

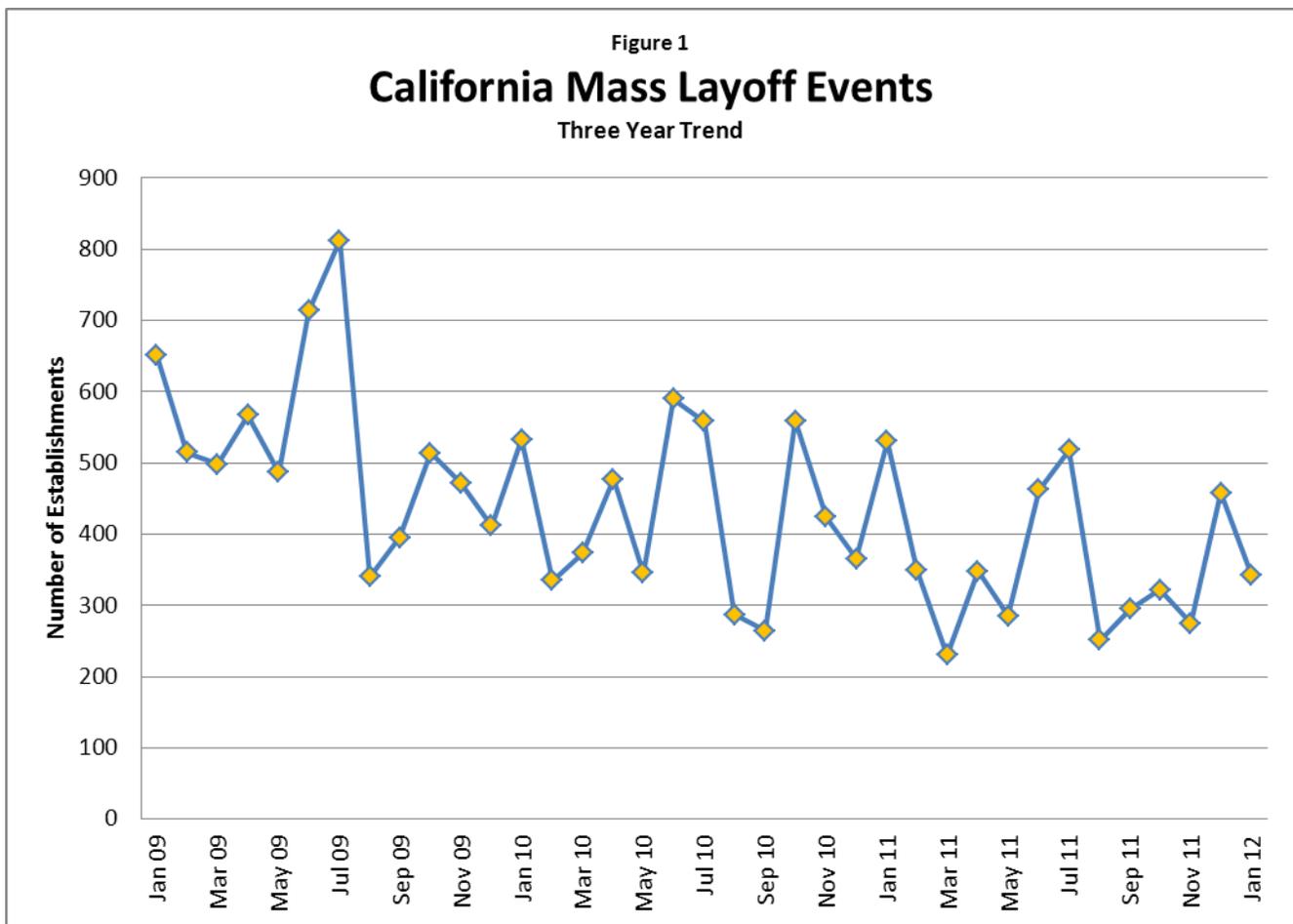
# Mass Layoff Statistics Data

January 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.



