

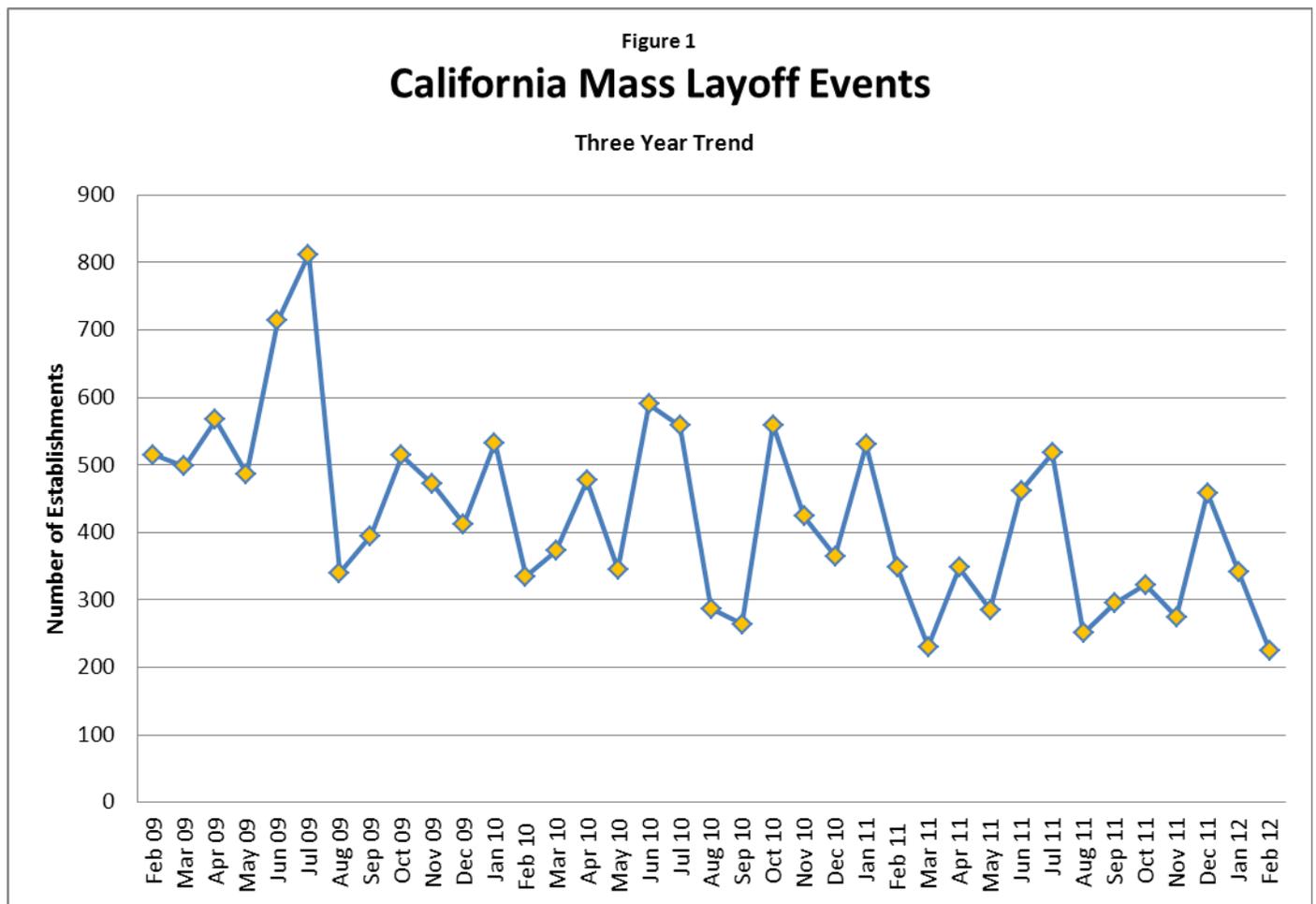
Mass Layoff Statistics Data

February 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.



