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Fewer applied to be on Top 100 list this year

The Rochester Top 100 — an exclusive group of the area's fastest-growing privately held companies — got a little more exclusive with the 2009 class.

The Rochester Business Alliance and accounting firm KPMG received 165 submissions from companies for this year's list, down from 227 last year, said Timothy G. White, managing partner of KPMG's upstate office. The decrease likely was heavily influenced by the recession, White said, with companies that hadn't made the list in past years not even trying this year because of the economy's impact on their growth.

The Top 100 is compiled by looking at revenue growth — both total dollars and percentage growth — over the three most recent fiscal years. For most of the Top 100, that means their revenue growth in calendar years 2006 through 2008, White said.

Companies submit numbers that KPMG then double-checks against audits, tax returns or other financial statements.