

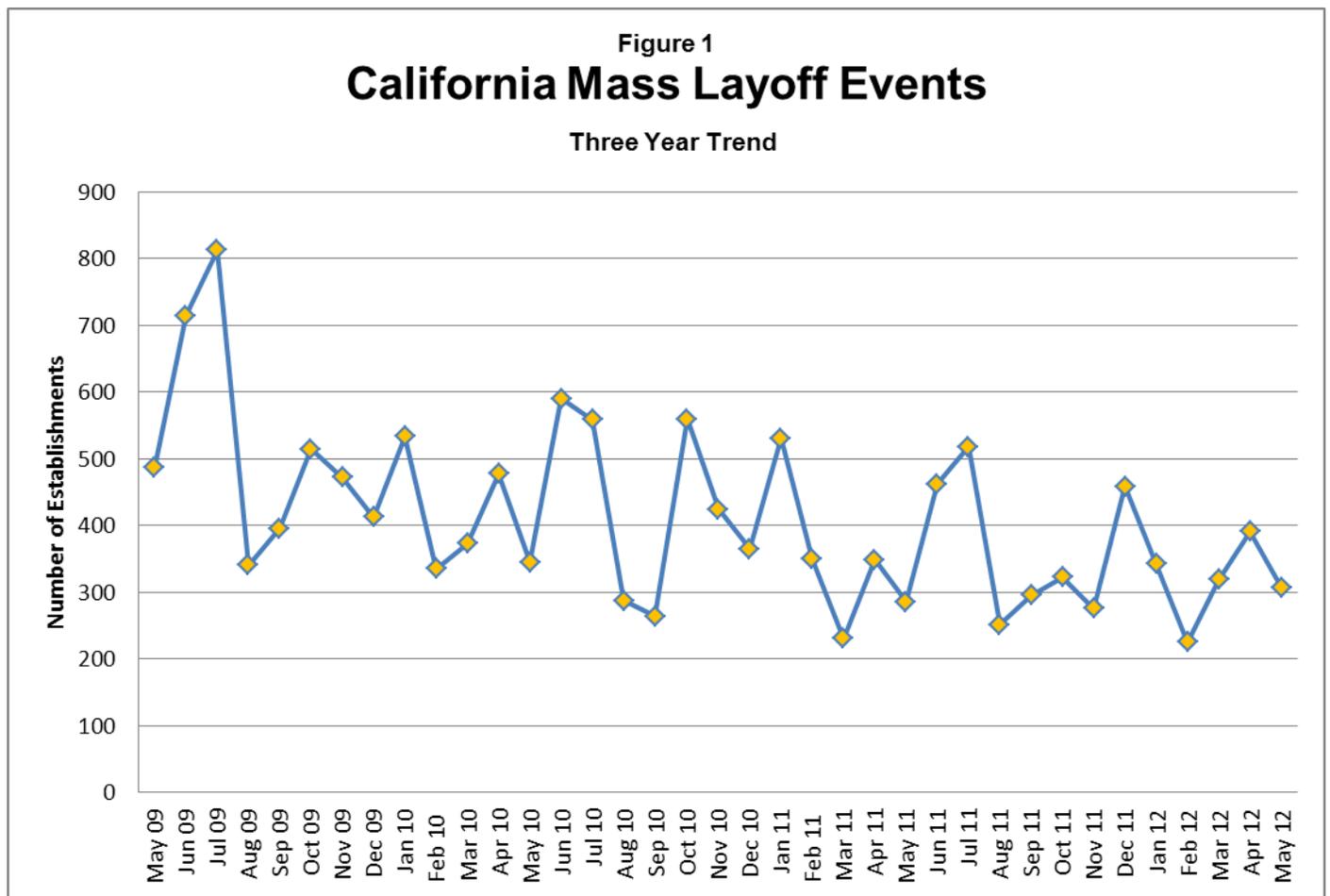
# Mass Layoff Statistics Data

## May 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.



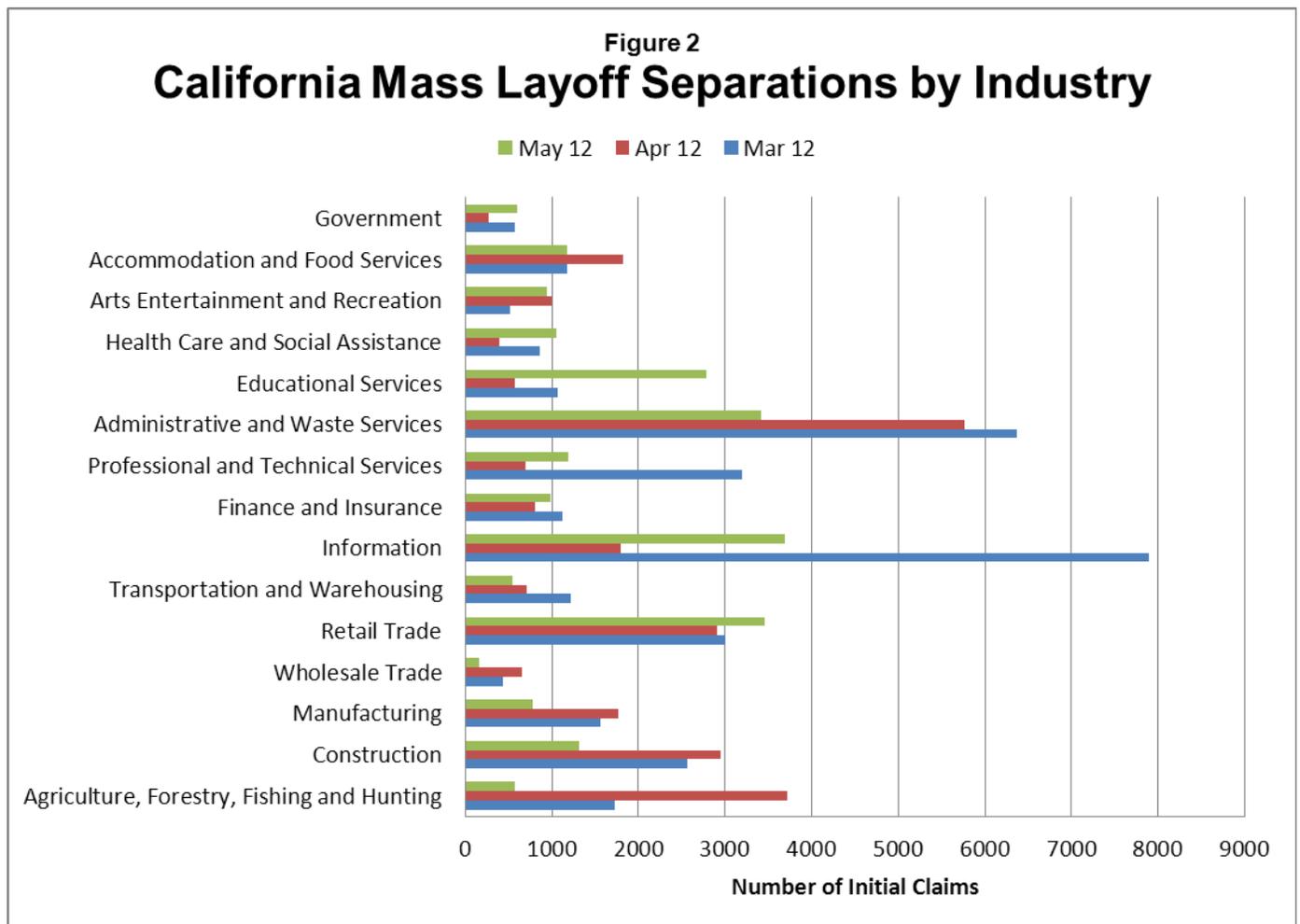
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## May 2012 Events

California employers took 307 mass layoff events that resulted in the separation of 22,995 workers, as measured by new filings for unemployment insurance benefits during May 2012. Each event involved at least 35 persons from a single employer. Month-over, California employers took 84 fewer mass layoff events than in April 2012 (391 events) and 3,380 fewer separations (26,375).

Over the year, California employers had 22 more mass layoff actions than in May 2011 (285 events) and 121 more separations (22,874).

'All Initial Claims' resulted in the separation of 249,467 workers as measured by new filings for unemployment insurance benefits during the month. Over the year, California's 'All Initial Claims' had 56,763 fewer actions than in May 2011 (306,230).



