

About The Program

The MLS (Mass Layoff Statistics) Program is a cooperative effort of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and the S.C. Employment Security Commission. Common definitions and a standard operating system are used in identifying, describing, and tracking major job cutbacks using South Carolina's unemployment insurance databases. Extended layoff events are those in which at least 50 workers are separated for at least 31 days. Separations are the counts of individuals actually laid off from the establishment as obtained by contacting the employer directly. An initial claim is any notice of unemployment filed to request a (1) determination of entitlement to and eligibility for compensation or (2) a subsequent period of unemployment within a benefit year or period of eligibility.

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LMI On The Web...

For your South Carolina labor market data, try Labor Market Information's web site at:

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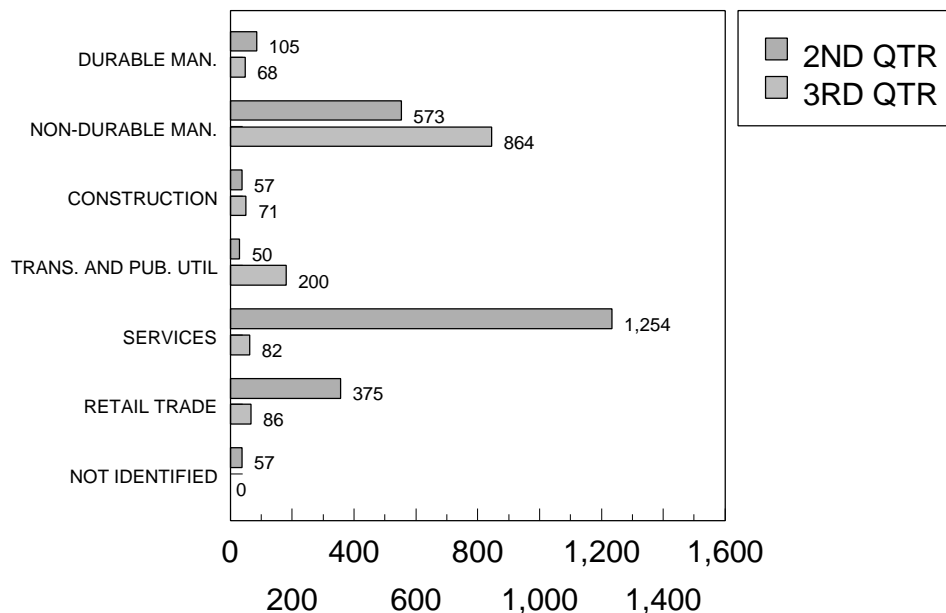
QUARTERLY REVIEW...

In the third quarter of 1999, 11 establishments had layoff events resulting in 1,371 separations. Seven events were registered in the non-manufacturing sector while four were registered in the manufacturing sector. "Slack work" accounted for 41.3 percent of total separations.

Major Industry Division Report

	SEPARATIONS		INITIAL CLAIMS	
	2ND QTR 1999	3RD QTR 1999	2ND QTR 1999	3RD QTR 1999
TOTAL	2,471	1,371	4,310	3,518
MANUFACTURING:				
DURABLE	105	68	269	179
NON-DURABLE	573	864	1,287	2,698
NON-MANUFACTURING				
CONSTRUCTION	57	71	164	92
TRANS. AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	50	200	58	270
RETAIL TRADE	375	86	756	113
SERVICES	1,254	82	1,660	166
NOT IDENTIFIED	57	0	116	0

Separations



Separations in non-durable manufacturing comprised 63.0 percent of total separations. Transportation and public utilities accounted for 14.6 percent of total separations.

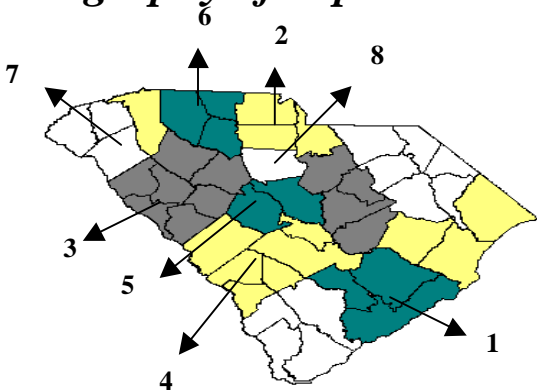


Layoff Event Size

	Layoff Events		Separations	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	11	100.0%	1,371	100.0%
50-99	6	54.5%	416	30.3%
100-149	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
150-199	2	18.2%	302	22.0%
200-299	3	27.3%	653	47.6%
300-499	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

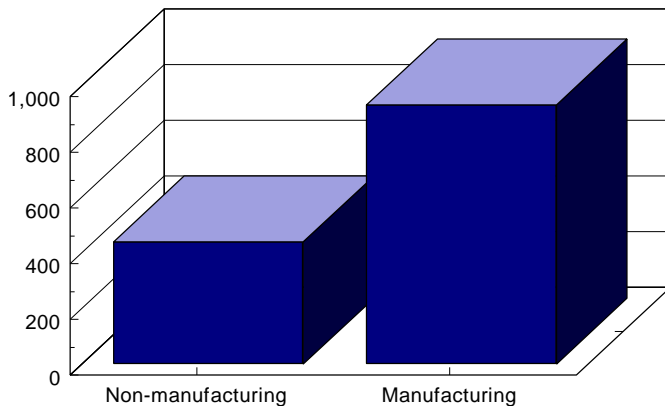
Total layoff events decreased from 24 to 11 in the third quarter of 1999. Layoffs involving 200 workers or more made up 47.6 percent of the quarter's separations.

