

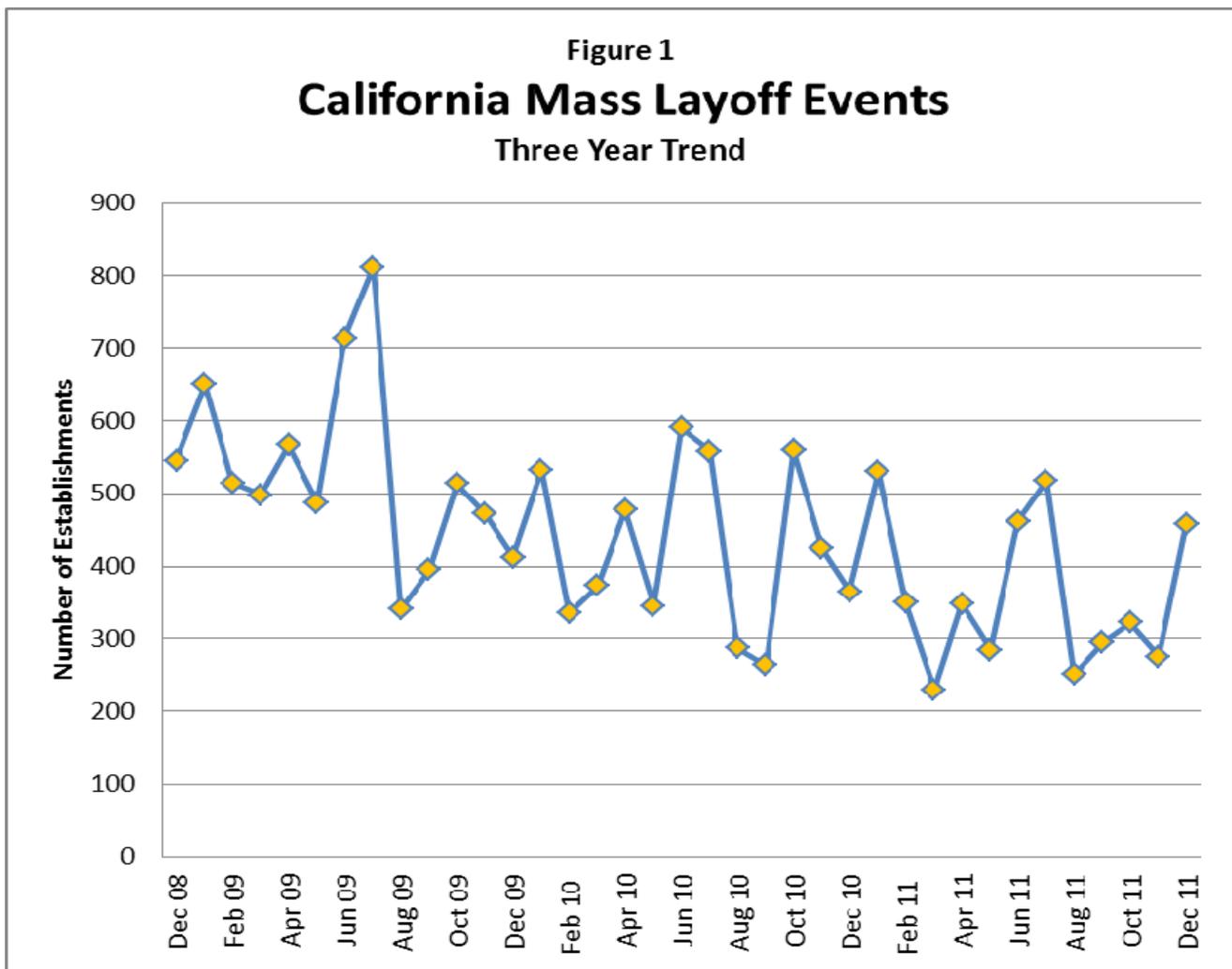
# Mass Layoff Statistics Data

December 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.



