



Mass Layoff Statistics Program



- The MLS Program is a Federal-State cooperative effort to identify and describe the impact of permanent job cutbacks.
- The BLS is responsible for the concepts, definitions, technical procedures, and validation of the data that the EDD prepares under contract with BLS.
- Established in response to the Job Training Partnership Act and continuing under the Workforce Investment Act.

Data Collected For Statistical Purposes



A statistical purpose is defined as the use of data to describe, estimate, or analyze the characteristics of groups, without identifying individual respondents.

- Identify major layoffs and closings.
- To track the economy.
- To obtain information on establishments having mass layoffs.
- To identify reasons for layoff, duration, and recall and the impact of the layoff on the claimants.
- To obtain demographic data on claimants.
- To identify claimants who exhaust their regular UI State benefits.
- Other research purposes; including the movement of work (outsourcing and off-shoring of jobs).

Process of Identifying a Mass Layoff Event



- MLS extracts initial claims data and the claimants Social Security Account number from the Employment Development Unemployment Insurance claims file.
- This data is matched to wage records to determine the last employer's Unemployment Insurance account number.
- This data is processed using the WinMLS System where **Potential Events** are identified.
- A **Potential Mass Layoff Event** occurs when an establishment **may have** at least 35 initial unemployment compensation claims filed against it within a five-week period and the layoff lasts at least 31 days.

California Potential Events by Month 2002-2012

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
2002	563	460	466	436	517	507	545	415	376	612	663	485	6045
2003	579	524	438	455	502	526	517	383	345	616	420	346	5651
2004	576	365	341	440	272	438	504	246	246	346	429	344	4547
2005	602	321	274	421	252	319	445	182	256	315	302	415	4104
2006	346	246	283	321	259	361	341	227	281	336	327	374	3702
2007	366	299	333	314	270	416	351	320	256	380	455	370	4130
2008	468	416	296	321	382	516	460	439	358	621	580	546	5403
2009	651	515	498	567	487	714	812	340	395	514	472	412	6377
2010	533	335	373	477	345	590	558	287	264	559	424	365	5110
2011	530	349	230	348	285	462	571	251	297	322	275	458	4378
2012	342	225	319	391	307	489	297	291	213				