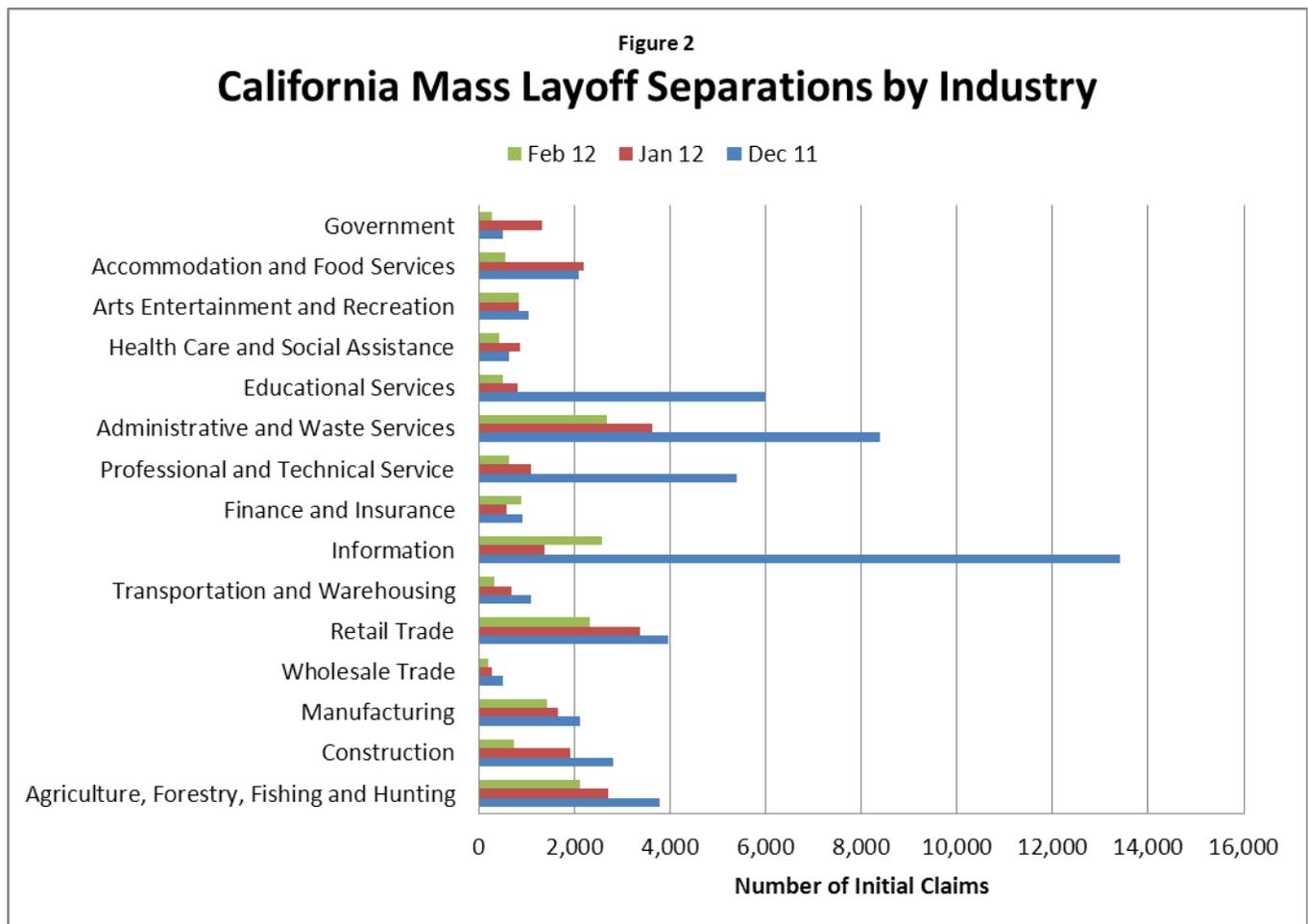
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February 2012 Events

California employers took 225 mass layoff events that resulted in the separation of 16,919 workers, as measured by new filings for unemployment insurance benefits during February 2012. Each event involved at least 35 persons from a single employer. Month-over, California employers took 117 fewer mass layoff events than in January 2012 (342 events) and 6,868 fewer separations (23,787).

Over the year, California employers had 124 fewer mass layoff actions than in February 2011 (349) and 12,850 fewer separations (29,769).

'All Initial Claims' resulted in the separation of 232,299 workers as measured by new filings for unemployment insurance benefits during the month. Over the year, California's 'All Initial Claims' had 49,334 fewer actions than in February 2011 (281,633).



