

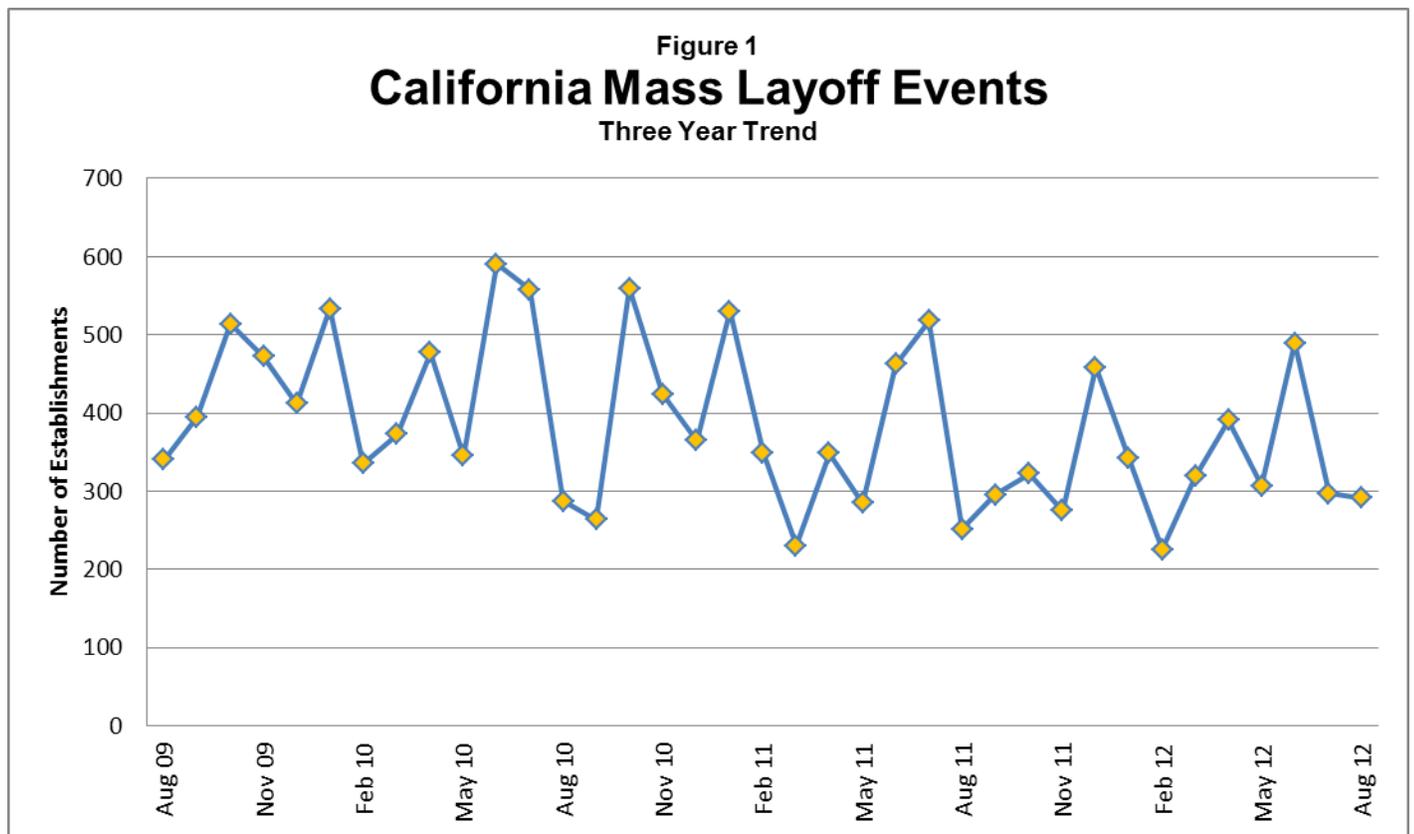
Mass Layoff Statistics Data

August 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.



