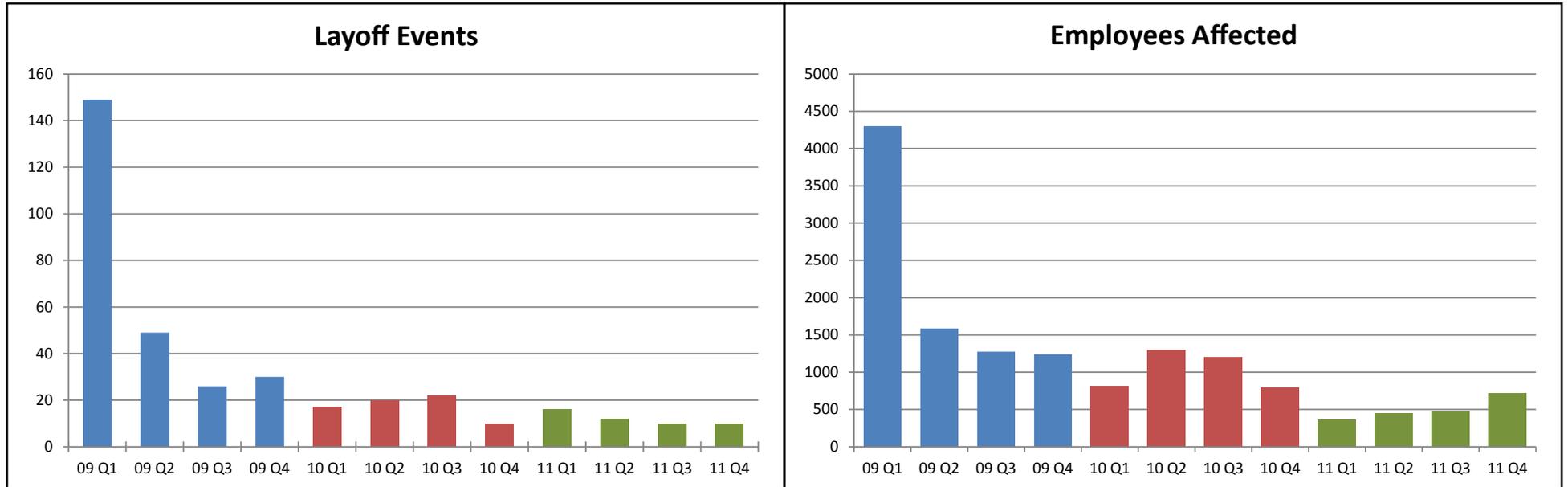
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Known Layoff Events Occurring in 2011 by Industry



Nebraska Permanent Layoffs 2009-2011 General Analysis



In 2011, Nebraska experienced a large drop in the number of layoff events and employees affected by layoffs. Since 2010, the number of reported layoffs was down 30% and the number of employees affected by layoffs was cut in half.

There were a total of 48 reported layoff events in 2011. Three quarters saw a decrease in layoff events from the same time in 2010 while the fourth quarter was unchanged. All four quarters of 2011 saw a decrease in employees affected by layoffs.

Layoffs have drastically decreased since their peak in 2009. The first quarter of 2009 had three times as many layoff events as all of 2011 combined.

The number of employees affected per layoff event decreased from almost 60 in 2010 to about 42 in 2011.

Nebraska Layoffs by Quarter

	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Layoff Events					
2009	254	149	49	26	30
2010	69	17	20	22	10
2011	48	16	12	10	10
Employees Affected					
2009	8,405	4,301	1,587	1,276	1,241
2010	4,102	815	1,295	1,205	787
2011	1,994	359	452	468	715

Nebraska Permanent Layoffs 2009-2011 General/Industry Analysis

Nebraska Layoffs by Location

	Douglas County	Lancaster County	Greater Nebraska
2009 Layoff Events	53	65	136
2010 Layoff Events	17	17	35
2011 Layoff Events	12	14	22
2009 Employees Affected	2,207	1,687	4,511
2010 Employees Affected	1,724	647	1,731
2011 Employees Affected	1,080	201	713

Each geographical area saw a decrease in layoff events and employees affected from 2010 to 2011. The biggest numeric and percentage decreases in layoff events were in Greater Nebraska. The largest numeric decrease in employees affected was also in the Greater Nebraska region at 1,018 employees, while the biggest percentage drop in employees affected was in Lincoln with a 69% reduction.

There have been sizable drops in large layoffs since peak layoffs in 2009. Nebraska businesses with layoff events of 100 or more employees decreased from 14 in 2010 to just 4 in 2011.

