

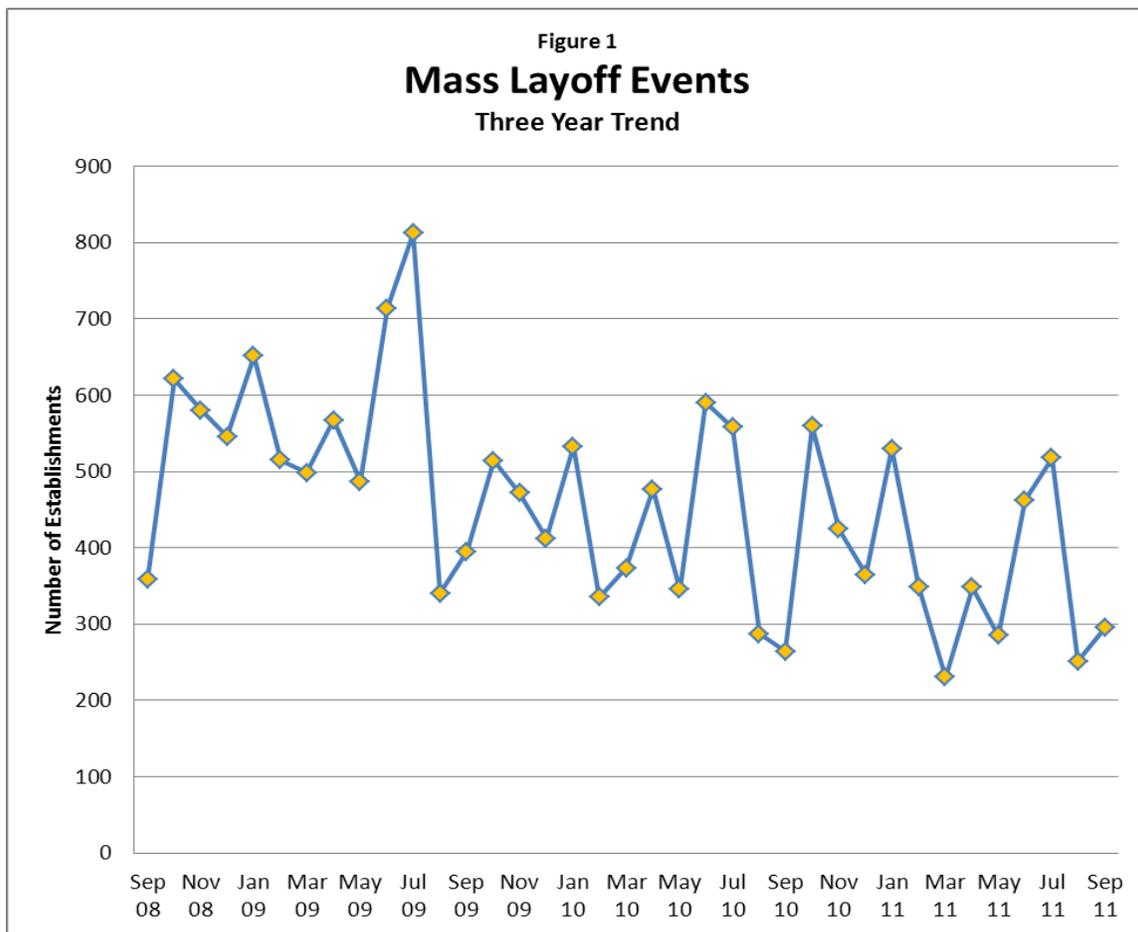
Mass Layoff Statistics Data

September 2011

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.