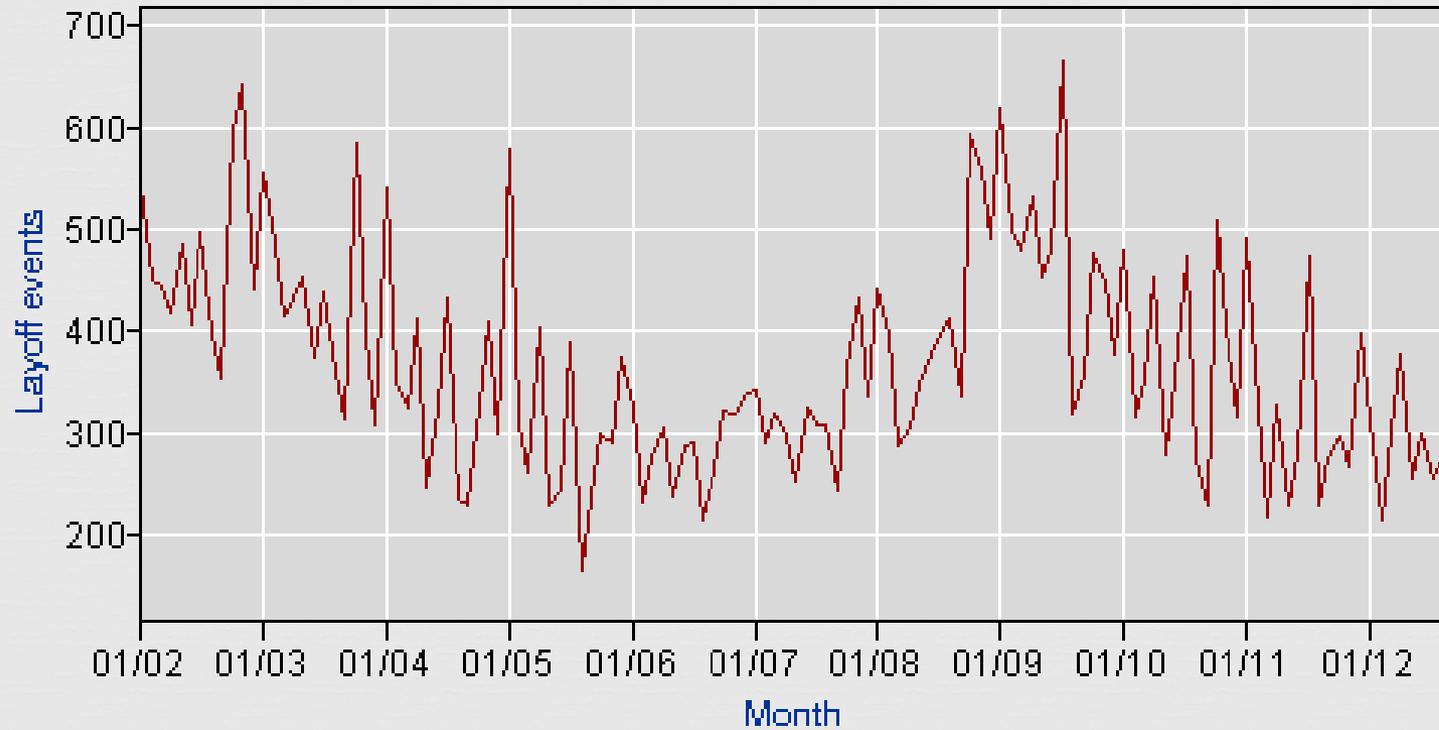
Data source: bls.gov

California Potential Initial Claims by Month 2002-2012

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
2002	62844	34494	48376	39943	50063	43520	52556	34590	39691	65044	62764	42225	576110
2003	48913	38734	36360	39040	41857	42918	37033	37814	29429	57322	32200	25953	467573
2004	51395	29865	25730	44311	20148	39179	41702	18768	21752	34896	34089	32279	394114
2005	47222	27567	26727	39775	22741	24652	41741	19530	24616	25317	21324	38926	360138
2006	30388	19455	29527	24551	22138	35270	26385	20339	21642	25931	27433	34848	317907
2007	33560	19809	33172	29053	21582	40833	25054	31066	21144	28004	44127	30590	357994
2008	38715	32747	21812	28172	34085	44754	33250	36120	34584	51286	47690	43265	446480
2009	54153	45557	38130	43675	47091	56138	82085	26082	28797	48169	31922	30229	532028
2010	46474	23191	28180	42426	31197	44939	44343	31007	19288	42458	40704	25602	419809
2011	44274	29769	17478	29264	22874	39788	46009	17552	33690	24007	19677	53031	377413
2012	23787	16919	33461	26375	22995	49090	21608	23157	16581				

Data source: bls.gov

California Potential Events 2002-2012



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Potential Mass Layoff Events Verified



- All Potential Event employer's are contacted to verify if there was a layoff.
- Due to budget restrictions in 2004, we do not call government and agricultural employers.
- If employers verify that **50** or more workers were separated from their jobs for at least **31** or more days. the Potential Event becomes an **Extended Mass Layoff Event**.
- This data is reported quarterly.

Information Collected from Employers



Information:

- Number of separations
- Pre-layoff Employment
- Date(s) of Layoff
- Worksite Status
- Location of layoff (county)
- Expected Recall
- Reason(s) for Layoff
- Movement of Work
- Business Function

California Mass Layoff Statistics Published Information

- The California MLS website @ <http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/Content.asp?pagid=1034>
- **Google:** Mass Layoffs Statistics, California
- The U.S. [Bureau of Labor Statistics Mass Layoff Statistics website](#) has additional information about the program. The U.S. BLS website @ <http://www.bls.gov/mls/home.htm>
- Or call me, Suzy Anderson.