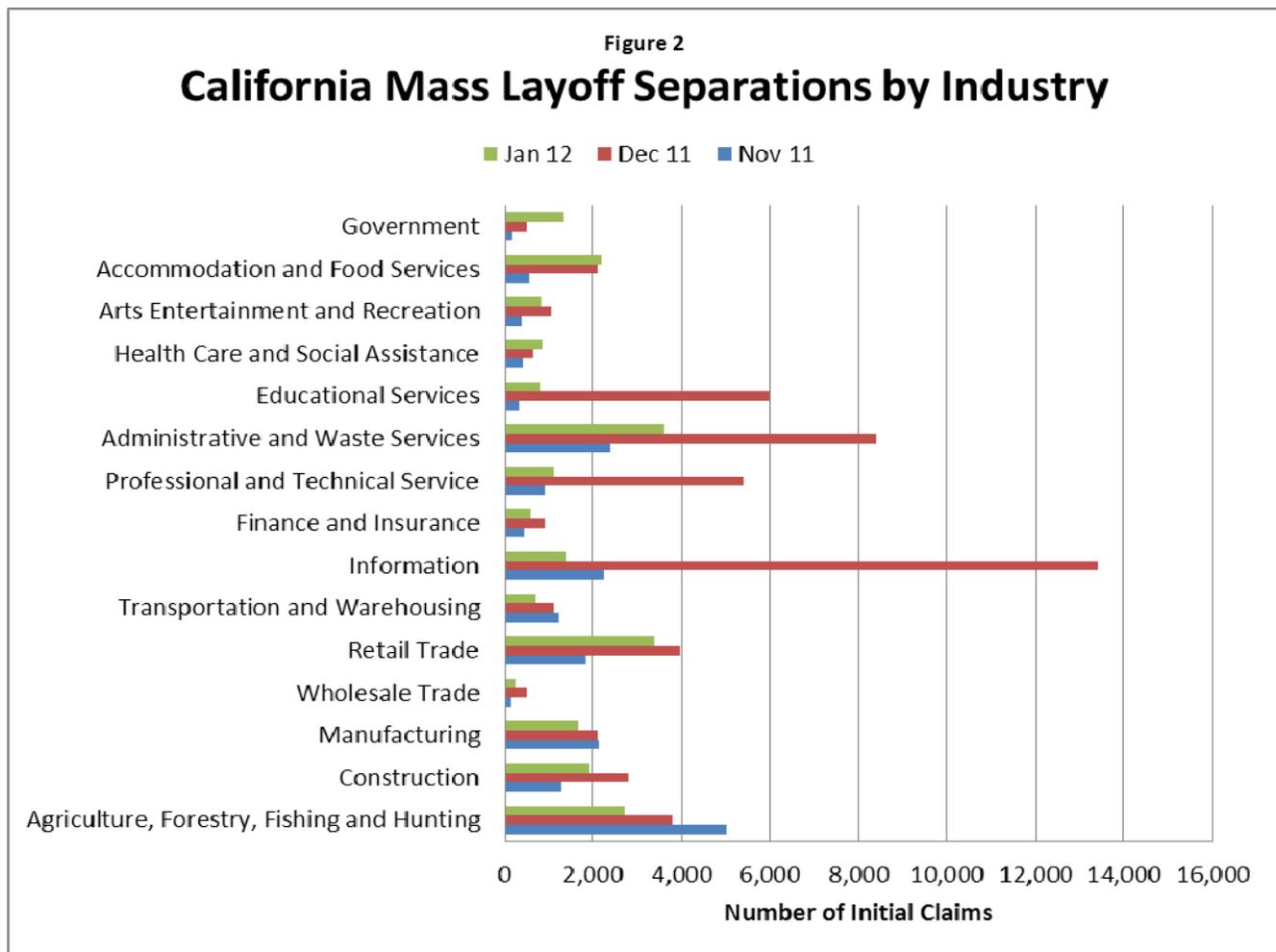
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## January 2012 Events

California employers took 342 mass layoff events that resulted in the separation of 23,787 workers, as measured by new filings for unemployment insurance benefits during January 2012. Each event involved at least 35 persons from a single employer. Month-over, California employers took 116 fewer mass layoff events than in December 2011 (458 events) and 29,244 fewer separations (53,031).

Over the year, California employers had 188 fewer mass layoff actions than in January 2011 (530) and 20,487 fewer separations (44,274).

'All Initial Claims' resulted in the separation of 263,234 workers as measured by new filings for unemployment insurance benefits during the month. Over the year, California's 'All Initial Claims' had 148,717 fewer actions than in January 2011 (411,951).