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## Analysis

The most notable industry job losses in May 2012 were:

- The information industry with 20 mass layoff events resulting in 3,696 initial claims;
- The retail trade industry with 30 mass layoff events resulting 3,457 initial claims;
- The administrative and waste services industry with 48 mass layoff events resulting in 3,414 initial claims;
- The educational services industry with 46 mass layoff events resulting in 2,786 initial claims;
- The construction industry with 25 mass layoff events resulting in 1,316 initial claims; and
- The professional and technical services industry with 19 mass layoff events resulting in 1,191 initial claims.

| Mass Layoff Statistics Monthly Report, Table 1<br>Monthly Change-Over Data by Industry, May2012<br>Data Not Seasonally Adjusted |              |                  |          |                   |         |                                |          |                   |         |                    |          |                   |         |
|---|--------------|------------------|----------|-------------------|---------|--------------------------------|----------|-------------------|---------|--------------------|----------|-------------------|---------|
| May 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  |              | Apr 2012         | May 2012 | Number            | Percent | Apr 2012                       | May 2012 | Number            | Percent | Apr 2012           | May 2012 | Number            | Percent |
| <b>California Total</b>   | <b>NAICS</b> | 391              | 307      | -84               | -21%    | 26,375                         | 22,995   | -3,380            | -15%    | 272,246            | 249,467  | -22,779           | -9%     |
| Agriculture, Forestry,<br>Fishing and Hunting   | 11           | 56               | 12       | -44               | -79%    | 3,718                          | 576      | -3,142            | -545%   | 13,416             | 9,309    | -4,107            | -44%    |
| Construction  | 23           | 50               | 25       | -25               | -50%    | 2,950                          | 1,316    | -1,634            | -124%   | 15,880             | 27,240   | 11,360            | 42%     |
| Manufacturing   | 31-33        | 26               | 14       | -12               | -46%    | 1,761                          | 782      | -979              | -125%   | 9,530              | 12,338   | 2,808             | 23%     |
| Wholesale Trade   | 42-43        | 11               | 4        | -7                | -64%    | 657                            | 159      | -498              | -313%   | 2,869              | 5,713    | 2,844             | 50%     |
| Retail Trade  | 44-45        | 34               | 30       | -4                | -12%    | 2,902                          | 3,457    | 555               | 16%     | 15,929             | 20,057   | 4,128             | 21%     |
| Transportation and<br>Warehousing   | 48-49        | 11               | 9        | -2                | -18%    | 713                            | 551      | -162              | -29%    | 5,661              | 5,387    | -274              | -5%     |
| Information   | 51           | 14               | 20       | 6                 | 43%     | 1,798                          | 3,696    | 1,898             | 51%     | 22,572             | 26,447   | 3,875             | 15%     |
| Finance and Insurance   | 52           | 18               | 11       | -7                | -39%    | 808                            | 981      | 173               | 18%     | 6,132              | 7,492    | 1,360             | 18%     |
| Professional and<br>Technical Services  | 54           | 14               | 19       | 5                 | 36%     | 701                            | 1,191    | 490               | 41%     | 11,195             | 16,658   | 5,463             | 33%     |
| Administrative and<br>Waste Services  | 56           | 83               | 48       | -35               | -42%    | 5,761                          | 3,414    | -2,347            | -69%    | 23,955             | 28,370   | 4,415             | 16%     |
| Educational Services  | 61           | 11               | 46       | 35                | 318%    | 566                            | 2,786    | 2,220             | 80%     | 6,549              | 10,890   | 4,341             | 40%     |
| Health Care and Social<br>Assistance  | 62           | 6                | 20       | 14                | 233%    | 399                            | 1,047    | 648               | 62%     | 4,235              | 11,371   | 7,136             | 63%     |
| Arts Entertainment and<br>Recreation  | 71           | 17               | 13       | -4                | -24%    | 1,001                          | 940      | -61               | -6%     | 4,534              | 6,259    | 1,725             | 28%     |
| Accommodation and<br>Food Services  | 72           | 27               | 21       | -6                | -22%    | 1,819                          | 1,177    | -642              | -55%    | 7,226              | 14,192   | 6,966             | 49%     |
| Government  | 92           | 4                | 9        | 5                 | 125%    | 268                            | 605      | 337               | 56%     | 1,852              | 2,729    | 877               | 32%     |
| Ownership Not Identified  | 99           | .....            | .....    | .....             | .....   | .....                          | .....    | .....             | .....   | 117,375            | 33,980   | -83,395           | -245%   |

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- 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 May 2012 were:

- Los Angeles resulting in 74,806 initial claims;
- San Diego resulting in 17,751 initial claims;
- San Bernardino resulting in 15,858 initial claims;
- Riverside resulting in 14,572 initial claims;
- Orange resulting in 14,214 initial claims; and
- Alameda resulting in 8,964 initial claims.

