

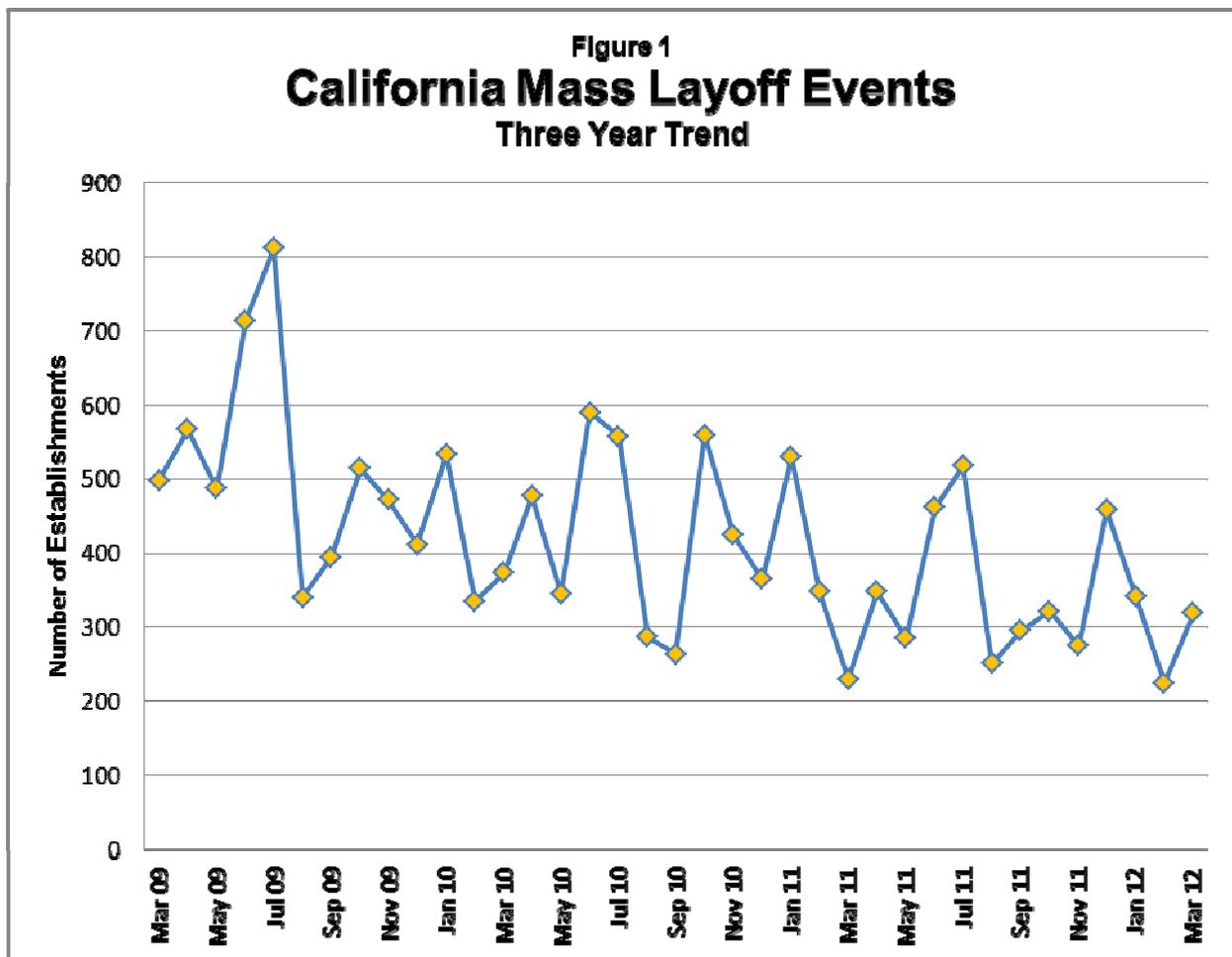
Mass Layoff Statistics Data

March 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.



