

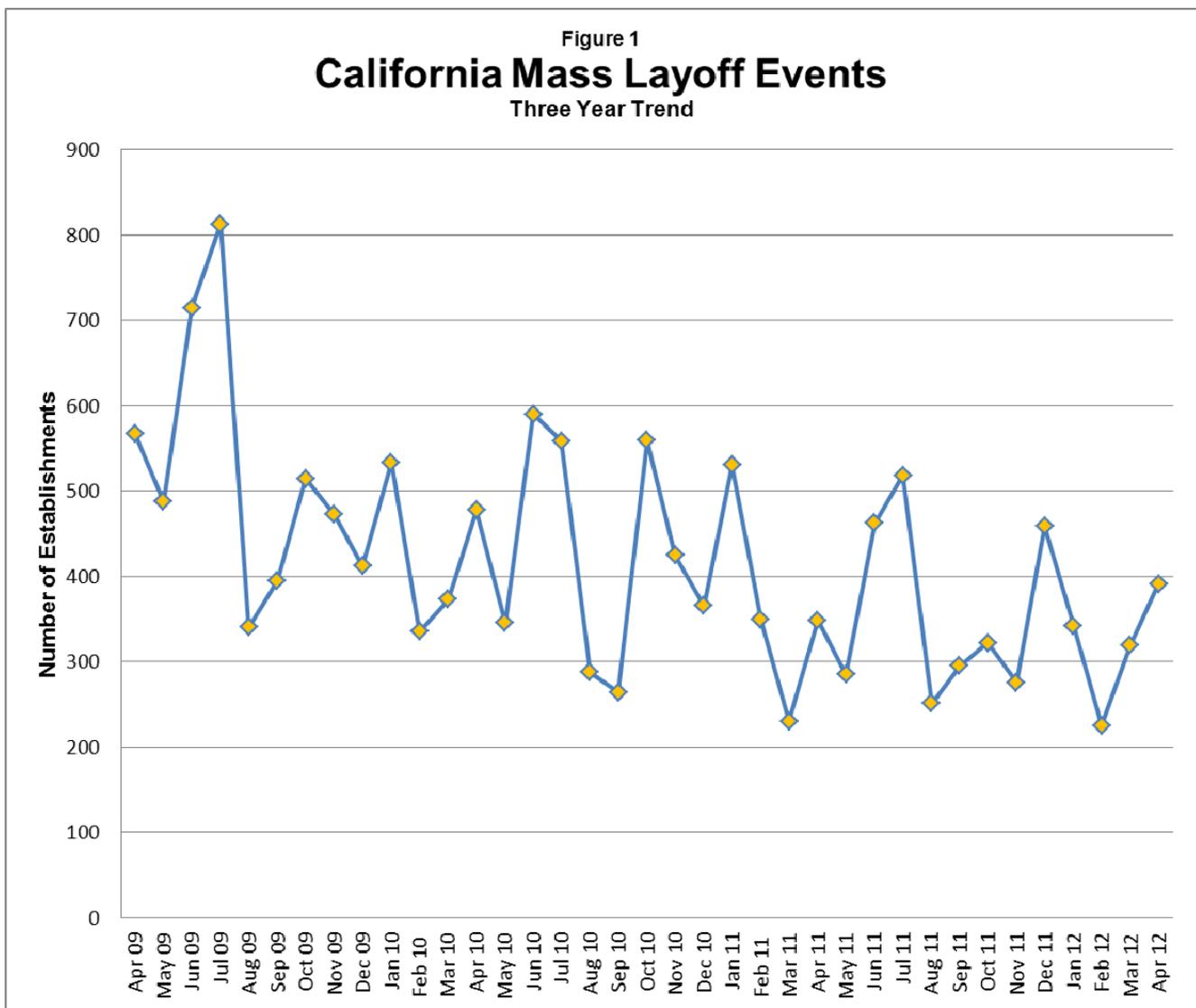
# Mass Layoff Statistics Data

April 2012

The **Mass Layoff Statistics (MLS)** Program operates through a cooperative agreement with the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) to identify and describe the impact of major permanent job cutbacks. The MLS program collects reports on mass layoff actions that result in workers being separated from their jobs.

## Mass Layoff Events

Mass Layoff Event data are from establishments which have at least 35 initial claims for unemployment insurance (UI) filed against them during a 5-week period. Extended Mass Layoff data are from a subset of such establishments—where private sector nonfarm employers indicate that 50 or more workers were separated from their jobs for at least 31 days.