Geography of Separations



Rank	Service Delivery Area	Separations	%
1	Trident	271	19.7%
2	Catawba	255	18.6%
3	Upper Savannah	250	18.3%
4	Lower Savannah	152	11.1%
5	Midlands	150	10.9%
6	CSU	86	6.2%
7	Pendleton	82	6.0%
8	Balance of State	57	0.4%

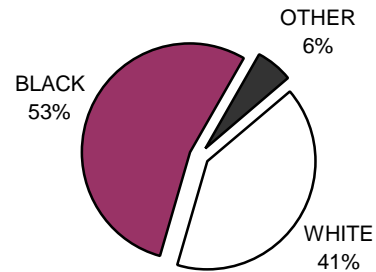
Industry Separations



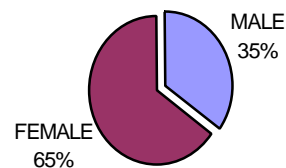
Separations in manufacturing contributed to 68.0 percent of total separations. Non-manufacturing accounted for 32.0 percent, which totaled 439 separations.

Initial Claimant Composition

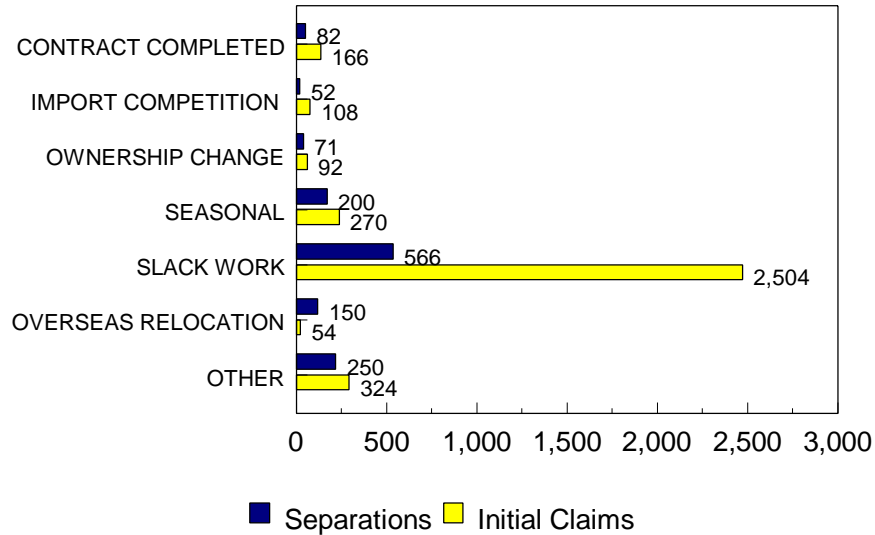
Ethnicity



Gender



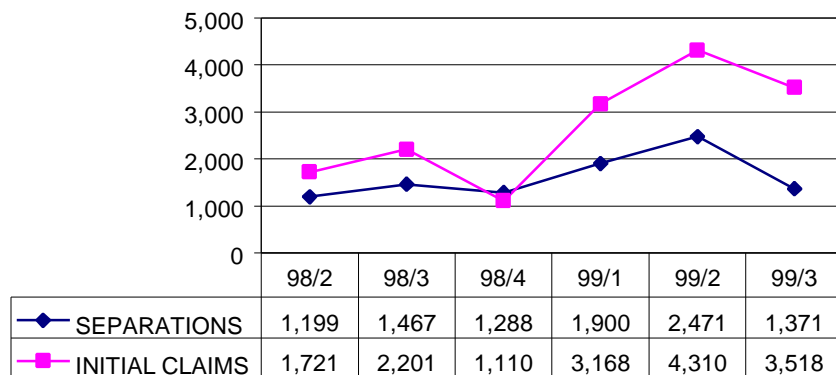
Reasons For Separations



The primary reason cited for extended mass layoffs during the third quarter of 1999 was “slack work.” “Slack work” accounted for 41.3 percent of the quarter’s separations, totaling 566. Extended layoffs due to “seasonal employment” accounted for 14.6 percent of total separations; while “overseas relocation” accounted for 10.9 percent.

MLS TRENDS...

Quarterly Separations / Initial Claims



During the third quarter of 1999, separations decreased approximately 45.0 percent from the second quarter 1999. Initial claims were down 18.4 percent.



MLS TRENDS...

Reasons For Separations

	SEPARATIONS		INITIAL CLAIMS	
	2nd QTR 1999	3rd QTR 1999	2nd QTR 1999	3rd QTR 1999
TOTAL	2,471	1,371	4,310	3,518
SEASONAL	1,433	200	2,008	270
SLACK WORK	502	566	1,458	2,504
OWNERSHIP CHANGE	0	71	0	92
CONTRACT COMPLETED	113	82	493	166
IMPORT COMPETITION	230	52	213	108
PRODUCT LINE DISCONTINUED	53	0	59	0
OVERSEAS RELOCATION	0	150	0	54
OTHER	140	250	79	324