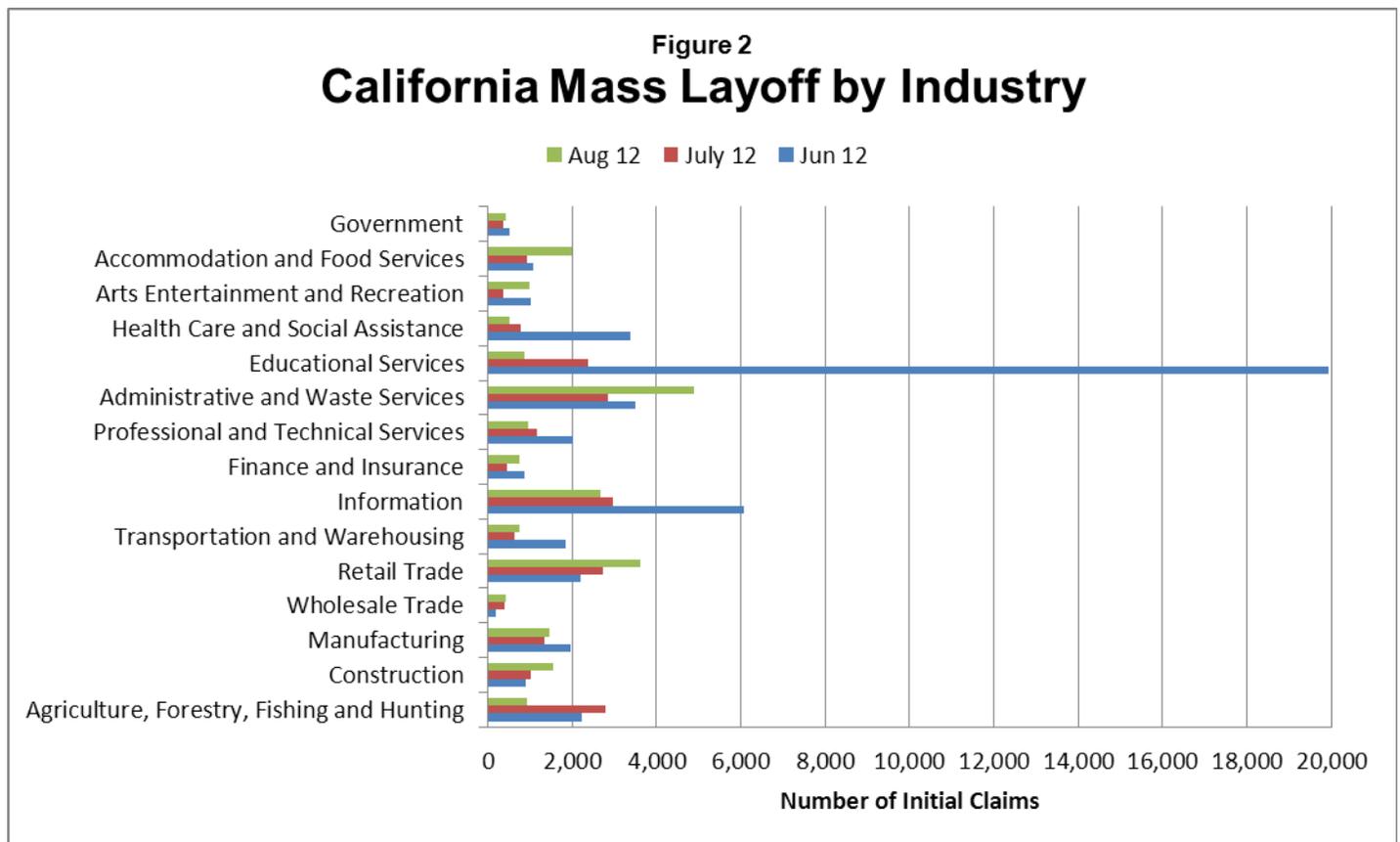
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August 2012 Events

California employers took 291 mass layoff events that resulted in the separation of 23,157 workers, as measured by new filings for unemployment insurance benefits during August 2012. Each event involved at least 35 persons from a single employer. Month-over, California employers took two more mass layoff events than in July 2012 (289 events) and 1,895 more separations (21,262).

