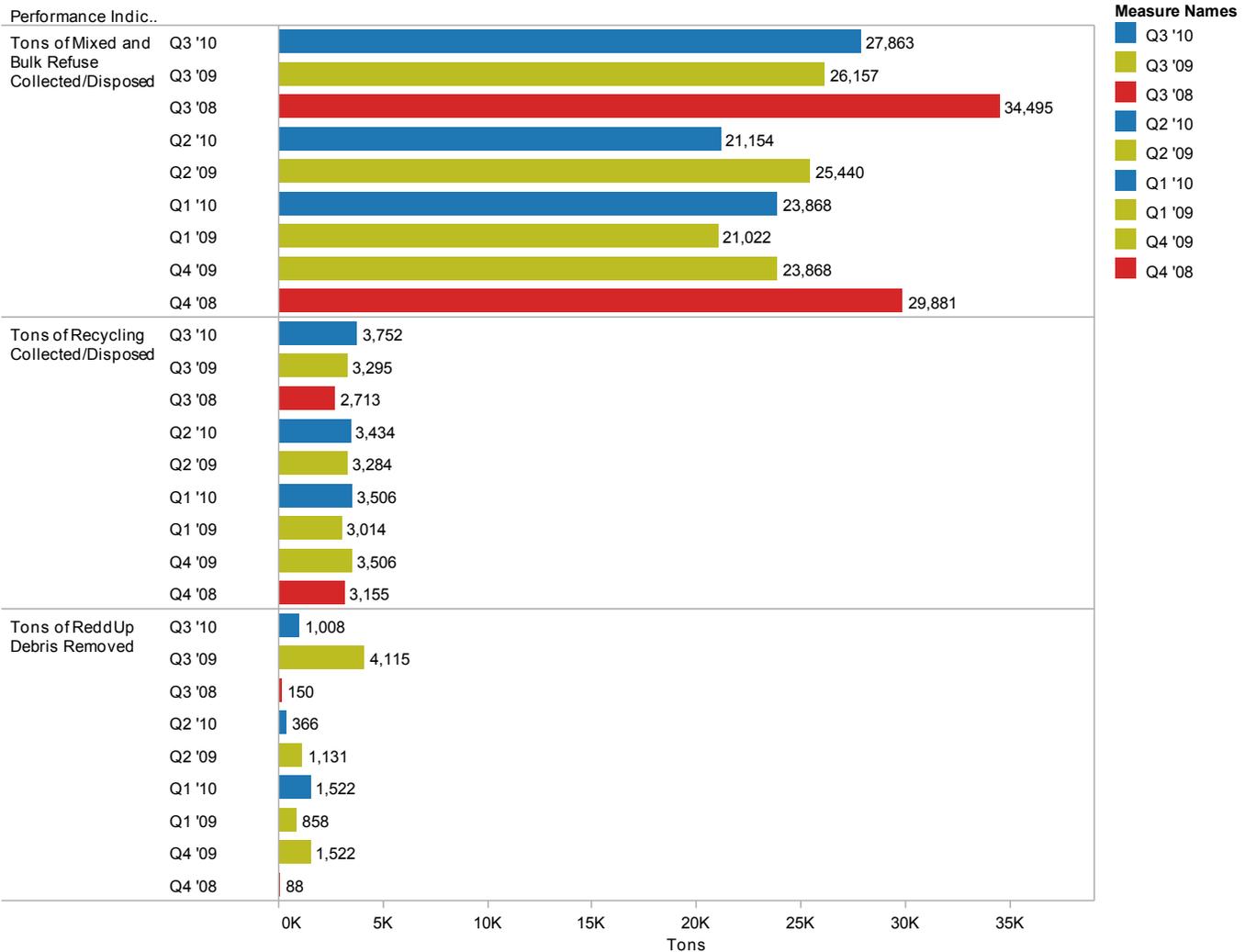


# Department of Public Works Recycling and Refuse Activities



Mayor Ravenstahl AGENDA GOAL: Governing Efficiently and Operating "Green" - Enhance government services by measuring performance.

DESCRIPTION: The Environmental Services staff within the Department of Public Works (DPW) are responsible for all residential refuse and recycling collection for the City of Pittsburgh including trash and garbage, bulk waste pickup, and rodent control services. Commercial refuse and "dumpsters" are not the City's responsibility for pick-up.

ANALYSIS: The Q3' 10 data reflects that citizens expect, and receive, efficient and "green" environmental service delivery. Recycling has increased 14% year-to-year for the Jul-Aug-Sep period. Pittsburghers are definitely recycling more as well as benefiting from ongoing debris removal from vacant lots and neglected public green spaces with the Redd Up Crew. However, the 6% increase in Mixed and Bulk Trash Disposal this quarter over last year, bears watching for future impact because this total had been decreasing consistently. This is the 2nd consecutive quarter of year-to-year increase.