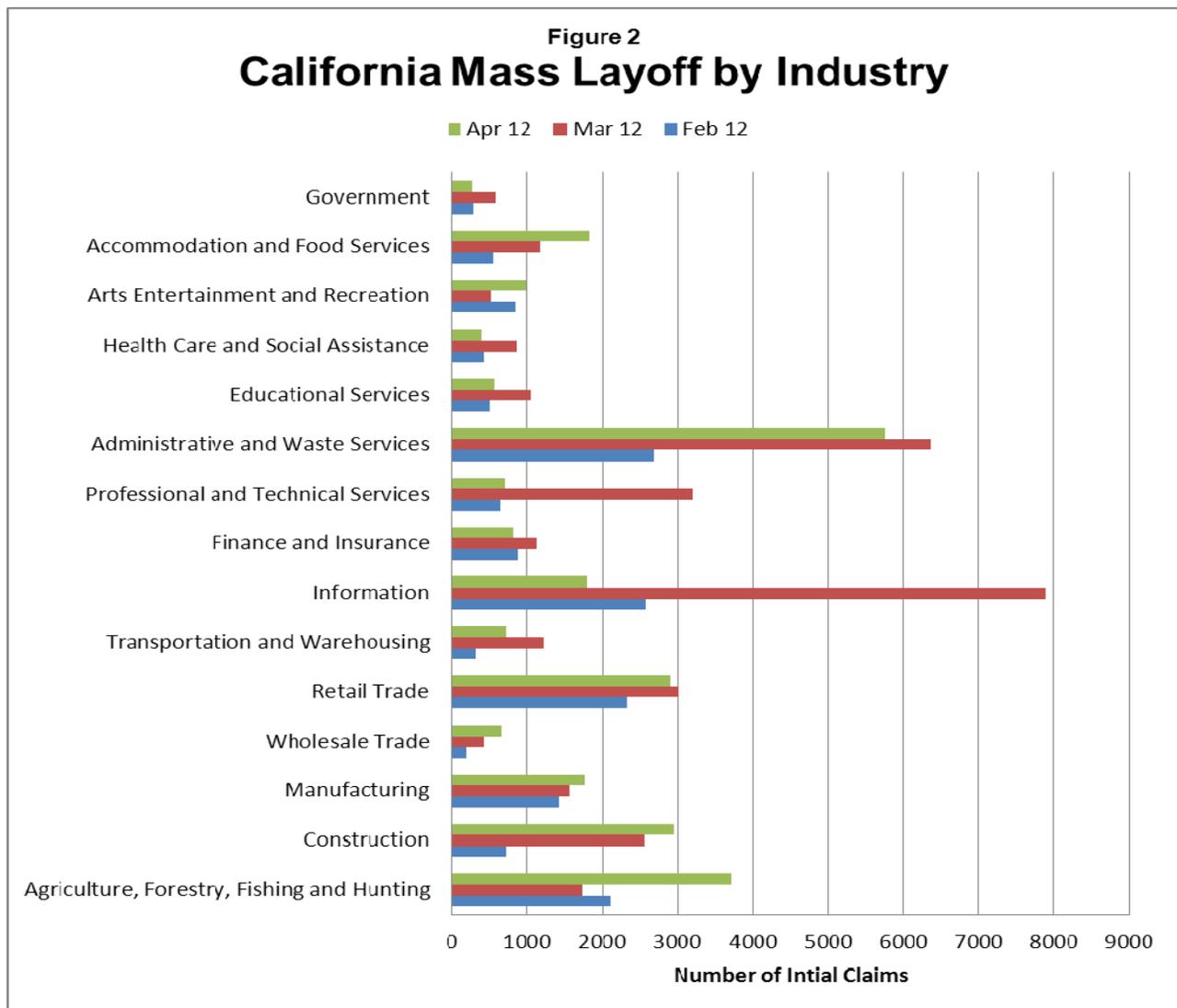
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## April 2012 Events

California employers took 391 mass layoff events that resulted in the separation of 26,375 workers, as measured by new filings for unemployment insurance benefits during April 2012. Each event involved at least 35 persons from a single employer. Month-over, California employers took 72 more mass layoff events than in March 2012 (319 events) and 7,086 fewer separations (33,461).

Over the year, California employers had 43 more mass layoff actions than in April 2011 (348 events) and 2,889 fewer separations (29,264).

'All Initial Claims' resulted in the separation of 272,246 workers as measured by new filings for unemployment insurance benefits during the month. Over the year, California's 'All Initial Claims' had 44,293 fewer actions than in April 2011 (316,539).



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## Analysis

The most notable industry job losses in April 2012 were:

- The administrative and waste services industry with 83 mass layoff events resulting in 5,761 initial claims;
- The agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting industry with 56 mass layoff events resulting in 3,718 initial claims;
- The construction industry with 50 mass layoff events resulting in 2,950 initial claims;
- The retail trade industry with 34 mass layoff events resulting in 2,902 initial claims;
- The accommodation and food services industry with 27 mass layoff events resulting in 1,819 initial claims; and
- The information industry with 14 mass layoff events resulting in 1,798 initial claims.