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The Data:

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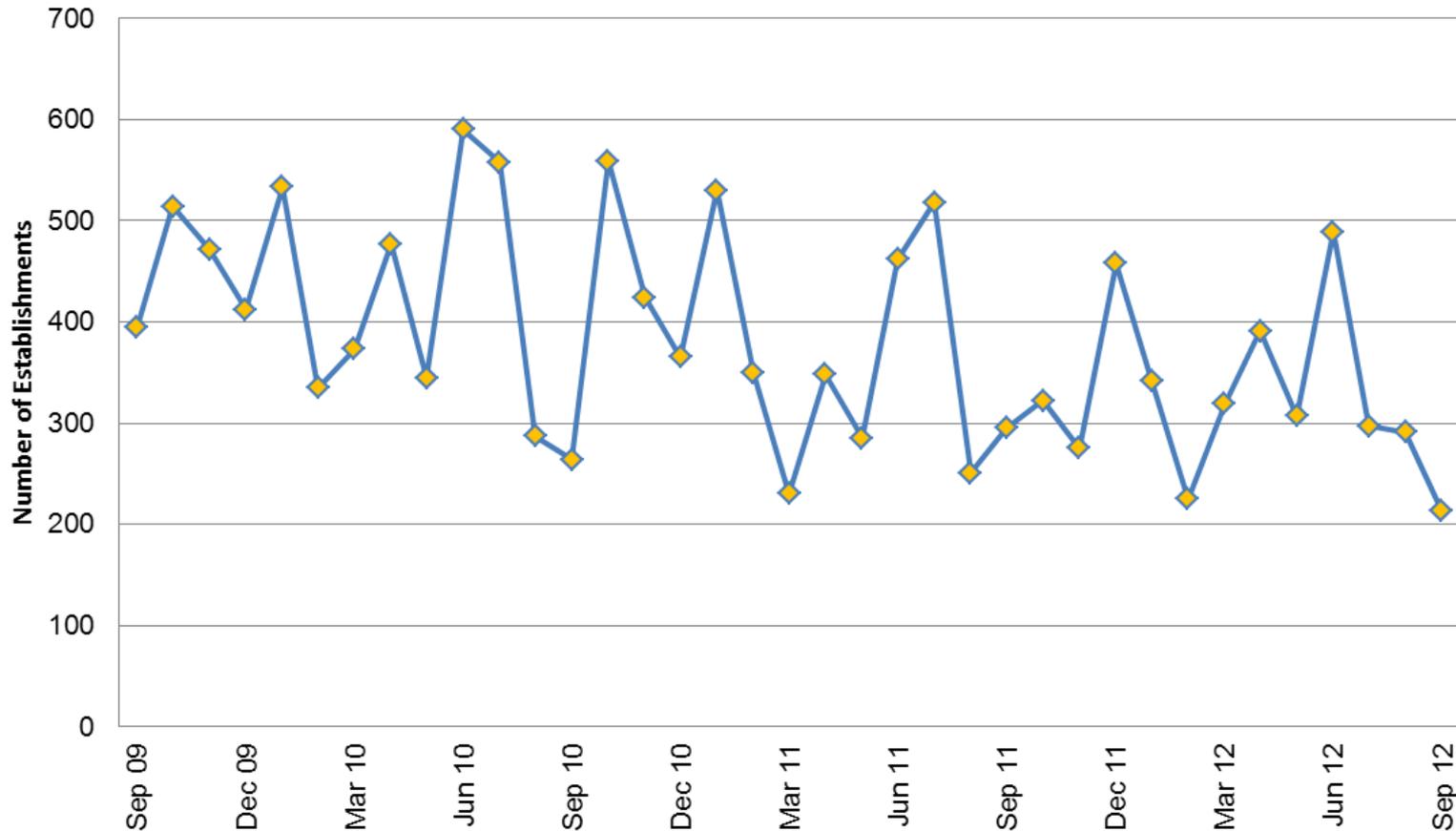