Over the year, California employers had 40 more mass layoff actions than in August 2011 (251 events) and 5,605 more separations (17,552).

'All Initial Claims' resulted in the separation of 259,986 workers as measured by new filings for unemployment insurance benefits during the month. Over the year, California's 'All Initial Claims' had 9,704 more actions than in August 2011 (250,282).



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Analysis

The most notable industry job losses in August 2012 were:

- The administrative and waste services industry with 64 mass layoff events resulting in 4,905 initial claims;
- The retail trade industry with 34 mass layoff events resulting in 3,615 initial claims;
- The information industry with 18 mass layoff events resulting in 2,689 initial claims;
- The accommodation and food services industry with 22 mass layoff events resulting in 1,994 initial claims;
- The construction industry with 28 mass layoff events resulting in 1,552 initial claims; and
- The manufacturing industry with 23 mass layoff events resulting in 1,470 initial claims.

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

August 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	July 2012	Aug 2012	Number	Percent	July 2012	Aug 2012	Number	Percent	July 2012	Aug 2012	Number	Percent
California Total		289	291	2	0	21,262	23,157	1,895	8%	238,967	259,986	21,019	8%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	11	47	16	-31	-1	2,811	937	-1,874	-200%	13,894	10,561	-3,333	-32%
Construction	23	15	28	13	1	1,027	1,552	525	34%	25,307	31,267	5,960	19%
Manufacturing	31-33	23	23	0	0	1,354	1,470	116	8%	13,564	15,582	2,018	13%
Wholesale Trade	42-43	7	7	0	0	404	435	31	7%	6,674	7,910	1,236	16%
Retail Trade	44-45	29	34	5	0	2,735	3,615	880	24%	19,990	24,325	4,335	18%
Transportation and Warehousing	48-49	7	12	5	1	628	757	129	17%	6,761	7,125	364	5%
Information	51	17	18	1	0	2,980	2,689	-291	-11%	19,473	23,662	4,189	18%
Finance and Insurance	52	8	9	1	0	453	749	296	40%	6,759	7,903	1,144	14%
Professional and Technical Services	54	16	13	-3	0	1,169	977	-192	-20%	16,246	18,677	2,431	13%
Administrative and Waste Services	56	31	64	33	1	2,853	4,905	2,052	42%	27,492	31,140	3,648	12%
Educational Services	61	44	12	-32	-1	2,395	863	-1,532	-178%	24,842	16,192	-8,650	-53%
Health Care and Social Assistance	62	14	10	-4	0	796	520	-276	-53%	15,407	17,150	1,743	10%
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	71	7	13	6	1	361	996	635	64%	5,515	6,172	657	11%
Accommodation and Food Services	72	16	22	6	0	928	1,994	1,066	53%	14,813	17,248	2,435	14%
Government	92	8	5	-3	0	368	419	51	12%	3,656	3,177	-479	-15%
Ownership Not Identified	99	5,101	5,840	739	13%

MLS Notes:

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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.
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The counties with the most job losses in August 2012 were:

- Los Angeles resulting in 77,588 initial claims;
- San Diego resulting in 19,486 initial claims;
- San Bernardino resulting in 16,420 initial claims;
- Riverside resulting in 15,829 initial claims;
- Orange resulting in 15,288 initial claims; and
- Alameda resulting in 9,648 initial claims.