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

April 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	NAICS	Mar 2012	Apr 2012	Number	Percent	Mar 2012	Apr 2012	Number	Percent	Mar 2012	Apr 2012	Number	Percent
<b>California Total</b>		319	391	72	23%	33,461	26,375	-7,086	-27%	290,830	272,246	-18,584	-7%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	11	29	56	27	93%	1,726	3,718	1,992	54%	11,139	13,416	2,277	17%
Construction	23	43	50	7	16%	2,563	2,950	387	13%	18,401	15,880	-2,521	-16%
Manufacturing	31-33	23	26	3	13%	1,559	1,761	202	11%	10,670	9,530	-1,140	-12%
Wholesale Trade	42-43	8	11	3	38%	429	657	228	35%	3,101	2,869	-232	-8%
Retail Trade	44-45	29	34	5	17%	3,003	2,902	-101	-3%	17,133	15,929	-1,204	-8%
Transportation and Warehousing	48-49	11	11	0	0%	1,221	713	-508	-71%	4,582	5,661	1,079	19%
Information	51	32	14	-18	-56%	7,896	1,798	-6,098	-339%	24,752	22,572	-2,180	-10%
Finance and Insurance	52	17	18	1	6%	1,125	808	-317	-39%	6,685	6,132	-553	-9%
Professional and Technical Services	54	18	14	-4	-22%	3,199	701	-2,498	-356%	11,179	11,195	16	0%
Administrative and Waste Services	56	51	83	32	63%	6,370	5,761	-609	-11%	25,045	23,955	-1,090	-5%
Educational Services	61	9	11	2	22%	1,062	566	-496	-88%	7,219	6,549	-670	-10%
Health Care and Social Assistance	62	13	6	-7	-54%	855	399	-456	-114%	4,842	4,235	-607	-14%
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	71	8	17	9	113%	523	1,001	478	48%	3,931	4,534	603	13%
Accommodation and Food Services	72	15	27	12	80%	1,175	1,819	644	35%	7,658	7,226	-432	-6%
Government	92	10	4	-6	-60%	578	268	-310	-116%	2,314	1,852	-462	-25%
Ownership Not Identified	99	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	128,595	117,375	-11,220	-10%

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- 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. All claims data has not been published in MLS by the BLS. Currently it is used for quality assurance.
- 5) Data Source: EDD, Labor Market Information Division, Mass Layoff Statistics (MLS) Program

The counties with the most job losses in April 2012 were:

- Los Angeles resulting in 76,791 initial claims;
- San Diego resulting in 18,382 initial claims;
- San Bernardino resulting in 16,487 initial claims;
- Orange resulting in 14,913 initial claims;
- Riverside resulting in 14,834 initial claims; and
- Alameda resulting in 9,776 initial claims.

**Mass Layoff Statistics Monthly Report, Table 2**  
**Monthly Unemployment Claims Data for Counties, April 2012**  
**Data Not Seasonally Adjusted**