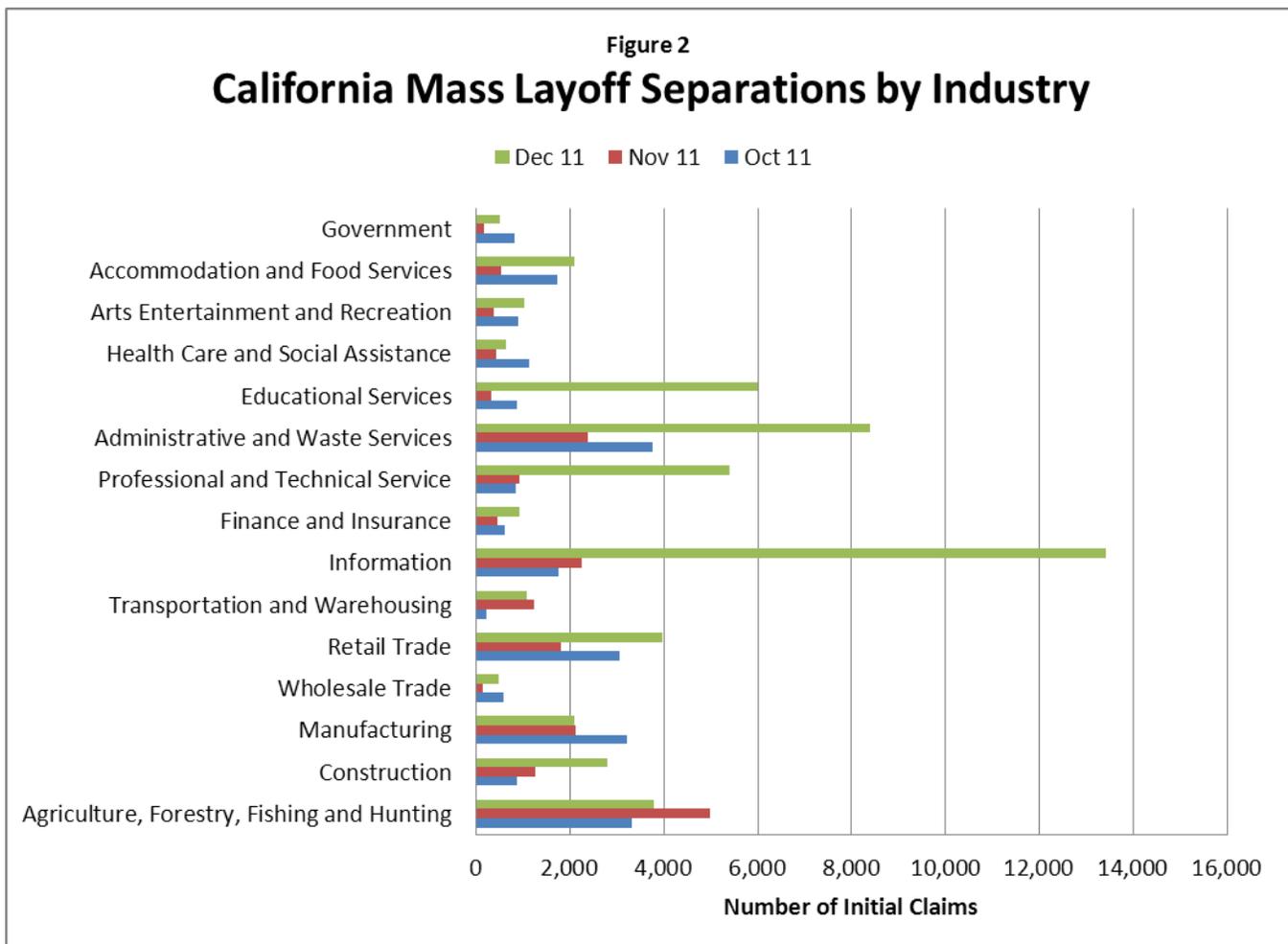
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## December 2011 Events

California employers took 458 mass layoff events that resulted in the separation of 53,031 workers, as measured by new filings for unemployment insurance benefits during December 2011. Each event involved at least 35 persons from a single employer. Month-over, California employers took 183 more mass layoff events than in November 2011 (275 events) and 33,354 more separations (19,677).

Over the year, California employers had an increase of 93 mass layoff actions than in December 2010 (365) and an increase of 27,429 separations (25,602).

'All Initial Claims' resulted in the separation of 327,933 workers as measured by new filings for unemployment insurance benefits during the month. Over the year, California's 'All Initial Claims' had 747 fewer actions than in December 2010 (328,680).