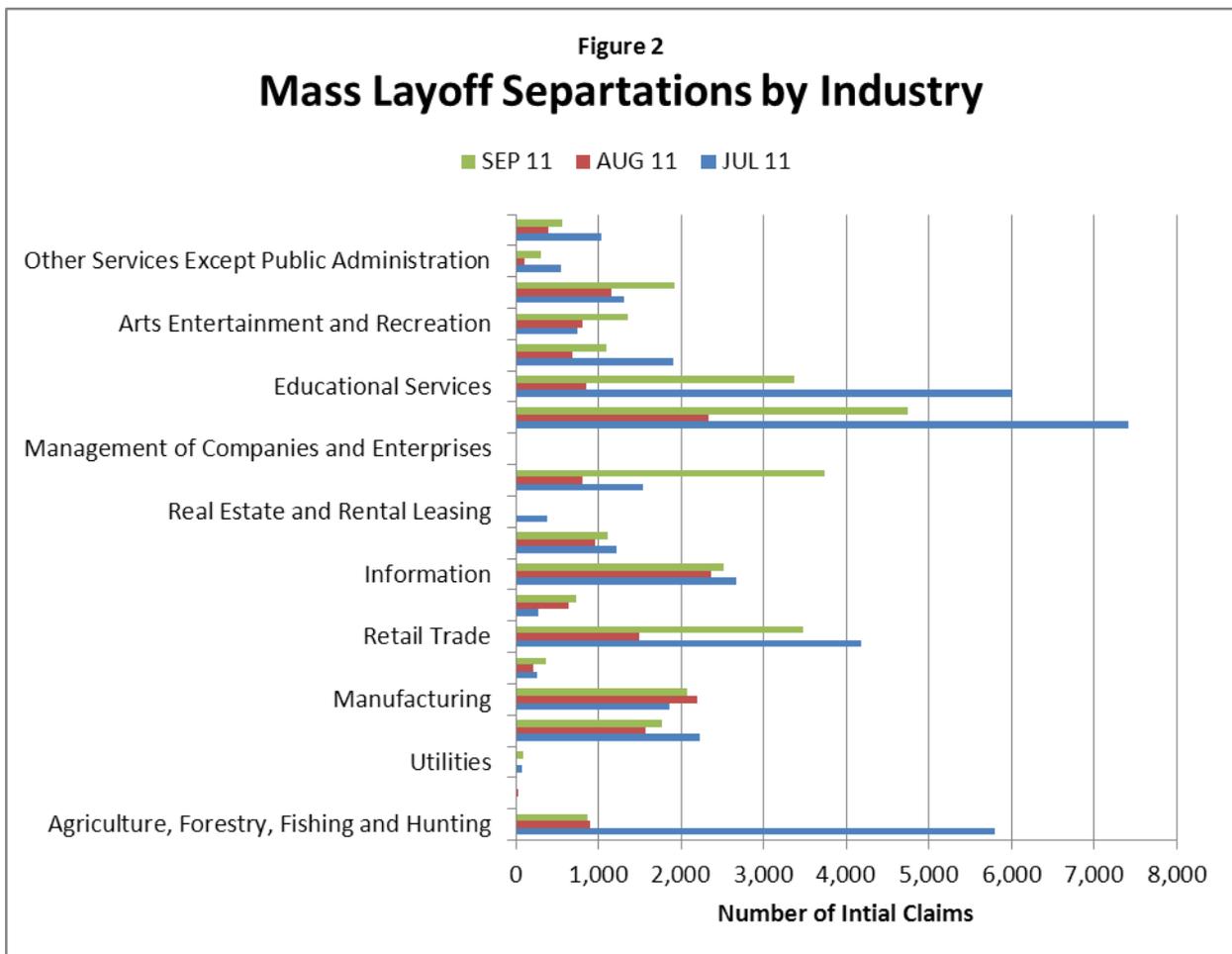
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September 2011 Events

California Employers took 295 mass layoff events that resulted in the separation of 30,129 workers, as measured by new filings for unemployment insurance benefits during September 2011. Each event involved at least 35 persons from a single employer. Month-over, California employers took 44 more mass layoff events than in August 2011(251 events) and 12,577 more separations (17,522).

Over the year, California employers took 31 fewer Mass Layoff actions in September 2010 (264) and 10,841 more separations (19,288).

'All Initial Claims' resulted in the separation of 292,343 workers as measured by new filings for unemployment insurance benefits during the month. Over the year, California's 'All Initial Claims' were fewer 60,855 actions than in September 2010 (353,228).