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

| AREA               | YEAR AGO       | MONTH AGO      | CURRENT        | MONTH-OVER CHANGE |            | YEAR-OVER CHANGE |             | RANK BY                      |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|------------|------------------|-------------|------------------------------|
|                    | May 11         | ARP 12         | May 12         | NUMBER            | PERCENT    | NUMBER           | PERCENT     | All Initial Claims<br>May 12 |
| <b>STATE TOTAL</b> | <b>306,230</b> | <b>272,246</b> | <b>249,467</b> | <b>-22,779</b>    | <b>-9%</b> | <b>-56,763</b>   | <b>-23%</b> | <b>May 12</b>                |
| ALAMEDA            | 11,362         | 9,776          | 8,964          | -812              | -9%        | -2,398           | -27%        | 6                            |
| ALPINE             | 19             | 7              | 18             | 11                | 61%        | -1               | -6%         | 58                           |
| AMADOR             | 324            | 201            | 192            | -9                | -5%        | -132             | -69%        | 49                           |
| BUTTE              | 1,992          | 1,567          | 1,498          | -69               | -5%        | -494             | -33%        | 26                           |
| CALAVERAS          | 394            | 417            | 335            | -82               | -24%       | -59              | -18%        | 44                           |
| COLUSA             | 255            | 380            | 226            | -154              | -68%       | -29              | -13%        | 48                           |
| CONTRA COSTA       | 7,370          | 6,888          | 5,801          | -1,087            | -19%       | -1,569           | -27%        | 10                           |
| DEL NORTE          | 165            | 208            | 158            | -50               | -32%       | -7               | -4%         | 50                           |
| EL DORADO          | 1,551          | 1,400          | 1,267          | -133              | -10%       | -284             | -22%        | 29                           |
| FRESNO             | 8,009          | 7,758          | 6,870          | -888              | -13%       | -1,139           | -17%        | 9                            |
| GLENN              | 368            | 380            | 232            | -148              | -64%       | -136             | -59%        | 47                           |
| HUMBOLDT           | 1,147          | 822            | 888            | 66                | 7%         | -259             | -29%        | 35                           |
| IMPERIAL           | 2,576          | 6,077          | 2,480          | -3,597            | -145%      | -96              | -4%         | 20                           |
| INYO               | 123            | 129            | 95             | -34               | -36%       | -28              | -29%        | 53                           |
| KERN               | 6,907          | 6,050          | 4,792          | -1,258            | -26%       | -2,115           | -44%        | 14                           |
| KINGS              | 1,074          | 1,170          | 912            | -258              | -28%       | -162             | -18%        | 34                           |
| LAKE               | 514            | 521            | 419            | -102              | -24%       | -95              | -23%        | 42                           |
| LASSEN             | 153            | 144            | 91             | -53               | -58%       | -62              | -68%        | 54                           |
| LOS ANGELES        | 88,464         | 76,791         | 74,806         | -1,985            | -3%        | -13,658          | -18%        | 1                            |
| MADERA             | 1,124          | 1,008          | 915            | -93               | -10%       | -209             | -23%        | 33                           |
| MARIN              | 1,207          | 1,091          | 944            | -147              | -16%       | -263             | -28%        | 31                           |
| MARIPOSA           | 133            | 131            | 112            | -19               | -17%       | -21              | -19%        | 52                           |
| MENDOCINO          | 590            | 529            | 507            | -22               | -4%        | -83              | -16%        | 39                           |
| MERCED             | 2,377          | 2,417          | 2,031          | -386              | -19%       | -346             | -17%        | 23                           |
| MODOC              | 54             | 55             | 28             | -27               | -96%       | -26              | -93%        | 56                           |
| MONO               | 379            | 352            | 421            | 69                | 16%        | 42               | 10%         | 41                           |
| MONTEREY           | 2,771          | 2,968          | 2,240          | -728              | -33%       | -531             | -24%        | 21                           |
| NAPA               | 766            | 845            | 649            | -196              | -30%       | -117             | -18%        | 37                           |
