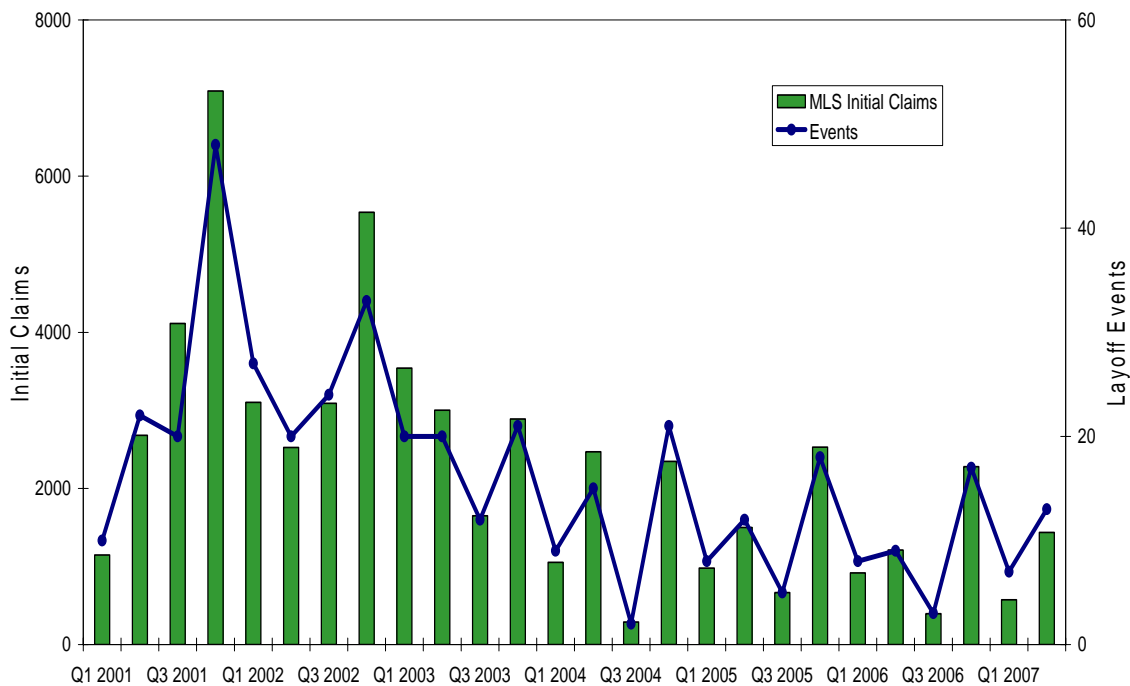


## Mass Layoff Statistics Second Quarter 2007 Summary

The Mass Layoff Statistics (MLS) program records and tracks layoff events occurring in Colorado through the use of unemployment insurance program data. A mass layoff event occurs when at least fifty people from a firm file a first-time or initial claim for unemployment insurance benefits during any consecutive five-week period with the workers being separated for more than 30 days.

The second quarter of 2007 showed an increase in the amount of mass layoff events and initial claims over both the previous quarter and one year ago. A total of 13 mass layoff events were recorded from April through June of this year, up from 7 events during the final quarter of 2006 and nine events from the second quarter of 2006. The second quarter's mass layoffs included 1,435 initial claims filed for unemployment insurance and a total of 13,616 total separations.

**Colorado Mass Layoff Events and Initial Claims**



The highest number of MLS claims this quarter came from the accommodations and food services industry followed closely by arts, entertainment, and recreation. Both industries experienced 3 layoff events this quarter. Additionally, health care and social assistance and construction both experienced two extended layoff events this quarter. Transportation and warehousing experienced one event as did information.