AREA	YEAR AGO	MONTH AGO	CURRENT	MONTH-OVER CHANGE		YEAR-OVER CHANGE		RANK BY
	Apr 11	Mar 12	Apr 12	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	All Initial Claims
STATE TOTAL	316,539	290,830	272,246	-18,584	-7%	-44,293	-16%	Apr 12
ALAMEDA	11,825	10,605	9,776	-829	-8%	-2,049	-21%	6
ALPINE	7	4	7	3	43%	0	0%	58
AMADOR	218	272	201	-71	-35%	-17	-8%	50
BUTTE	1,659	1,685	1,567	-118	-8%	-92	-6%	27
CALAVERAS	382	384	417	33	8%	35	8%	44
COLUSA	278	315	380	65	17%	102	27%	45
CONTRA COSTA	7,225	7,183	6,888	-295	-4%	-337	-5%	10
DEL NORTE	200	176	208	32	15%	8	4%	49
EL DORADO	1,646	1,283	1,400	117	8%	-246	-18%	28
FRESNO	8,978	8,794	7,758	-1,036	-13%	-1,220	-16%	9
GLENN	310	480	380	-100	-26%	70	18%	46
HUMBOLDT	1,208	908	822	-86	-10%	-386	-47%	37
IMPERIAL	5,108	3,711	6,077	2,366	39%	969	16%	11
INYO	136	138	129	-9	-7%	-7	-5%	54
KERN	6,769	6,377	6,050	-327	-5%	-719	-12%	12
KINGS	1,168	1,282	1,170	-112	-10%	2	0%	32
LAKE	537	552	521	-31	-6%	-16	-3%	42
LASSEN	149	182	144	-38	-26%	-5	-3%	51
LOS ANGELES	90,533	82,690	76,791	-5,899	-8%	-13,742	-18%	1
MADERA	1,348	1,564	1,008	-556	-55%	-340	-34%	34
MARIN	1,160	1,169	1,091	-78	-7%	-69	-6%	33
MARIPOSA	162	152	131	-21	-16%	-31	-24%	53
MENDOCINO	612	618	529	-89	-17%	-83	-16%	41
MERCED	2,683	2,464	2,417	-47	-2%	-266	-11%	22
MODOC	51	73	55	-18	-33%	4	7%	56
MONO	326	262	352	90	26%	26	7%	48
MONTEREY	3,724	3,135	2,968	-167	-6%	-756	-25%	21
NAPA	917	1,021	845	-176	-21%	-72	-9%	36
NEVADA	911	579	861	282	33%	-50	-6%	35
ORANGE	18,001	15,766	14,913	-853	-6%	-3,088	-21%	4
PLACER	2,540	2,203	2,221	18	1%	-319	-14%	23
PLUMAS	141	122	135	13	10%	-6	-4%	52
RIVERSIDE	17,878	16,268	14,834	-1,434	-10%	-3,044	-21%	5
SACRAMENTO	10,703	10,297	9,281	-1,016	-11%	-1,422	-15%	7
SAN BENITO	676	579	595	16	3%	-81	-14%	39
SAN BERNARDINO	17,937	17,105	16,487	-618	-4%	-1,450	-9%	3
SAN DIEGO	22,677	20,459	18,382	-2,077	-11%	-4,295	-23%	2
SAN FRANCISCO	6,267	5,871	5,408	-463	-9%	-859	-16%	15
SAN JOAQUIN	7,257	6,698	5,928	-770	-13%	-1,329	-22%	13
SAN LUIS OBISPO	1,615	1,554	1,350	-204	-15%	-265	-20%	29
SAN MATEO	4,339	4,013	3,659	-354	-10%	-680	-19%	18
SANTA BARBARA	2,378	2,292	2,100	-192	-9%	-278	-13%	24
SANTA CLARA	11,022	9,471	8,943	-528	-6%	-2,079	-23%	8
SANTA CRUZ	2,139	2,028	1,658	-370	-22%	-481	-29%	26
SHASTA	1,888	1,908	1,697	-211	-12%	-191	-11%	25
SIERRA	29	22	31	9	29%	2	6%	57
SISKIYOU	439	363	370	7	2%	-69	-19%	47
SOLANO	3,469	3,644	3,211	-433	-13%	-258	-8%	20
SONOMA	3,779	3,846	3,365	-481	-14%	-414	-12%	19
STANISLAUS	6,204	5,730	5,523	-207	-4%	-681	-12%	14
SUTTER	1,242	1,147	1,248	101	8%	6	0%	31
TEHAMA	631	542	559	17	3%	-72	-13%	40
TRINITY	93	103	81	-22	-27%	-12	-15%	55
TULARE	4,199	3,911	3,893	-18	0%	-306	-8%	17
TUOLUMNE	522	420	434	14	3%	-88	-20%	43
VENTURA	6,483	5,835	5,110	-725	-14%	-1,373	-27%	16
YOLO	1,326	1,330	1,252	-78	-6%	-74	-6%	30
YUBA	726	726	647	-79	-12%	-79	-12%	38
Unknown locations	9,709	8,519	7,988	-531	-7%	-1,721	-22%	....

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**Terms Defined:**

**Initial Claim (IC)** is a notice filed by a claimant to request determination of entitlement to and eligibility for unemployment insurance compensation for an ex-employer.

**All Initial Claims** are total of all notices filed by claimants to request determination of entitlement to and eligibility for unemployment insurance compensation for ex-employers. The Mass Layoff Statistics (MLS) program began collecting All Claims in 2007.

**Contact Information:**

The California Employment Development Department's (EDD) Labor Market Information Division (LMID) operates the Mass Layoff Statistics Program through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mass Layoff Statistics Data are available from the [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics – MLS Program](#). Monthly and Quarterly data are available online from 1996 to present (not seasonally adjusted).

Further information about California Mass Layoff data is available online from 2005 second quarter (not seasonally adjusted) [California Labor Market Information – MLS Program](#).

State data may not match BLS published data due to the dynamic nature of state MLS databases. For all other questions contact Employment Development Department, Labor Market Information Division, Mass Layoff Statistics, (916) 262-2162.