

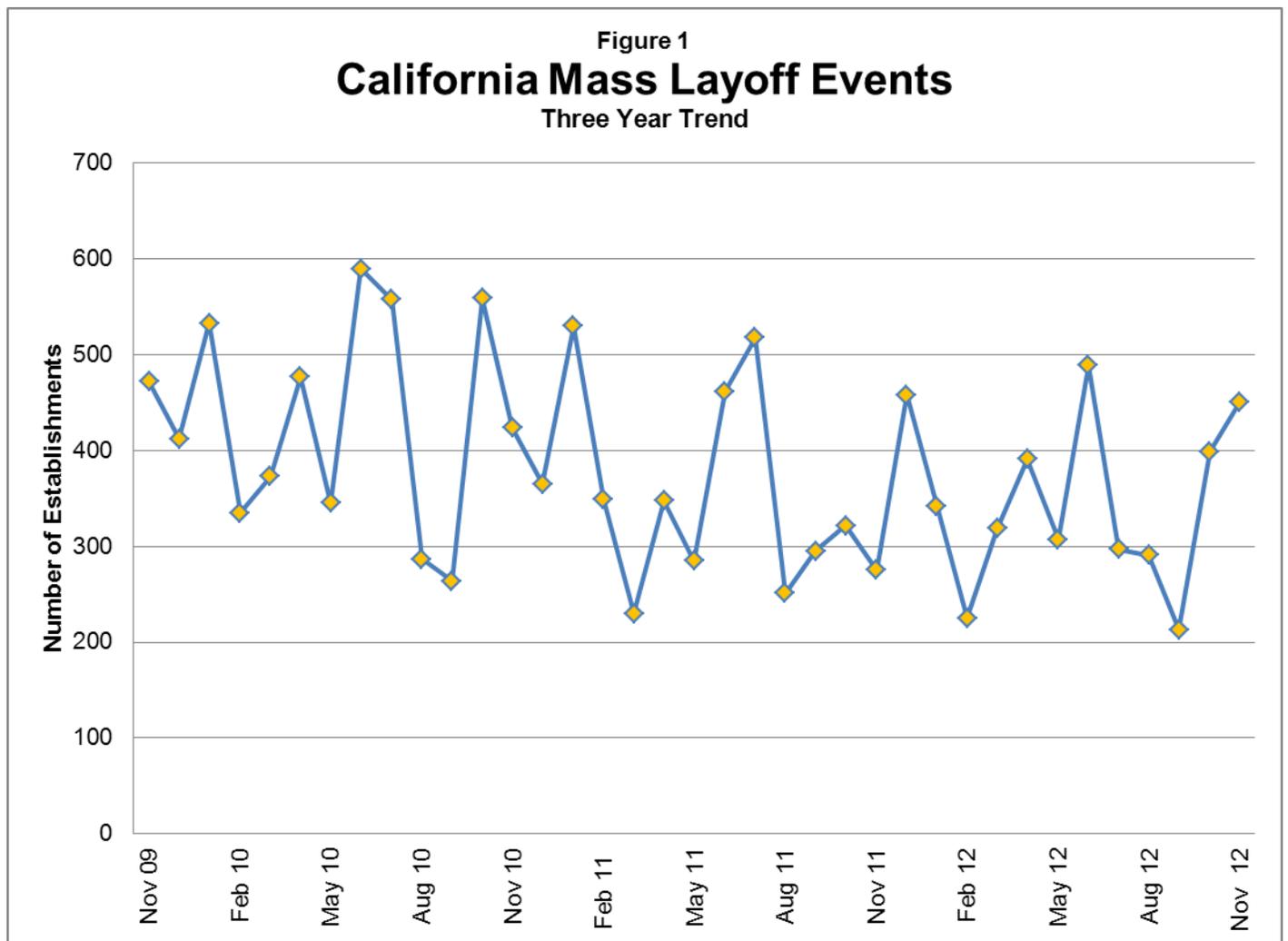
# Mass Layoff Statistics Data

## November 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.



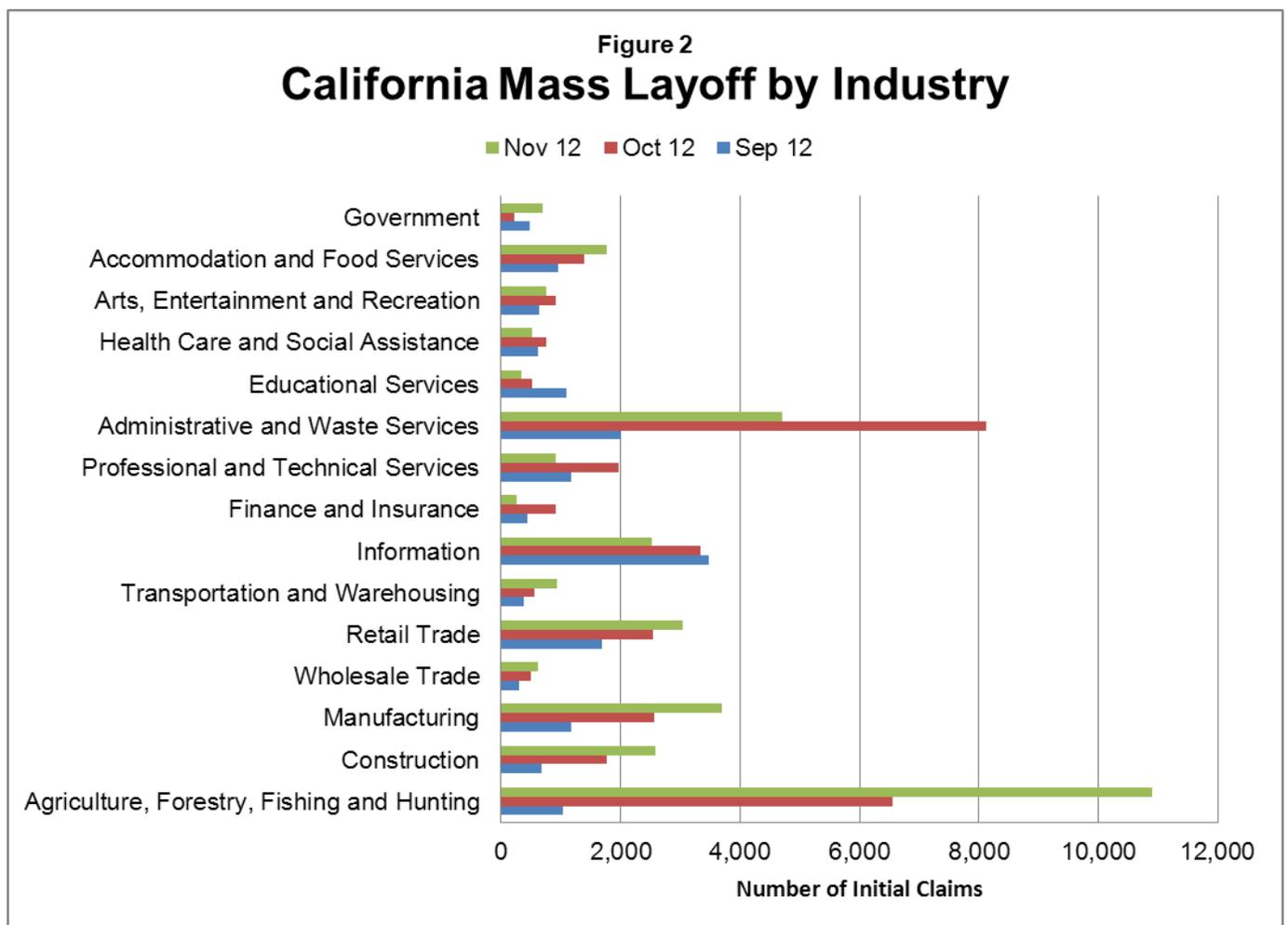
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## November 2012 Events

California employers took 451 mass layoff events that resulted in the separation of 34,672 workers, as measured by new filings for unemployment insurance benefits during November 2012. Each event involved at least 35 persons from a single employer. Month-over, California employers took 52 more mass layoff events than in October 2012 (399 events) and 1,447 more separations (33,225).

Over the year, California employers had 176 more mass layoff actions than in November 2011 (275 events) and 14,995 more separations (19,677). \*

'All Initial Claims' resulted in the separation of 291,335 workers as measured by new filings for unemployment insurance benefits during the month. Over the year, California's 'All Initial Claims' had 73,982 more actions than in November 2011 (217,353).