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Analysis

The most notable industry job losses in February 2012 were:

- The administrative and waste services industry with 32 mass layoff events resulting in 2,685 initial claims;
- The information industry with 19 mass layoff events resulting in 2,569 initial claims;
- The retail trade industry with 25 mass layoff events resulting in 2,334 initial claims;
- The agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting industry with 38 mass layoff events resulting in 2,120 initial claims;
- The manufacturing industry with 22 mass layoff events resulting in 1,426 initial claims; and
- The finance and insurance industry with 9 mass layoff events resulting in 876 initial claims.

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

February 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		Jan 2012	Feb 2012	Number	Percent	Jan 2012	Feb 2012	Number	Percent	Jan 2012	Feb 2012	Number	Percent
California Total	NAICS	342	225	-117	-34%	23,787	16,919	-6,868	-41%	263,234	232,299	-30,935	-13%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	11	44	38	-6	-14%	2,711	2,120	-591	-28%	19,504	8,983	-10,521	-117%
Construction	23	30	13	-17	-57%	1,921	722	-1,199	-166%	36,745	14,051	-22,694	-162%
Manufacturing	31-33	26	22	-4	-15%	1,653	1,426	-227	-16%	16,569	9,164	-7,405	-81%
Wholesale Trade	42-43	4	4	0	0%	264	199	-65	-33%	7,881	2,385	-5,496	-230%
Retail Trade	44-45	37	25	-12	-32%	3,373	2,334	-1,039	-45%	22,216	14,104	-8,112	-58%
Transportation and Warehousing	48-49	13	5	-8	-62%	685	313	-372	-119%	8,221	3,662	-4,559	-124%
Information	51	13	19	6	46%	1,382	2,569	1,187	46%	23,045	19,996	-3,049	-15%
Finance and Insurance	52	11	9	-2	-18%	585	876	291	33%	7,376	5,135	-2,241	-44%
Professional and Technical Service	54	19	10	-9	-47%	1,087	637	-450	-71%	18,236	8,544	-9,692	-113%
Administrative and Waste Services	56	49	32	-17	-35%	3,620	2,685	-935	-35%	31,101	18,960	-12,141	-64%
Educational Services	61	18	8	-10	-56%	810	499	-311	-62%	9,111	6,227	-2,884	-46%
Health Care and Social Assistance	62	18	9	-9	-50%	855	431	-424	-98%	13,144	3,773	-9,371	-248%
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	71	11	11	0	0%	829	841	12	1%	6,721	3,463	-3,258	-94%
Accommodation and Food Services	72	31	9	-22	-71%	2,183	555	-1,628	-293%	17,421	6,957	-10,464	-150%
Government	92	11	4	-7	-64%	1,333	284	-1,049	-369%	3,955	1,949	-2,006	-103%
Ownership Not Identified	99	8,131	102,030	93,899	92%

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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 Mass Layoff Statistics (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.

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

- Los Angeles resulting in 65,519 initial claims;
- San Diego resulting in 16,705 initial claims;
- San Bernardino resulting in 13,240 initial claims;
- Orange resulting in 13,033 initial claims;
- Riverside resulting in 12,978 initial claims; and
- Alameda resulting in 8,314 initial claims.