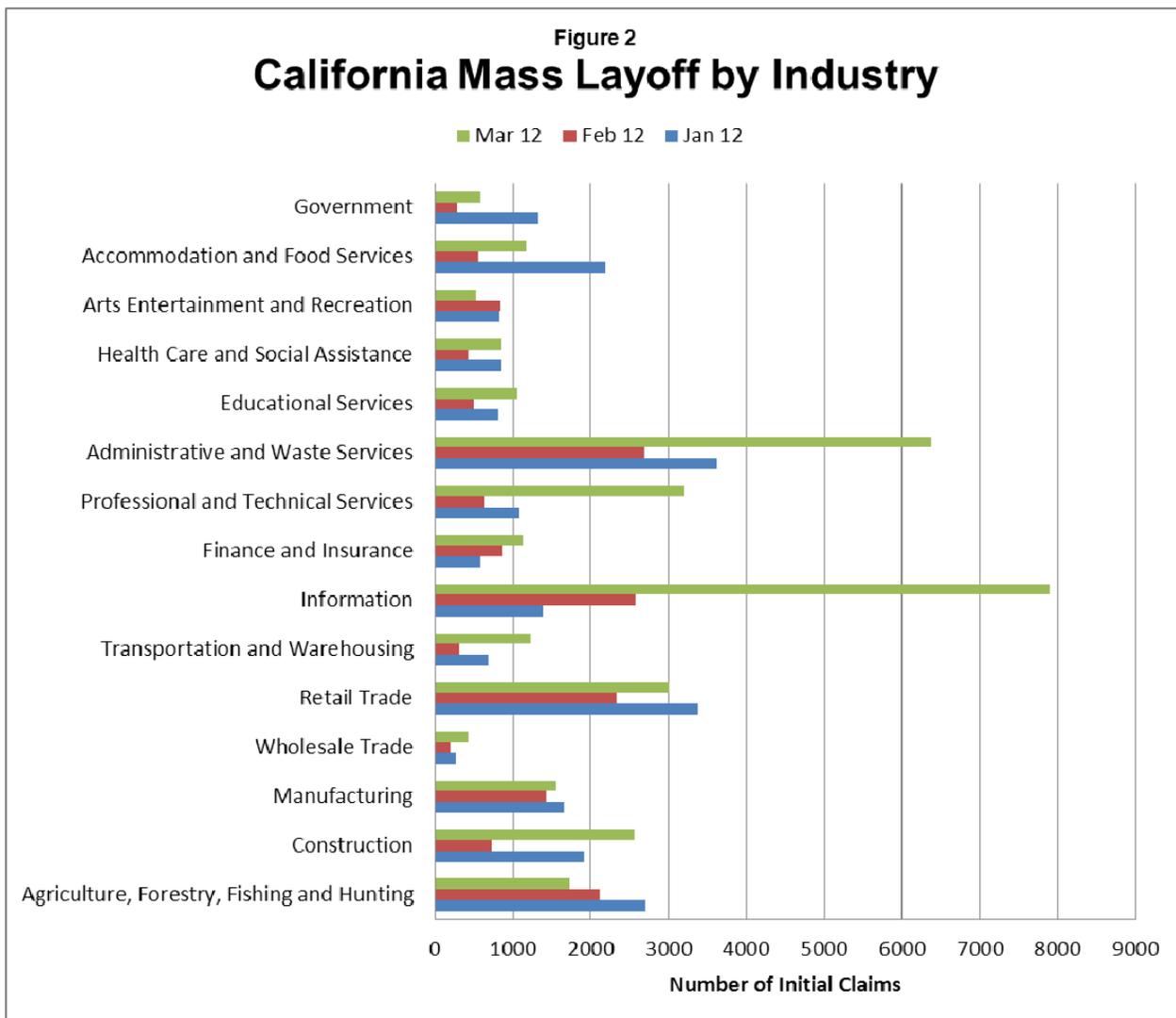
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March 2012 Events

California employers took 319 mass layoff events that resulted in the separation of 33,461 workers, as measured by new filings for unemployment insurance benefits during March 2012. Each event involved at least 35 persons from a single employer. Month-over, California employers took 94 more mass layoff events than in February 2012 (225 events) and 16,542 more separations (16,919).

