

## Valley business sales off to sluggish start this year

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Business sale transactions in the Central Valley are on a sluggish pace so far in 2015 — 8 percent lower than last year, according to the BizBen Index that collects and reports data on the rate of small and mid-sized business transfers.

There were 135 Central Valley Businesses that changed hands from January through March, compared to 147 in the same period last year.

In Fresno County, 90 businesses were sold in the first three months of the year, compared to 86 in the same period of 2014.

There were 69 businesses in the City of Fresno alone that were sold this year

There were 42 Tulare County businesses sold from January through March, down from 58 in the same period last year.

So far this year in Kings County, two businesses have been sold, compared to three in the same period last year.

In Madera County this year, one business was sold, compared to none in the same period last year.

According to [BizBen](#), a high rate of business sales is an indicator of economic growth as banks are making more loans and buyers are growing confident in the profit potential of new investment opportunities.

There were 3,927 California businesses sold so far this year, compared to 3,937 in the same time last year.

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