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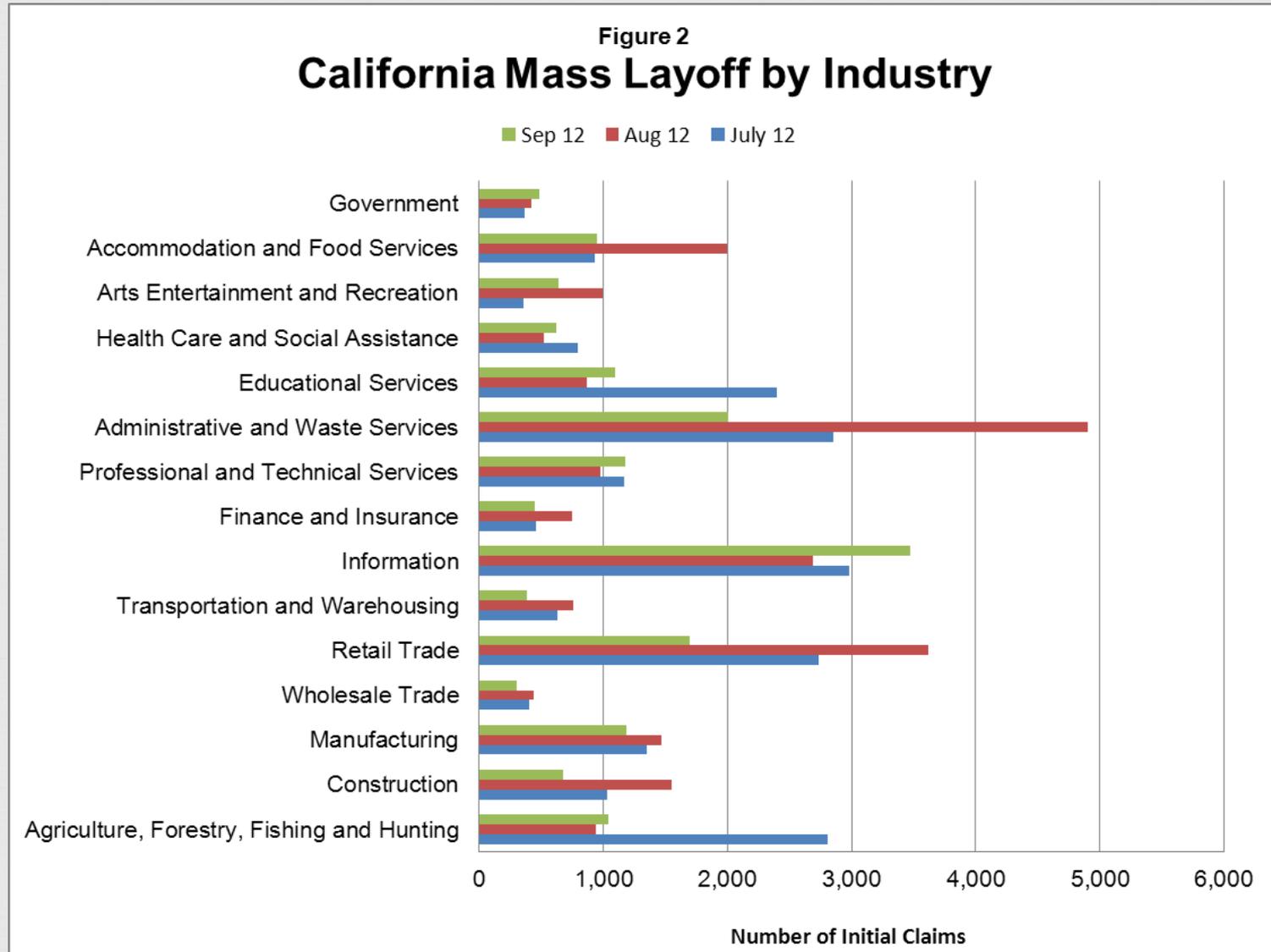
Potential Events Monthly