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## Analysis

The most notable industry job losses in January 2012 were:

- The information industry with 49 mass layoff events resulting in 3,620 initial claims;
- The retail trade industry with 37 mass layoff events resulting in 3,373 initial claims;
- The agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting industry with 44 mass layoff events resulting in 2,711 initial claims;
- The accommodation and food services industry with 31 mass layoff events resulting in 2,183 initial claims;
- The construction industry with 30 mass layoff events resulting in 1,921 initial claims; and
- The manufacturing industry with 26 mass layoff events resulting in 1,653 initial claims.

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

January 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		Dec 2011	Jan 2012	Number	Percent	Dec 2011	Jan 2012	Number	Percent	Dec 2011	Jan 2012	Number	Percent
<b>California Total</b>	<b>NAICS</b>	458	342	-116	-25%	53,031	23,787	-29,244	-123%	327,933	263,234	-64,699	-25%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	<b>11</b>	56	44	-12	-21%	3,779	2,711	-1,068	-39%	27,630	19,504	-8,126	-42%
Construction	<b>23</b>	52	30	-22	-42%	2,799	1,921	-878	-46%	42,869	36,745	-6,124	-17%
Manufacturing	<b>31-33</b>	33	26	-7	-21%	2,106	1,653	-453	-27%	22,125	16,569	-5,556	-34%
Wholesale Trade	<b>42-43</b>	8	4	-4	-50%	496	264	-232	-88%	9,435	7,881	-1,554	-20%
Retail Trade	<b>44-45</b>	38	37	-1	-3%	3,957	3,373	-584	-17%	23,458	22,216	-1,242	-6%
Transportation and Warehousing	<b>48-49</b>	12	13	1	8%	1,095	685	-410	-60%	12,111	8,221	-3,890	-47%
Information	<b>51</b>	33	13	-20	-61%	13,407	1,382	-12,025	-870%	32,563	23,045	-9,518	-41%
Finance and Insurance	<b>52</b>	11	11	0	0%	920	585	-335	-57%	8,101	7,376	-725	-10%
Professional and Technical Services	<b>54</b>	26	19	-7	-27%	5,399	1,087	-4,312	-397%	23,601	18,236	-5,365	-29%
Administrative and Waste Services	<b>56</b>	65	49	-16	-25%	8,396	3,620	-4,776	-132%	36,945	31,101	-5,844	-19%
Educational Services	<b>61</b>	58	18	-40	-69%	5,988	810	-5,178	-639%	17,003	9,111	-7,892	-87%
Health Care and Social Assistance	<b>62</b>	10	18	8	80%	638	855	217	25%	15,865	13,144	-2,721	-21%
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	<b>71</b>	15	11	-4	-27%	1,035	829	-206	-25%	7,791	6,721	-1,070	-16%
Accommodation and Food Services	<b>72</b>	25	31	6	24%	2,086	2,183	97	4%	21,062	17,421	-3,641	-21%
Government	<b>92</b>	6	11	5	83%	499	1,333	834	63%	4,103	3,955	-148	-4%
Ownership Not Identified	<b>99</b>	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,086	8,131	1,045	13%

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

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

- Los Angeles resulting in 70,729 initial claims;
- San Diego resulting in 18,699 initial claims;
- Riverside resulting in 14,856 initial claims;
- San Bernardino resulting in 14,741 initial claims;
- Orange resulting in 14,247 initial claims; and
- Fresno resulting in 9,106 initial claims.