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\*Monthly collection exceptions: The MLS program process unemployment claims weekly as defined by BLS National Office. Some months will contain 4 weeks of data and others will contain 5 weeks depending on the day of the week they fall, and the number of weeks in a given month may be different from year to year. November 2012 was a 5 week collection period while November 2011 was a 4 week collection period. Additional information can be found at the [BLS website](#).

## Analysis

The most notable industry job losses in November 2012 were:

- The agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting industry with 145 mass layoff events resulting in 10,913 initial claims;
- The administrative and waste services industry with 64 mass layoff events resulting in 4,706 initial claims;
- The manufacturing industry with 38 mass layoff events resulting in 3,691 initial claims;
- The retail trade industry with 33 mass layoff events resulting in 3,038 initial claims;
- The construction industry with 42 mass layoff events resulting in 2,591 initial claims; and
- The information industry with 18 mass layoff events resulting in 2,528 initial claims.

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

| November 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                                   |              | Oct 2012         | Nov 2012 | Number            | Percent | Oct 2012                       | Nov 2012 | Number            | Percent | Oct 2012           | Nov 2012 | Number            | Percent |
| <b>California Total</b>                    | <b>NAICS</b> | 399              | 451      | 52                | 12%     | 33,225                         | 34,672   | 1,447             | 4%      | 248,406            | 291,335  | 42,929            | 15%     |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting | 11           | 102              | 145      | 43                | 30%     | 6,546                          | 10,913   | 4,367             | 40%     | 22,646             | 38,540   | 15,894            | 41%     |
| Construction                               | 23           | 33               | 42       | 9                 | 21%     | 1,779                          | 2,591    | 812               | 31%     | 29,481             | 35,753   | 6,272             | 18%     |
| Manufacturing                              | 31-33        | 32               | 38       | 6                 | 16%     | 2,561                          | 3,691    | 1,130             | 31%     | 16,961             | 19,841   | 2,880             | 15%     |
| Wholesale Trade                            | 42-43        | 10               | 8        | -2                | -25%    | 493                            | 616      | 123               | 20%     | 7,334              | 8,058    | 724               | 9%      |
| Retail Trade                               | 44-45        | 25               | 33       | 8                 | 24%     | 2,552                          | 3,038    | 486               | 16%     | 19,476             | 20,031   | 555               | 3%      |
| Transportation and Warehousing             | 48-49        | 8                | 14       | 6                 | 43%     | 550                            | 939      | 389               | 41%     | 5,653              | 8,611    | 2,958             | 34%     |
| Information                                | 51           | 19               | 18       | -1                | -6%     | 3,338                          | 2,528    | -810              | -32%    | 20,282             | 23,534   | 3,252             | 14%     |
| Finance and Insurance                      | 52           | 16               | 4        | -12               | -300%   | 917                            | 263      | -654              | -249%   | 5,965              | 6,655    | 690               | 10%     |
| Professional and Technical Services        | 54           | 23               | 15       | -8                | -53%    | 1,967                          | 907      | -1,060            | -117%   | 17,163             | 18,671   | 1,508             | 8%      |
| Administrative and Waste Services          | 56           | 59               | 64       | 5                 | 8%      | 8,119                          | 4,706    | -3,413            | -73%    | 31,572             | 33,997   | 2,425             | 7%      |
| Educational Services                       | 61           | 10               | 6        | -4                | -67%    | 520                            | 345      | -175              | -51%    | 9,009              | 8,679    | -330              | -4%     |
| Health Care and Social Assistance          | 62           | 16               | 10       | -6                | -60%    | 760                            | 517      | -243              | -47%    | 13,538             | 13,734   | 196               | 1%      |
| Arts, Entertainment and Recreation         | 71           | 11               | 9        | -2                | -22%    | 908                            | 761      | -147              | -19%    | 6,416              | 7,354    | 938               | 13%     |
| Accommodation and Food Services            | 72           | 20               | 26       | 6                 | 23%     | 1,391                          | 1,775    | 384               | 22%     | 15,490             | 17,193   | 1,703             | 10%     |
| Government                                 | 92           | 4                | 11       | 7                 | 64%     | 219                            | 700      | 481               | 69%     | 3,077              | 3,739    | 662               | 18%     |
| Ownership Not Identified                   | 99           | ....             | ....     | ....              | ....    | ....                           | ....     | ....              | ....    | 10,939             | 12,138   | 1,199             | 10%     |

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

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

- Los Angeles resulting in 71,950 initial claims;
- San Diego resulting in 17,850 initial claims;
- San Bernardino resulting in 15,438 initial claims;
- Riverside resulting in 14,859 initial claims;
- Orange resulting in 13,978 initial claims; and
- Fresno resulting in 11,556 initial claims.