Figure 1
California Mass Layoff Events
Three Year Trend



Data Source: EDD, Labor Market Information Division, Mass Layoff Statistics (MLS) Program

Potential Events by Industry



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MLS Table of Potential Events

Mass Layoff Statistics Monthly Report, Table 1
Monthly Change-Over Data by Industry, September 2012
Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

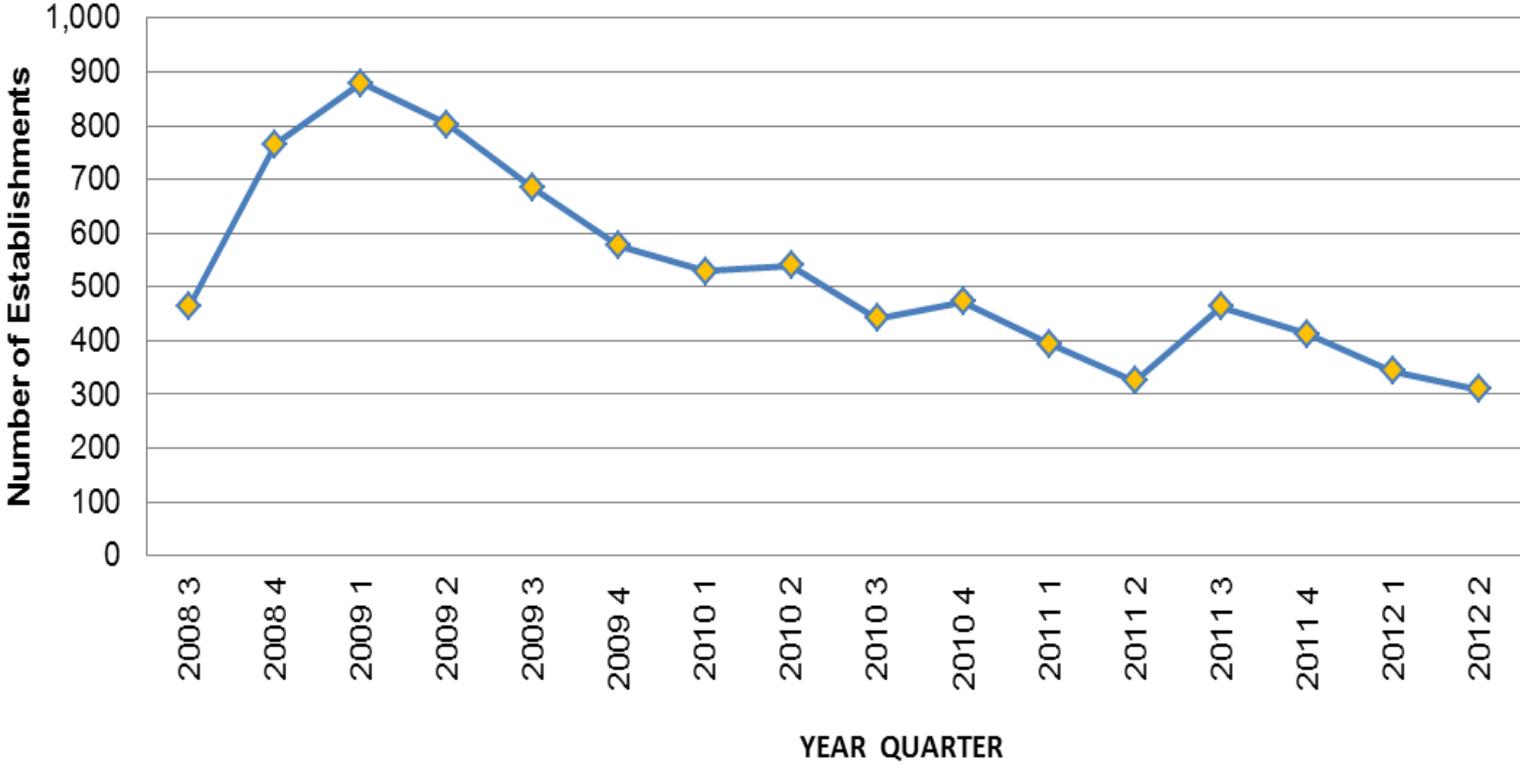
September 2012		Potential Events				Potential Event Initial Claims				All Initial Claims			
		Potential Events		Month-over Change		Initial Claims		Month-over Change		All Initial Claims		Month-over Change	
Industry		Aug 2012	Sep 2012	Number	Percent	Aug 2012	Sep 2012	Number	Percent	Aug 2012	Sep 2012	Number	Percent
California Total	NAICS	291	213	-78	0	23,157	16,581	-6,576	-40%	259,986	207,411	-52,575	-25%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	11	16	18	2	0	937	1,042	105	10%	10,561	10,134	-427	-4%
Construction	23	28	14	-14	-1	1,552	676	-876	-130%	31,267	24,894	-6,373	-26%
Manufacturing	31-33	23	21	-2	0	1,470	1,183	-287	-24%	15,582	13,338	-2,244	-17%
Wholesale Trade	42-43	7	5	-2	0	435	301	-134	-45%	7,910	6,744	-1,166	-17%
Retail Trade	44-45	34	25	-9	0	3,615	1,692	-1,923	-114%	24,325	18,675	-5,650	-30%
Transportation and Warehousing	48-49	12	5	-7	-1	757	381	-376	-99%	7,125	4,917	-2,208	-45%
Information	51	18	18	0	0	2,689	3,475	786	23%	23,662	18,379	-5,283	-29%
Finance and Insurance	52	9	5	-4	0	749	447	-302	-68%	7,903	6,175	-1,728	-28%
Professional and Technical Services	54	13	15	2	0	977	1,174	197	17%	18,677	14,676	-4,001	-27%
Administrative and Waste Services	56	64	23	-41	-1	4,905	2,006	-2,899	-145%	31,140	24,980	-6,160	-25%