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## Analysis

The most notable industry job losses in December 2011 were:

- The information industry with 33 mass layoff events resulting in 13,407 initial claims;
- The administrative and waste service industry with 65 mass layoff events resulting in 8,396 initial claims;
- The educational service industry with 58 mass layoff events resulting in 5,988 initial claims;
- The professional and technical service industry with 26 mass layoff events resulting in 5,399 initial claims;
- The retail trade industry with 38 mass layoff events resulting in 3,957 initial claims; and
- The agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting industry with 56 mass layoff events resulting in 3,779 initial claims.

Mass Layoff Statistics Monthly Report, Table 1 Monthly Change-Over Data by Industry, December 2011 Data Not Seasonally Adjusted													
December 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	
Industry		Nov 2011	Dec 2011	Number	Percent	Nov 2011	Dec 2011	Number	Percent	Nov 2011	Dec 2011	Number	Percent
<b>California Total</b>	<b>NAICS</b>	275	458	183	40%	19,677	53,031	33,354	63%	217,353	327,933	110,580	34%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	<b>11</b>	76	56	-20	-36%	4,997	3,779	-1,218	-32%	22,602	27,630	5,028	18%
Construction	<b>23</b>	23	52	29	56%	1,271	2,799	1,528	55%	27,080	42,869	15,789	37%
Manufacturing	<b>31-33</b>	33	33	0	0%	2,134	2,106	-28	-1%	16,042	22,125	6,083	27%
Wholesale Trade	<b>42-43</b>	3	8	5	63%	138	496	358	72%	6,515	9,435	2,920	31%
Retail Trade	<b>44-45</b>	20	38	18	47%	1,821	3,957	2,136	54%	16,749	23,458	6,709	29%
Transportation and Warehousing	<b>48-49</b>	11	12	1	8%	1,229	1,095	-134	-12%	6,326	12,111	5,785	48%
Information	<b>51</b>	18	33	15	45%	2,252	13,407	11,155	83%	18,711	32,563	13,852	43%
Finance and Insurance	<b>52</b>	4	11	7	64%	463	920	457	50%	5,897	8,101	2,204	27%
Professional and Technical Service	<b>54</b>	2	26	24	92%	931	5,399	4,468	83%	14,697	23,601	8,904	38%
Administrative and Waste Services	<b>56</b>	14	65	51	78%	2,374	8,396	6,022	72%	24,825	36,945	12,120	33%
Educational Services	<b>61</b>	6	58	52	90%	342	5,988	5,646	94%	7,886	17,003	9,117	54%
Health Care and Social Assistance	<b>62</b>	8	10	2	20%	425	638	213	33%	11,610	15,865	4,255	27%
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	<b>71</b>	5	15	10	67%	386	1,035	649	63%	5,940	7,791	1,851	24%
Accommodation and Food Services	<b>72</b>	11	25	14	56%	550	2,086	1,536	74%	13,533	21,062	7,529	36%
Government	<b>92</b>	4	6	2	33%	171	499	328	66%	3,095	4,103	1,008	25%
Ownership Not Identified	<b>99</b>	....	....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	4,180	7,086	2,906	41%

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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 December 2011 were:

- Los Angeles resulting in 92,296 initial claims;
- San Diego resulting in 21,530 initial claims;
- San Bernardino resulting in 17,713 initial claims;
- Riverside resulting in 17,580 initial claims;
- Orange resulting in 16,602 initial claims; and
- Fresno resulting in 11,005 initial claims.