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

| AREA               | YEAR AGO       | MONTH AGO      | CURRENT        | MONTH-OVER CHANGE |            | YEAR-OVER CHANGE |            | RANK BY            |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|------------|------------------|------------|--------------------|
|                    | Nov 11         | Oct 12         | Nov 12         | NUMBER            | PERCENT    | NUMBER           | PERCENT    | All Initial Claims |
| <b>STATE TOTAL</b> | <b>217,353</b> | <b>248,406</b> | <b>291,335</b> | <b>42,929</b>     | <b>15%</b> | <b>73,982</b>    | <b>25%</b> | <b>Nov 12</b>      |
| ALAMEDA            | 6,952          | 8,353          | 9,465          | 1,112             | 12%        | 2,513            | 27%        | 8                  |
| ALPINE             | 9              | 10             | 7              | -3                | -43%       | -2               | -29%       | 58                 |
| AMADOR             | 199            | 166            | 268            | 102               | 38%        | 69               | 26%        | 49                 |
| BUTTE              | 1,494          | 1,369          | 2,026          | 657               | 32%        | 532              | 26%        | 27                 |
| CALAVERAS          | 284            | 293            | 348            | 55                | 16%        | 64               | 18%        | 47                 |
| COLUSA             | 546            | 374            | 748            | 374               | 50%        | 202              | 27%        | 39                 |
| CONTRA COSTA       | 4,606          | 5,407          | 6,339          | 932               | 15%        | 1,733            | 27%        | 15                 |
| DEL NORTE          | 197            | 192            | 239            | 47                | 20%        | 42               | 18%        | 51                 |
| EL DORADO          | 951            | 1,070          | 1,293          | 223               | 17%        | 342              | 26%        | 34                 |
| FRESNO             | 7,611          | 10,880         | 11,556         | 676               | 6%         | 3,945            | 34%        | 6                  |
| GLENN              | 371            | 193            | 393            | 200               | 51%        | 22               | 6%         | 46                 |
| HUMBOLDT           | 745            | 695            | 1,013          | 318               | 31%        | 268              | 26%        | 35                 |
| IMPERIAL           | 1,593          | 3,124          | 2,191          | -933              | -43%       | 598              | 27%        | 25                 |
| INYO               | 89             | 153            | 136            | -17               | -13%       | 47               | 35%        | 54                 |
| KERN               | 6,421          | 6,521          | 9,838          | 3,317             | 34%        | 3,417            | 35%        | 7                  |
| KINGS              | 1,007          | 1,584          | 1,644          | 60                | 4%         | 637              | 39%        | 30                 |
| LAKE               | 523            | 450            | 694            | 244               | 35%        | 171              | 25%        | 41                 |
| LASSEN             | 139            | 115            | 207            | 92                | 44%        | 68               | 33%        | 53                 |
| LOS ANGELES        | 56,948         | 66,422         | 71,950         | 5,528             | 8%         | 15,002           | 21%        | 1                  |
| MADERA             | 1,282          | 1,379          | 1,856          | 477               | 26%        | 574              | 31%        | 28                 |
| MARIN              | 789            | 847            | 931            | 84                | 9%         | 142              | 15%        | 36                 |
| MARIPOSA           | 140            | 123            | 214            | 91                | 43%        | 74               | 35%        | 52                 |
| MENDOCINO          | 576            | 419            | 762            | 343               | 45%        | 186              | 24%        | 38                 |
| MERCED             | 2,634          | 2,640          | 4,092          | 1,452             | 35%        | 1,458            | 36%        | 18                 |
| MODOC              | 75             | 47             | 90             | 43                | 48%        | 15               | 17%        | 56                 |
| MONO               | 183            | 227            | 252            | 25                | 10%        | 69               | 27%        | 50                 |
| MONTEREY           | 5,154          | 2,691          | 8,538          | 5,847             | 68%        | 3,384            | 40%        | 11                 |
| NAPA               | 1,021          | 544            | 1,330          | 786               | 59%        | 309              | 23%        | 33                 |