Over the year, California employers had 89 more mass layoff actions than in March 2011 (230 events) and 15,983 more separations (17,478).

'All Initial Claims' resulted in the separation of 290,830 workers as measured by new filings for unemployment insurance benefits during the month. Over the year, California's 'All Initial Claims' had 29,369 more actions than in March 2011 (261,461).



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Analysis

The most notable industry job losses in March 2012 were:

- The information industry with 32 mass layoff events resulting in 7,896 initial claims;
- The administrative and waste services industry with 51 mass layoff events resulting in 6,370 initial claims;
- The professional and technical services industry with 18 mass layoff events resulting in 3,199 initial claims;
- The retail trade industry with 29 mass layoff events resulting in 3,003 initial claims;
- The construction industry with 43 mass layoff events resulting in 2,563 initial claims; and
- The agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting industry with 29 mass layoff events resulting in 1,726 initial claims.

Mass Layoff Statistics Monthly Report, Table 1 Monthly Change-Over Data by Industry, March 2012 Data Not Seasonally Adjusted													
March 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	Feb 2012	Mar 2012	Number	Percent	Feb 2012	Mar 2012	Number	Percent	Feb 2012	Mar 2012	Number	Percent
California Total		225	319	94	42%	16,919	33,461	16,542	49%	232,299	290,830	58,531	20%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	11	38	29	-9	-24%	2,120	1,726	-394	-23%	8,983	11,139	2,156	19%
Construction	23	13	43	30	231%	722	2,563	1,841	72%	14,051	18,401	4,350	24%
Manufacturing	31-33	22	23	1	5%	1,426	1,559	133	9%	9,164	10,670	1,506	14%
Wholesale Trade	42-43	4	8	4	100%	199	429	230	54%	2,385	3,101	716	23%
Retail Trade	44-45	25	29	4	16%	2,334	3,003	669	22%	14,104	17,133	3,029	18%
Transportation and Warehousing	48-49	5	11	6	120%	313	1,221	908	74%	3,662	4,582	920	20%
Information	51	19	32	13	68%	2,569	7,896	5,327	67%	19,996	24,752	4,756	19%
Finance and Insurance	52	9	17	8	89%	876	1,125	249	22%	5,135	6,685	1,550	23%
Professional and Technical Services	54	10	18	8	80%	637	3,199	2,562	80%	8,544	11,179	2,635	24%
Administrative and Waste Services	56	32	51	19	59%	2,685	6,370	3,685	58%	18,960	25,045	6,085	24%
Educational Services	61	8	9	1	13%	499	1,062	563	53%	6,227	7,219	992	14%
Health Care and Social Assistance	62	9	13	4	44%	431	855	424	50%	3,773	4,842	1,069	22%
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	71	11	8	-3	-27%	841	523	-318	-61%	3,463	3,931	468	12%
Accommodation and Food Services	72	9	15	6	67%	555	1,175	620	53%	6,957	7,658	701	9%
Government	92	4	10	6	150%	284	578	294	51%	1,949	2,314	365	16%
Ownership Not Identified	99	102,030	128,595	26,565	21%

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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 March 2012 were:

- Los Angeles resulting in 82,690 initial claims;
- San Diego resulting in 20,459 initial claims;
- San Bernardino resulting in 17,105 initial claims;
- Riverside resulting in 16,268 initial claims;
- Orange resulting in 15,766 initial claims; and
- Alameda resulting in 10,605 initial claims.