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

AREA	YEAR AGO	MONTH AGO	CURRENT	MONTH-OVER CHANGE		YEAR-OVER CHANGE		RANK BY
	Dec 10	Nov 11	Dec 11	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	All Initial Claims Dec 11
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	328,680	217,353	327,933	110,580	34%	-747	0%	Dec 11
ALAMEDA	11,020	6,952	10,782	3,830	36%	-238	-2%	7
ALPINE	0	9	15	6	40%	15	100%	58
AMADOR	300	199	286	87	30%	-14	-5%	48
BUTTE	2,240	1,494	2,301	807	35%	61	3%	25
CALAVERAS	477	284	455	171	38%	-22	-5%	47
COLUSA	640	546	639	93	15%	-1	0%	42
CONTRA COSTA	7,369	4,606	7,020	2,414	34%	-349	-5%	14
DEL NORTE	223	197	232	35	15%	9	4%	50
EL DORADO	1,346	951	1,289	338	26%	-57	-4%	34
FRESNO	10,760	7,611	11,005	3,394	31%	245	2%	6
GLENN	539	371	545	174	32%	6	1%	45
HUMBOLDT	1,239	745	1,170	425	36%	-69	-6%	35
IMPERIAL	2,084	1,593	2,165	572	26%	81	4%	26
INYO	129	89	133	44	33%	4	3%	54
KERN	10,016	6,421	9,516	3,095	33%	-500	-5%	10
KINGS	1,660	1,007	1,627	620	38%	-33	-2%	30
LAKE	593	523	609	86	14%	16	3%	44
LASSEN	217	139	218	79	36%	1	0%	51
LOS ANGELES	87,656	56,948	92,296	35,348	38%	4,640	5%	1
MADERA	1,647	1,282	1,552	270	17%	-95	-6%	31
MARIN	1,308	789	1,147	358	31%	-161	-14%	36
MARIPOSA	215	140	250	110	44%	35	14%	49
MENDOCINO	767	576	723	147	20%	-44	-6%	40
MERCED	3,515	2,634	3,736	1,102	29%	221	6%	20
MODOC	86	75	84	9	11%	-2	-2%	56
MONO	125	183	205	22	11%	80	39%	52
MONTEREY	6,506	5,154	6,581	1,427	22%	75	1%	17
NAPA	1,354	1,021	1,372	351	26%	18	1%	32
NEVADA	763	620	643	23	4%	-120	-19%	41
ORANGE	16,870	11,234	16,602	5,368	32%	-268	-2%	5
PLACER	2,583	1,619	2,395	776	32%	-188	-8%	24
PLUMAS	250	190	204	14	7%	-46	-23%	53
RIVERSIDE	18,158	11,971	17,580	5,609	32%	-578	-3%	4
SACRAMENTO	11,358	6,887	10,397	3,510	34%	-961	-9%	9
SAN BENITO	767	527	798	271	34%	31	4%	38
SAN BERNARDINO	17,460	11,259	17,713	6,454	36%	253	1%	3
SAN DIEGO	21,540	14,762	21,530	6,768	31%	-10	0%	2
SAN FRANCISCO	6,587	4,009	6,622	2,613	39%	35	1%	16
SAN JOAQUIN	7,920	5,300	7,213	1,913	27%	-707	-10%	11
SAN LUIS OBISPO	1,870	1,048	1,697	649	38%	-173	-10%	29
SAN MATEO	4,363	2,640	3,994	1,354	34%	-369	-9%	19
SANTA BARBARA	3,587	2,010	3,120	1,110	36%	-467	-15%	22
SANTA CLARA	10,391	7,302	10,495	3,193	30%	104	1%	8
SANTA CRUZ	2,880	2,488	3,026	538	18%	146	5%	23
SHASTA	2,198	1,264	1,976	712	36%	-222	-11%	27
SIERRA	46	26	25	-1	-4%	-21	-84%	57
SISKIYOU	605	526	614	88	14%	9	1%	43
SOLANO	3,810	2,488	3,543	1,055	30%	-267	-8%	21
SONOMA	4,175	2,515	4,128	1,613	39%	-47	-1%	18
STANISLAUS	7,063	4,589	6,866	2,277	33%	-197	-3%	15
SUTTER	1,339	1,160	1,358	198	15%	19	1%	33
TEHAMA	727	552	761	209	27%	34	4%	39
TRINITY	121	84	128	44	34%	7	5%	55
TULARE	7,490	4,492	7,067	2,575	36%	-423	-6%	13
TUOLUMNE	542	329	522	193	37%	-20	-4%	46
VENTURA	7,041	4,733	7,070	2,337	33%	29	0%	12
YOLO	1,840	1,263	1,812	549	30%	-28	-2%	28
YUBA	968	541	839	298	36%	-129	-15%	37
Unknown locations	9,337	6,386	9,242	2,856	31%	-95	-1%	....

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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.