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

AREA	YEAR AGO	MONTH AGO	CURRENT	MONTH-OVER CHANGE		YEAR-OVER CHANGE		RANK BY
	Aug 11	July 12	Aug 12	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	All Initial Claims
STATE TOTAL	250,282	238,967	259,986	21,019	8%	9,704	4%	Aug 12
ALAMEDA	8,967	8,339	9,648	1,309	14%	681	7%	6
ALPINE	11	3	3	0	0%	-8	-267%	58
AMADOR	255	203	197	-6	-3%	-58	-29%	47
BUTTE	1,437	1,390	1,390	0	0%	-47	-3%	26
CALAVERAS	287	254	305	51	17%	18	6%	43
COLUSA	131	119	142	23	16%	11	8%	48
CONTRA COSTA	5,595	5,485	6,047	562	9%	452	7%	10
DEL NORTE	127	124	103	-21	-20%	-24	-23%	50
EL DORADO	844	808	928	120	13%	84	9%	31
FRESNO	6,302	6,062	6,561	499	8%	259	4%	9
GLENN	266	210	228	18	8%	-38	-17%	46
HUMBOLDT	711	718	623	-95	-15%	-88	-14%	37
IMPERIAL	2,691	4,160	2,677	-1,483	-55%	-14	-1%	20
INYO	60	87	92	5	5%	32	35%	52
KERN	5,456	5,226	5,756	530	9%	300	5%	12
KINGS	854	745	885	140	16%	31	4%	33
LAKE	397	312	410	98	24%	13	3%	42
LASSEN	85	101	93	-8	-9%	8	9%	51
LOS ANGELES	75,736	72,011	77,588	5,577	7%	1,852	2%	1
MADERA	845	695	804	109	14%	-41	-5%	34
MARIN	1,029	945	971	26	3%	-58	-6%	30
MARIPOSA	78	86	90	4	4%	12	13%	53
MENDOCINO	485	386	463	77	17%	-22	-5%	38
MERCED	1,748	1,856	1,899	43	2%	151	8%	23
MODOC	35	56	42	-14	-33%	7	17%	56
MONO	94	152	135	-17	-13%	41	30%	49
MONTEREY	2,125	1,799	2,091	292	14%	-34	-2%	21
NAPA	690	509	725	216	30%	35	5%	35
NEVADA	424	412	412	0	0%	-12	-3%	41
ORANGE	14,781	13,614	15,288	1,674	11%	507	3%	5
PLACER	1,804	1,572	1,821	249	14%	17	1%	24
PLUMAS	84	79	82	3	4%	-2	-2%	54
RIVERSIDE	15,244	16,457	15,829	-628	-4%	585	4%	4
SACRAMENTO	8,419	7,908	8,799	891	10%	380	4%	8
SAN BENITO	386	387	463	76	16%	77	17%	39
SAN BERNARDINO	14,720	13,710	16,420	2,710	17%	1,700	10%	3
SAN DIEGO	18,172	17,695	19,486	1,791	9%	1,314	7%	2
SAN FRANCISCO	4,797	4,747	5,350	603	11%	553	10%	13
SAN JOAQUIN	4,890	4,559	5,280	721	14%	390	7%	14
SAN LUIS OBISPO	1,153	1,006	1,143	137	12%	-10	-1%	28
SAN MATEO	3,527	3,168	3,433	265	8%	-94	-3%	17
SANTA BARBARA	1,935	1,629	2,066	437	21%	131	6%	22
SANTA CLARA	8,889	7,665	8,899	1,234	14%	10	0%	7
SANTA CRUZ	1,343	1,146	1,335	189	14%	-8	-1%	27
SHASTA	1,312	1,273	1,535	262	17%	223	15%	25
SIERRA	7	8	8	0	0%	1	13%	57
SISKIYOU	343	238	271	33	12%	-72	-27%	45
SOLANO	2,592	2,404	2,863	459	16%	271	9%	18
SONOMA	2,970	2,559	2,759	200	7%	-211	-8%	19
STANISLAUS	4,233	4,549	4,433	-116	-3%	200	5%	15
SUTTER	764	639	892	253	28%	128	14%	32
TEHAMA	713	495	442	-53	-12%	-271	-61%	40
TRINITY	63	47	47	0	0%	-16	-34%	55
TULARE	3,708	4,100	3,789	-311	-8%	81	2%	16
TUOLUMNE	291	262	280	18	6%	-11	-4%	44
VENTURA	7,829	5,575	5,987	412	7%	-1,842	-31%	11
YOLO	6,000	955	1,036	81	8%	-4,964	-479%	29
YUBA	1,064	507	629	122	19%	-435	-69%	36
Unknown locations	484	6,761	8,013	1,252	16%	7,529	94%

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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 from 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 from 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 MLS Program through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

MLS 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 MLS 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.