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Analysis

The most notable industry job losses in September 2011 were:

- The administrative and waste services industry with 47 mass layoff events resulting in 4,747 initial claims;
- The professional and technical services industry with 18 mass layoff events resulting in 3,733 initial claims;
- The retail trade industry with 27 mass layoff events resulting in 3,471 initial claims;
- The educational services industry with 16 mass layoff events resulting in 3,374 initial claims;
- The information industry with 16 mass layoff events resulting in 2,517 initial claims; and
- The manufacturing industry with 29 mass layoff events resulting in 2,081 initial claims.

September 2011		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	
		Aug 2011	Sep 2011	Number	Percent	Aug 2011	Sep 2011	Number	Percent	Aug 2011	Sep 2011	Number	Percent
California Total	NAICS	251	295	44	17.5%	17,552	30,129	12,577	71.7%	250,282	292,343	42,061	16.8%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	11	19	13	-6	-31.6%	906	872	-34	-3.8%	9,853	11,927	2,074	21.0%
Construction	23	30	32	2	6.7%	1,577	1,777	200	12.7%	27,753	36,320	8,567	30.9%
Manufacturing	31-33	23	29	6	26.1%	2,192	2,081	-111	-5.1%	15,414	19,277	3,863	25.1%
Wholesale Trade	42-43	4	5	1	25.0%	211	371	160	75.8%	6,910	8,847	1,937	28.0%
Retail Trade	44-45	22	27	5	22.7%	1,491	3,471	1,980	132.8%	21,073	25,749	4,676	22.2%
Transportation and Warehousing	48-49	9	7	-2	-22.2%	635	737	102	16.1%	6,316	6,846	530	8.4%
Information	51	23	16	-7	-30.4%	2,371	2,517	146	6.2%	22,418	25,853	3,435	15.3%
Finance and Insurance	52	15	12	-3	-20.0%	966	1,106	140	14.5%	7,656	8,856	1,200	15.7%
Professional and Technical Service	54	11	18	7	63.6%	814	3,733	2,919	358.6%	15,862	22,073	6,211	39.2%
Administrative and Waste Services	56	32	47	15	46.9%	2,333	4,747	2,414	103.5%	30,312	36,838	6,526	21.5%
Educational Services	61	11	16	5	45.5%	852	3,374	2,522	296.0%	16,167	15,800	-367	-2.3%
Health Care and Social Assistance	62	10	18	8	80.0%	684	1,105	421	61.5%	14,727	18,516	3,789	25.7%
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	71	13	15	2	15.4%	807	1,352	545	67.5%	5,801	7,838	2,037	35.1%
Accommodation and Food Services	72	19	25	6	31.6%	1,161	1,925	764	65.8%	14,947	19,911	4,964	33.2%
Government	92	7	8	1	14.3%	402	561	159	39.6%	3,482	3,975	493	14.2%
Ownership Not Identified	99	18,609	6,016	-12,593	-67.7%

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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, Market Information Division, Mass Layoff Statistics (MLS) Program

The counties with the most job losses in September 2011 were:

- Los Angeles resulting in 99,861 initial claims;
- San Diego resulting in 26,652 initial claims;
- Riverside resulting in 21,402 initial claims;
- Orange resulting in 21,331 initial claims;
- San Bernardino resulting in 20,208 initial claims;
- Alameda resulting in 13,014 initial claims; and
- Sacramento resulting in 12,777 initial claims.

Mass Layoff Statistics Monthly Report, Table 2
Monthly Unemployment Claims Data for Counties, September 2011
Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