| NEVADA             | 620            | 587            | 702            | 115               | 16%        | 82               | 12%        | 40                 |
| ORANGE             | 11,234         | 13,494         | 13,978         | 484               | 3%         | 2,744            | 20%        | 5                  |
| PLACER             | 1,619          | 1,854          | 2,293          | 439               | 19%        | 674              | 29%        | 24                 |
| PLUMAS             | 190            | 158            | 276            | 118               | 43%        | 86               | 31%        | 48                 |
| RIVERSIDE          | 11,971         | 14,121         | 14,859         | 738               | 5%         | 2,888            | 19%        | 4                  |
| SACRAMENTO         | 6,887          | 7,892          | 9,359          | 1,467             | 16%        | 2,472            | 26%        | 9                  |
| SAN BENITO         | 527            | 590            | 669            | 79                | 12%        | 142              | 21%        | 42                 |
| SAN BERNARDINO     | 11,259         | 14,177         | 15,438         | 1,261             | 8%         | 4,179            | 27%        | 3                  |
| SAN DIEGO          | 14,762         | 18,331         | 17,850         | -481              | -3%        | 3,088            | 17%        | 2                  |
| SAN FRANCISCO      | 4,009          | 4,644          | 5,512          | 868               | 16%        | 1,503            | 27%        | 17                 |
| SAN JOAQUIN        | 5,300          | 6,227          | 8,489          | 2,262             | 27%        | 3,189            | 38%        | 12                 |
| SAN LUIS OBISPO    | 1,048          | 1,132          | 1,354          | 222               | 16%        | 306              | 23%        | 32                 |
| SAN MATEO          | 2,640          | 3,078          | 3,462          | 384               | 11%        | 822              | 24%        | 21                 |
| SANTA BARBARA      | 2,010          | 2,030          | 3,228          | 1,198             | 37%        | 1,218            | 38%        | 23                 |
| SANTA CLARA        | 7,302          | 7,922          | 8,903          | 981               | 11%        | 1,601            | 18%        | 10                 |
| SANTA CRUZ         | 2,488          | 1,781          | 3,555          | 1,774             | 50%        | 1,067            | 30%        | 19                 |
| SHASTA             | 1,264          | 1,505          | 2,083          | 578               | 28%        | 819              | 39%        | 26                 |
| SIERRA             | 26             | 24             | 44             | 20                | 45%        | 18               | 41%        | 57                 |
| SISKIYOU           | 526            | 364            | 662            | 298               | 45%        | 136              | 21%        | 43                 |
| SOLANO             | 2,488          | 2,590          | 3,491          | 901               | 26%        | 1,003            | 29%        | 20                 |
| SONOMA             | 2,515          | 2,295          | 3,462          | 1,167             | 34%        | 947              | 27%        | 22                 |
| STANISLAUS         | 4,589          | 5,588          | 6,826          | 1,238             | 18%        | 2,237            | 33%        | 13                 |
| SUTTER             | 1,160          | 1,067          | 1,756          | 689               | 39%        | 596              | 34%        | 29                 |
| TEHAMA             | 552            | 331            | 631            | 300               | 48%        | 79               | 13%        | 44                 |
| TRINITY            | 84             | 60             | 93             | 33                | 35%        | 9                | 10%        | 55                 |
| TULARE             | 4,492          | 5,118          | 6,719          | 1,601             | 24%        | 2,227            | 33%        | 14                 |
| TUOLUMNE           | 329            | 371            | 464            | 93                | 20%        | 135              | 29%        | 45                 |
| VENTURA            | 4,733          | 5,674          | 8,086          | 2,412             | 30%        | 3,353            | 41%        | 16                 |
| YOLO               | 1,263          | 1,325          | 6,159          | 4,834             | 78%        | 4,896            | 79%        | 31                 |
| YUBA               | 541            | 604            | 1,636          | 1,032             | 63%        | 1,095            | 67%        | 37                 |
| Unknown locations  | 6,386          | 7,184          | 876            | -6,308            | -720%      | -5,510           | -629%      | ...                |

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**Terms Defined:**

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**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](#).

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