| NEVADA             | 882            | 861            | 740            | -121              | -16%       | -142             | -19%        | 36                           |
| ORANGE             | 17,960         | 14,913         | 14,214         | -699              | -5%        | -3,746           | -26%        | 5                            |
| PLACER             | 2,707          | 2,221          | 2,063          | -158              | -8%        | -644             | -31%        | 22                           |
| PLUMAS             | 166            | 135            | 114            | -21               | -18%       | -52              | -46%        | 51                           |
| RIVERSIDE          | 17,938         | 14,834         | 14,572         | -262              | -2%        | -3,366           | -23%        | 4                            |
| SACRAMENTO         | 11,197         | 9,281          | 8,537          | -744              | -9%        | -2,660           | -31%        | 7                            |
| SAN BENITO         | 522            | 595            | 400            | -195              | -49%       | -122             | -31%        | 43                           |
| SAN BERNARDINO     | 17,557         | 16,487         | 15,858         | -629              | -4%        | -1,699           | -11%        | 3                            |
| SAN DIEGO          | 22,022         | 18,382         | 17,751         | -631              | -4%        | -4,271           | -24%        | 2                            |
| SAN FRANCISCO      | 6,712          | 5,408          | 5,295          | -113              | -2%        | -1,417           | -27%        | 11                           |
| SAN JOAQUIN        | 6,280          | 5,928          | 5,052          | -876              | -17%       | -1,228           | -24%        | 13                           |
| SAN LUIS OBISPO    | 1,713          | 1,350          | 1,280          | -70               | -5%        | -433             | -34%        | 28                           |
| SAN MATEO          | 4,498          | 3,659          | 3,286          | -373              | -11%       | -1,212           | -37%        | 17                           |
| SANTA BARBARA      | 2,352          | 2,100          | 1,898          | -202              | -11%       | -454             | -24%        | 24                           |
| SANTA CLARA        | 10,151         | 8,943          | 7,950          | -993              | -12%       | -2,201           | -28%        | 8                            |
| SANTA CRUZ         | 1,841          | 1,658          | 1,353          | -305              | -23%       | -488             | -36%        | 27                           |
| SHASTA             | 1,867          | 1,697          | 1,539          | -158              | -10%       | -328             | -21%        | 25                           |
| SIERRA             | 27             | 31             | 22             | -9                | -41%       | -5               | -23%        | 57                           |
| SISKIYOU           | 411            | 370            | 302            | -68               | -23%       | -109             | -36%        | 45                           |
| SOLANO             | 3,596          | 3,211          | 2,778          | -433              | -16%       | -818             | -29%        | 18                           |
| SONOMA             | 3,785          | 3,365          | 2,637          | -728              | -28%       | -1,148           | -44%        | 19                           |
| STANISLAUS         | 5,514          | 5,523          | 4,707          | -816              | -17%       | -807             | -17%        | 15                           |
| SUTTER             | 1,173          | 1,248          | 918            | -330              | -36%       | -255             | -28%        | 32                           |
| TEHAMA             | 576            | 559            | 422            | -137              | -32%       | -154             | -36%        | 40                           |
| TRINITY            | 95             | 81             | 80             | -1                | -1%        | -15              | -19%        | 55                           |
| TULARE             | 4,094          | 3,893          | 3,501          | -392              | -11%       | -593             | -17%        | 16                           |
| TUOLUMNE           | 427            | 434            | 300            | -134              | -45%       | -127             | -42%        | 46                           |
| VENTURA            | 9,459          | 5,110          | 5,101          | -9                | 0%         | -4,358           | -85%        | 12                           |
| YOLO               | 6,465          | 1,252          | 1,081          | -171              | -16%       | -5,384           | -498%       | 30                           |
| YUBA               | 1,281          | 647            | 595            | -52               | -9%        | -686             | -115%       | 38                           |
| Unknown location   | 794            | 7,988          | 7,230          | -758              | -10%       | 6,436            | 89%         | ....                         |

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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.