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

AREA	YEAR AGO	MONTH AGO	CURRENT	MONTH-OVER CHANGE		YEAR-OVER CHANGE		RANK BY
	Jan 11	Dec 11	Jan 12	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	All Initial Claims Jan 12
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	411,951	327,933	263,234	-64,699	-25%	-148,717	-56%	Jan 12
ALAMEDA	14,328	10,782	9005	-1,777	-20%	-5,323	-59%	7
ALPINE	11	15	10	-5	-50%	-1	-10%	58
AMADOR	381	286	242	-44	-18%	-139	-57%	48
BUTTE	2,775	2,301	1579	-722	-46%	-1,196	-76%	27
CALAVERAS	599	455	364	-91	-25%	-235	-65%	46
COLUSA	607	639	419	-220	-53%	-188	-45%	45
CONTRA COSTA	9,195	7,020	5860	-1,160	-20%	-3,335	-57%	12
DEL NORTE	278	232	206	-26	-13%	-72	-35%	52
EL DORADO	1,688	1,289	1265	-24	-2%	-423	-33%	30
FRESNO	15,111	11,005	9106	-1,899	-21%	-6,005	-66%	6
GLENN	504	545	347	-198	-57%	-157	-45%	47
HUMBOLDT	1,780	1,170	995	-175	-18%	-785	-79%	36
IMPERIAL	3,213	2,165	2161	-4	0%	-1,052	-49%	25
INYO	138	133	126	-7	-6%	-12	-10%	54
KERN	11,614	9,516	6366	-3,150	-49%	-5,248	-82%	10
KINGS	2,018	1,627	1263	-364	-29%	-755	-60%	31
LAKE	706	609	492	-117	-24%	-214	-43%	43
LASSEN	279	218	235	17	7%	-44	-19%	49
LOS ANGELES	107,997	92,296	70729	-21,567	-30%	-37,268	-53%	1
MADERA	1,965	1,552	1175	-377	-32%	-790	-67%	32
MARIN	1,568	1,147	1081	-66	-6%	-487	-45%	34
MARIPOSA	275	250	212	-38	-18%	-63	-30%	51
MENDOCINO	1,051	723	656	-67	-10%	-395	-60%	39
MERCED	4,677	3,736	2887	-849	-29%	-1,790	-62%	21
MODOC	122	84	81	-3	-4%	-41	-51%	56
MONO	112	205	182	-23	-13%	70	38%	53
MONTEREY	5,931	6,581	4208	-2,373	-56%	-1,723	-41%	17
NAPA	1,545	1,372	1025	-347	-34%	-520	-51%	35
NEVADA	862	643	600	-43	-7%	-262	-44%	40
ORANGE	22,048	16,602	14247	-2,355	-17%	-7,801	-55%	5
PLACER	3,458	2,395	2168	-227	-10%	-1,290	-60%	24
PLUMAS	452	204	231	27	12%	-221	-96%	50
RIVERSIDE	23,564	17,580	14856	-2,724	-18%	-8,708	-59%	3
SACRAMENTO	13,956	10,397	8965	-1,432	-16%	-4,991	-56%	8
SAN BENITO	1,000	798	684	-114	-17%	-316	-46%	38
SAN BERNARDINO	22,669	17,713	14741	-2,972	-20%	-7,928	-54%	4
SAN DIEGO	28,874	21,530	18699	-2,831	-15%	-10,175	-54%	2
SAN FRANCISCO	8,390	6,622	5149	-1,473	-29%	-3,241	-63%	15
SAN JOAQUIN	9,860	7,213	6082	-1,131	-19%	-3,778	-62%	11
SAN LUIS OBISPO	2,343	1,697	1414	-283	-20%	-929	-66%	28
SAN MATEO	5,281	3,994	3554	-440	-12%	-1,727	-49%	18
SANTA BARBARA	3,511	3,120	2327	-793	-34%	-1,184	-51%	23
SANTA CLARA	13,437	10,495	8652	-1,843	-21%	-4,785	-55%	9
SANTA CRUZ	3,433	3,026	2380	-646	-27%	-1,053	-44%	22
SHASTA	3,118	1,976	1968	-8	0%	-1,150	-58%	26
SIERRA	47	25	36	11	31%	-11	-31%	57
SISKIYOU	754	614	503	-111	-22%	-251	-50%	42
SOLANO	4,901	3,543	3211	-332	-10%	-1,690	-53%	20
SONOMA	5,150	4,128	3495	-633	-18%	-1,655	-47%	19
STANISLAUS	9,183	6,866	5471	-1,395	-25%	-3,712	-68%	14
SUTTER	1,895	1,358	1101	-257	-23%	-794	-72%	33
TEHAMA	1,039	761	553	-208	-38%	-486	-88%	41
TRINITY	168	128	111	-17	-15%	-57	-51%	55
TULARE	7,748	7,067	4530	-2,537	-56%	-3,218	-71%	16
TUOLUMNE	712	522	451	-71	-16%	-261	-58%	44
VENTURA	8,739	7,070	5511	-1,559	-28%	-3,228	-59%	13
YOLO	2,132	1,812	1387	-425	-31%	-745	-54%	29
YUBA	1,113	839	732	-107	-15%	-381	-52%	37
Unknown locations	11,646	9,242	7148	-2,094	-29%	-4,498	-63%	....

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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.