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

AREA	YEAR AGO MONTH AGO		CURRENT	MONTH-OVER CHANGE		YEAR-OVER CHANGE		RANK BY
	Mar 11	Feb 12	Mar 12	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	All Initial Claims Feb 12
STATE TOTAL	261,461	232,299	290,830	58,531	20%	29,369	10%	Feb 12
ALAMEDA	10,035	8,314	10,605	2,291	22%	570	5%	6
ALPINE	2	11	4	-7	-175%	2	50%	58
AMADOR	210	189	272	83	31%	62	23%	48
BUTTE	1,605	1,341	1,685	344	20%	80	5%	27
CALAVERAS	375	319	384	65	17%	9	2%	45
COLUSA	234	207	315	108	34%	81	26%	47
CONTRA COSTA	6,283	5,544	7,183	1,639	23%	900	13%	10
DEL NORTE	184	128	176	48	27%	-8	-5%	51
EL DORADO	1,021	1,036	1,283	247	19%	262	20%	31
FRESNO	8,092	7,783	8,794	1,011	11%	702	8%	9
GLENN	329	268	480	212	44%	151	31%	43
HUMBOLDT	943	738	908	170	19%	-35	-4%	36
IMPERIAL	2,533	1,970	3,711	1,741	47%	1,178	32%	19
INYO	84	82	138	56	41%	54	39%	53
KERN	6,340	5,181	6,377	1,196	19%	37	1%	12
KINGS	1,179	1,031	1,282	251	20%	103	8%	32
LAKE	475	367	552	185	34%	77	14%	41
LASSEN	134	122	182	60	33%	48	26%	50
LOS ANGELES	71,671	65,519	82,690	17,171	21%	11,019	13%	1
MADERA	1,425	1,008	1,564	556	36%	139	9%	28
MARIN	1,069	930	1,169	239	20%	100	9%	33
MARIPOSA	132	152	152	0	0%	20	13%	52
MENDOCINO	611	461	618	157	25%	7	1%	38
MERCED	2,254	2,296	2,464	168	7%	210	9%	22
MODOC	44	49	73	24	33%	29	40%	56
MONO	84	141	262	121	46%	178	68%	49
MONTEREY	3,043	2,658	3,135	477	15%	92	3%	21
NAPA	907	780	1,021	241	24%	114	11%	35
NEVADA	564	520	579	59	10%	15	3%	39
ORANGE	14,890	13,033	15,766	2,733	17%	876	6%	5
PLACER	2,132	1,832	2,203	371	17%	71	3%	24
PLUMAS	136	143	122	-21	-17%	-14	-11%	54
RIVERSIDE	14,452	12,978	16,268	3,290	20%	1,816	11%	4
SACRAMENTO	9,563	7,969	10,297	2,328	23%	734	7%	7
SAN BENITO	570	558	579	21	4%	9	2%	40
SAN BERNARDINO	14,300	13,240	17,105	3,865	23%	2,805	16%	3
SAN DIEGO	18,517	16,705	20,459	3,754	18%	1,942	9%	2
SAN FRANCISCO	5,584	5,146	5,871	725	12%	287	5%	13
SAN JOAQUIN	5,873	5,078	6,698	1,620	24%	825	12%	11
SAN LUIS OBISPO	1,452	1,242	1,554	312	20%	102	7%	29
SAN MATEO	3,757	3,249	4,013	764	19%	256	6%	16
SANTA BARBARA	2,220	1,957	2,292	335	15%	72	3%	23
SANTA CLARA	9,280	8,080	9,471	1,391	15%	191	2%	8
SANTA CRUZ	1,770	1,646	2,028	382	19%	258	13%	25
SHASTA	1,726	1,555	1,908	353	19%	182	10%	26
SIERRA	19	11	22	11	50%	3	14%	57
SISKIYOU	318	330	363	33	9%	45	12%	46
SOLANO	3,218	2,765	3,644	879	24%	426	12%	20
SONOMA	3,484	2,967	3,846	879	23%	362	9%	18
STANISLAUS	5,160	4,454	5,730	1,276	22%	570	10%	15
SUTTER	1,130	949	1,147	198	17%	17	1%	34
TEHAMA	670	470	542	72	13%	-128	-24%	42
TRINITY	100	71	103	32	31%	3	3%	55
TULARE	3,686	3,552	3,911	359	9%	225	6%	17
TUOLUMNE	368	362	420	58	14%	52	12%	44
VENTURA	5,461	4,600	5,835	1,235	21%	374	6%	14
YOLO	1,264	1,071	1,330	259	19%	66	5%	30
YUBA	706	595	726	131	18%	20	3%	37
Unknown locations	7,793	6,546	8,519	1,973	23%	726	9%

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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.