100+ Employee Layoff Events

2009	22
2010	14
2011	4

2011 Layoff Event Classification

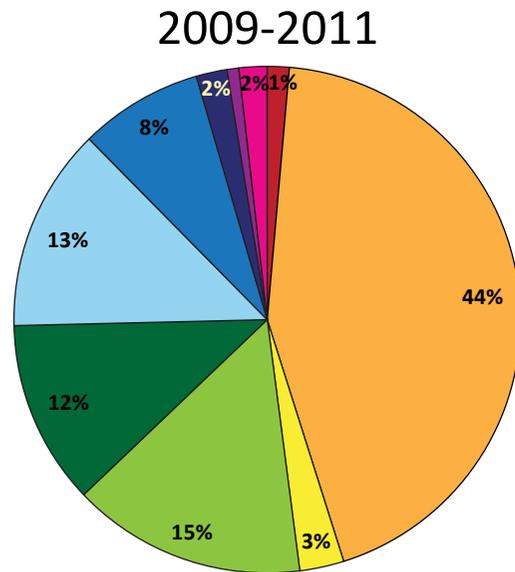
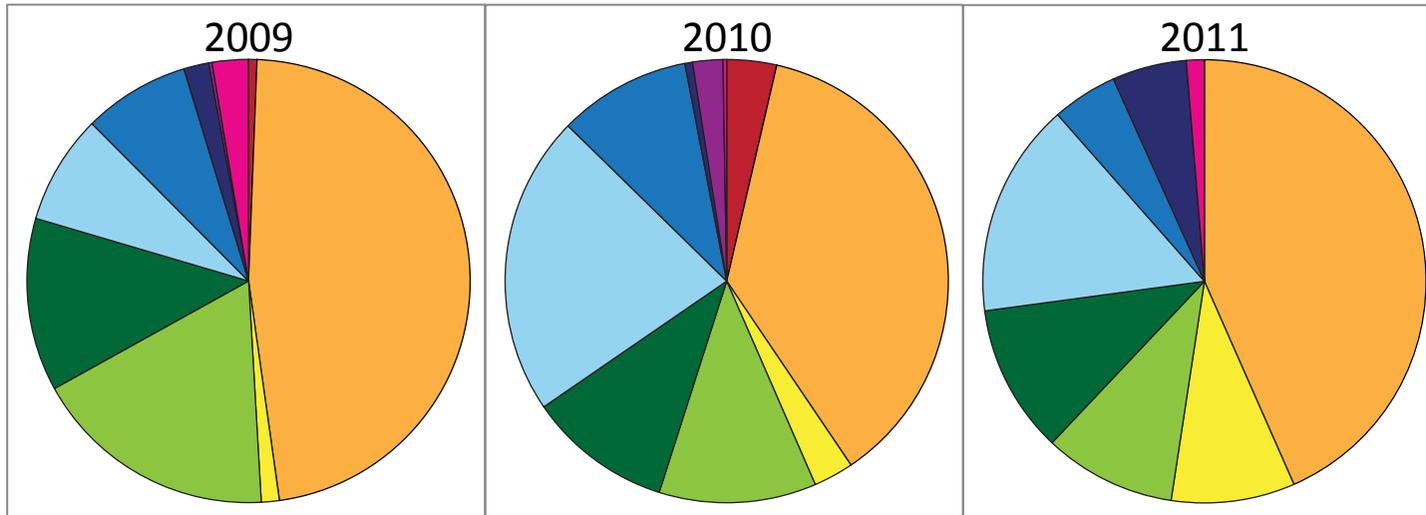
Layoffs	22
Closures	26

- The Rapid Response program provides help to businesses and employees when dealing with a layoff or closure. The main purpose of Rapid Response is to assist employees in the transitional period by providing workshops, training programs, job search tools, and support in answering questions during a difficult time.

Industry Breakdown by Percentage of Annual Layoffs

2009			2010			2011		
Industry	Number of Employees	Percentage of Total	Industry	Number of Employees	Percentage of Total	Industry	Number of Employees	Percentage of Total
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	52	1%	Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	149	4%	Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	0	0%
Manufacturing	3,964	47%	Manufacturing	1,514	37%	Manufacturing	865	43%
Information	109	1%	Information	120	3%	Information	180	9%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,502	18%	Trade, Transportation & Utilities	470	11%	Trade, Transportation & Utilities	192	10%
Professional & Business Services	1,060	13%	Professional & Business Services	430	10%	Professional & Business Services	216	11%
Education & Health Services	670	8%	Education & Health Services	899	22%	Education & Health Services	312	16%
Financial Activities	653	8%	Financial Activities	396	10%	Financial Activities	95	5%
Leisure & Hospitality	153	2%	Leisure & Hospitality	23	1%	Leisure & Hospitality	108	5%
Other Services	19	0%	Other Services	90	2%	Other Services	0	0%
Public Administration	223	3%	Public Administration	11	0%	Public Administration	26	1%
All Industries	8,405	100%	All Industries	4,102	100%	All Industries	1,994	100%

Nebraska Permanent Layoffs 2009-2011 Industry Analysis by Percentage



- Natural Resources, Mining & Construction
- Trade, Transportation & Utilities
- Leisure & Hospitality
- Professional & Business Services
- Other Services
- Manufacturing
- Education & Health Services
- Public Administration
- Information
- Financial Services

All graphs represent the industry percentage of the total employees laid off between 2009 and 2011.

The 2009 layoffs represent 58% of the total layoffs for the 3-year period; consequently, industries that experienced greater layoffs in 2009, such as Manufacturing and Trade, Transportation & Utilities, strongly influence the 3-year industry percentage.

Manufacturing was the largest contributor to layoffs in each year. In 2009, Trade, Transportation & Utilities was the industry with the second largest worker layoffs. In 2010 and 2011, Education & Health Services was the second largest industry for laying off workers.

Detailed annual industry percentages are found on the bottom of the previous page.