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

AREA	YEAR AGO	MONTH AGO	CURRENT	MONTH-OVER CHANGE		YEAR-OVER CHANGE		RANK BY
	Feb 11	Jan 12	Feb 12	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	All Initial Claims
STATE TOTAL	281,633	263,234	232,299	-30,935	-13%	-49,334	-21%	Feb 12
ALAMEDA	9,907	9,005	8,314	-691	-8%	-1,593	-19%	6
ALPINE	4	10	11	1	9%	7	64%	57
AMADOR	252	242	189	-53	-28%	-63	-33%	48
BUTTE	1,802	1,579	1,341	-238	-18%	-461	-34%	27
CALAVERAS	361	364	319	-45	-14%	-42	-13%	45
COLUSA	262	419	207	-212	-102%	-55	-27%	47
CONTRA COSTA	6,788	5,860	5,544	-316	-6%	-1,244	-22%	10
DEL NORTE	144	206	128	-78	-61%	-16	-13%	52
EL DORADO	1,153	1,265	1,036	-229	-22%	-117	-11%	30
FRESNO	9,788	9,106	7,783	-1,323	-17%	-2,005	-26%	9
GLENN	318	347	268	-79	-29%	-50	-19%	46
HUMBOLDT	1,013	995	738	-257	-35%	-275	-37%	36
IMPERIAL	2,090	2,161	1,970	-191	-10%	-120	-6%	22
INYO	102	126	82	-44	-54%	-20	-24%	54
KERN	7,437	6,366	5,181	-1,185	-23%	-2,256	-44%	11
KINGS	1,222	1,263	1,031	-232	-23%	-191	-19%	31
LAKE	503	492	367	-125	-34%	-136	-37%	42
LASSEN	114	235	122	-113	-93%	8	7%	53
LOS ANGELES	76,897	70,729	65,519	-5,210	-8%	-11,378	-17%	1
MADERA	1,344	1,175	1,008	-167	-17%	-336	-33%	32
MARIN	1,068	1,081	930	-151	-16%	-138	-15%	34
MARIPOSA	164	212	152	-60	-39%	-12	-8%	49
MENDOCINO	632	656	461	-195	-42%	-171	-37%	41
MERCED	2,843	2,887	2,296	-591	-26%	-547	-24%	21
MODOC	54	81	49	-32	-65%	-5	-10%	56
MONO	75	182	141	-41	-29%	66	47%	51
MONTEREY	3,494	4,208	2,658	-1,550	-58%	-836	-31%	20
NAPA	1,022	1,025	780	-245	-31%	-242	-31%	35
NEVADA	565	600	520	-80	-15%	-45	-9%	39
ORANGE	16,078	14,247	13,033	-1,214	-9%	-3,045	-23%	4
PLACER	2,264	2,168	1,832	-336	-18%	-432	-24%	24
PLUMAS	161	231	143	-88	-62%	-18	-13%	50
RIVERSIDE	15,847	14,856	12,978	-1,878	-14%	-2,869	-22%	5
SACRAMENTO	9,957	8,965	7,969	-996	-12%	-1,988	-25%	8
SAN BENITO	699	684	558	-126	-23%	-141	-25%	38
SAN BERNARDINO	14,862	14,741	13,240	-1,501	-11%	-1,622	-12%	3
SAN DIEGO	19,881	18,699	16,705	-1,994	-12%	-3,176	-19%	2
SAN FRANCISCO	5,800	5,149	5,146	-3	0%	-654	-13%	12
SAN JOAQUIN	6,427	6,082	5,078	-1,004	-20%	-1,349	-27%	13
SAN LUIS OBISPO	1,576	1,414	1,242	-172	-14%	-334	-27%	28
SAN MATEO	3,786	3,554	3,249	-305	-9%	-537	-17%	17
SANTA BARBARA	2,411	2,327	1,957	-370	-19%	-454	-23%	23
SANTA CLARA	9,582	8,652	8,080	-572	-7%	-1,502	-19%	7
SANTA CRUZ	2,093	2,380	1,646	-734	-45%	-447	-27%	25
SHASTA	1,955	1,968	1,555	-413	-27%	-400	-26%	26
SIERRA	17	36	11	-25	-227%	-6	-55%	58
SISKIYOU	387	503	330	-173	-52%	-57	-17%	44
SOLANO	3,378	3,211	2,765	-446	-16%	-613	-22%	19
SONOMA	3,678	3,495	2,967	-528	-18%	-711	-24%	18
STANISLAUS	6,002	5,471	4,454	-1,017	-23%	-1,548	-35%	15
SUTTER	1,517	1,101	949	-152	-16%	-568	-60%	33
TEHAMA	677	553	470	-83	-18%	-207	-44%	40
TRINITY	115	111	71	-40	-56%	-44	-62%	55
TULARE	4,560	4,530	3,552	-978	-28%	-1,008	-28%	16
TUOLUMNE	465	451	362	-89	-25%	-103	-28%	43
VENTURA	5,755	5,511	4,600	-911	-20%	-1,155	-25%	14
YOLO	1,344	1,387	1,071	-316	-30%	-273	-25%	29
YUBA	738	732	595	-137	-23%	-143	-24%	37
Unknown locations	8,203	7,148	6,546	-602	-9%	-1,657	-25%

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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.