Educational Services	61	12	14	2	0	863	1,090	227	21%	16,192	10,498	-5,694	-54%
Health Care and Social Assistance	62	10	11	1	0	520	622	102	16%	17,150	13,156	-3,994	-30%
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	71	13	12	-1	0	996	636	-360	-57%	6,172	5,456	-716	-13%
Accommodation and Food Services	72	22	14	-8	0	1,994	946	-1,048	-111%	17,248	13,809	-3,439	-25%
Government	92	5	8	3	1	419	482	63	13%	3,177	2,673	-504	-19%
Ownership Not Identified	99	....	....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	5,840	6,198	358	6%

MLS Notes:

- 1) The Mass Layoff Statistics (MLS) program collects reports on mass layoff actions that result in workers being separated from their jobs.
- 2) Claims are defined as initial unemployment claims.
- 3) Industries may not add to total; some industries are not published due to confidentiality.
- 4) The MLS program began collecting all claims in 2007.
- 5) Data Source: EDD, Labor Market Information Division, Mass Layoff Statistics (MLS) Program

Figure 1
California Extended Mass Layoff Events

Three Year Trend



Data Source: EDD, Labor Market Information Division, Mass Layoff Statistics (MLS) Program

Mass Layoff Statistics Program

- Collecting industry and claimant data for statistical purposes to track the economy.
- Unemployment Initial Claims matched with employer data to produce Potential Events.
- Employers who are potentially experiencing a layoff are contacted to verify if there was a layoff event and collect information.
- Data is reported to the BLS monthly (Potential Events) and quarterly (Extended Mass lay Off events). BLS publishes national MLS data.
- California publishes our data monthly (Potential Events) and quarterly (Extended Mass lay Off events).