AREA	YEAR AGO	MONTH AGO	CURRENT	MONTH-OVER CHANGE		YEAR-OVER CHANGE		RANK BY
	Sep 10	Aug 11	Sep 11	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	All Initial Claims
STATE TOTAL	353,228	250,282	292,343	42,061	14%	-60,885	-21%	Sep 11
ALAMEDA	13,014	8,967	10,796	1,829	17%	-2,218	-21%	6
ALPINE	15	11	10	-1	-10%	-5	-50%	57
AMADOR	306	255	245	-10	-4%	-61	-25%	48
BUTTE	2,209	1,437	1,578	141	9%	-631	-40%	26
CALAVERAS	458	287	288	1	0%	-170	-59%	45
COLUSA	194	131	146	15	10%	-48	-33%	50
CONTRA COSTA	8,422	5,595	6,712	1,117	17%	-1,710	-25%	10
DEL NORTE	217	127	172	45	26%	-45	-26%	49
EL DORADO	1,469	844	1,052	208	20%	-417	-40%	29
FRESNO	10,289	6,302	8,205	1,903	23%	-2,084	-25%	9
GLENN	388	266	225	-41	-18%	-163	-72%	46
HUMBOLDT	891	711	659	-52	-8%	-232	-35%	36
IMPERIAL	3,296	2,691	2,709	18	1%	-587	-22%	21
INYO	127	60	97	37	38%	-30	-31%	55
KERN	7,412	5,456	5,704	248	4%	-1,708	-30%	14
KINGS	1,137	854	964	110	11%	-173	-18%	33
LAKE	684	397	476	79	17%	-208	-44%	40
LASSEN	158	85	115	30	26%	-43	-37%	52
LOS ANGELES	99,861	75,736	87,290	11,554	13%	-12,571	-14%	1
MADERA	1,416	845	974	129	13%	-442	-45%	31
MARIN	1,335	1,029	1,170	141	12%	-165	-14%	32
MARIPOSA	140	78	110	32	29%	-30	-27%	53
MENDOCINO	584	485	459	-26	-6%	-125	-27%	42
MERCED	2,465	1,748	1,942	194	10%	-523	-27%	24
MODOC	56	35	50	15	30%	-6	-12%	56
MONO	326	94	266	172	65%	-60	-23%	47
MONTEREY	3,354	2,125	2,641	516	20%	-713	-27%	20
NAPA	983	690	777	87	11%	-206	-27%	35
NEVADA	704	424	582	158	27%	-122	-21%	39
ORANGE	21,331	14,781	17,663	2,882	16%	-3,668	-21%	4
PLACER	2,971	1,804	2,009	205	10%	-962	-48%	22
PLUMAS	162	84	72	-12	-17%	-90	-125%	51
RIVERSIDE	21,402	15,244	17,660	2,416	14%	-3,742	-21%	3
SACRAMENTO	12,777	8,419	9,848	1,429	15%	-2,929	-30%	7
SAN BENITO	608	386	383	-3	-1%	-225	-59%	41
SAN BERNARDINO	20,208	14,720	16,964	2,244	13%	-3,244	-19%	5
SAN DIEGO	26,652	18,172	22,921	4,749	21%	-3,731	-16%	2
SAN FRANCISCO	7,431	4,797	5,775	978	17%	-1,656	-29%	13
SAN JOAQUIN	7,640	4,890	5,932	1,042	18%	-1,708	-29%	11
SAN LUIS OBISPO	1,915	1,153	1,475	322	22%	-440	-30%	28
SAN MATEO	5,134	3,527	4,061	534	13%	-1,073	-26%	17
SANTA BARBARA	2,913	1,935	2,338	403	17%	-575	-25%	23
SANTA CLARA	11,984	8,889	10,483	1,594	15%	-1,501	-14%	8
SANTA CRUZ	2,270	1,343	1,744	401	23%	-526	-30%	25
SHASTA	2,176	1,312	1,536	224	15%	-640	-42%	27
SIERRA	15	7	26	19	73%	11	42%	58
SISKIYOU	470	343	471	128	27%	1	0%	44
SOLANO	4,141	2,592	3,033	441	15%	-1,108	-37%	18
SONOMA	3,861	2,970	3,047	77	3%	-814	-27%	19
STANISLAUS	6,305	4,233	4,896	663	14%	-1,409	-29%	15
SUTTER	1,115	764	927	163	18%	-188	-20%	34
TEHAMA	779	713	476	-237	-50%	-303	-64%	38
TRINITY	139	63	63	0	0%	-76	-121%	54
TULARE	5,161	3,708	4,166	458	11%	-995	-24%	16
TUOLUMNE	517	291	376	85	23%	-141	-38%	43
VENTURA	7,601	6,000	9,251	3,251	35%	1,650	18%	12
YOLO	1,454	1,064	6,447	5,383	83%	4,993	77%	30
YUBA	815	484	1,200	716	60%	385	32%	37
Unknown locations	11,371	7,829	686	-7,143	-1041%	-10,685	-1558%

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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 US Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mass Layoff Statistics Data are available from the [US 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.