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## MASS LAYOFFS IN APRIL 2008

In April, employers took 1,308 mass layoff actions, seasonally adjusted, as measured by new filings for unemployment insurance benefits during the month, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. Each action involved at least 50 persons from a single employer; the number of workers involved totaled 133,914, on a seasonally adjusted basis. The number of mass layoff events in April 2008 decreased by 263 from the prior month, while the number of associated initial claims decreased by 23,242. In April, 483 mass layoff events were reported in the manufacturing sector, seasonally adjusted, resulting in 60,552 initial claims. Over the month, mass layoff events in manufacturing remained essentially unchanged, but initial claims decreased by 3,536 . (See table 1.)


The national unemployment rate was 5.0 percent in April, seasonally adjusted, down from 5.1 percent in the prior month but up from 4.5 percent a year earlier. Total nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 20,000 in April from the previous month but was 462,000 higher than a year earlier.

Table A. Industries with the largest number of mass layoff initial claims in April 2008

| Industry | Initial claims | April peak |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Year | Initial claims |
| Temporary help services. | 11,280 | 2001 | 17,507 |
| School and employee bus transportation ............ | 6,258 | 2006 | 17,621 |
| Automobile manufacturing | 5,082 | 1996 | 14,744 |
| Food service contractors | 3,645 | 2004 | 5,496 |
| Tax preparation services | 3,256 | 2006 | 3,791 |
| Heavy duty truck manufacturing. | 2,711 | 2007 | 3,451 |
| Professional employer organizations | 2,673 | 2001 | 3,280 |
| Farm labor contractors and crew leaders | 2,616 | 1998 | 4,054 |
| Scheduled passenger air transportation .............. | 2,278 | 2008 | 2,278 |
| Motion picture and video production | 2,076 | 1997 | 15,908 |

## Industry Distribution (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

The number of mass layoff events in April, at 1,272 on a not seasonally adjusted basis, was up by 53 from a year earlier. The number of associated initial claims was 130,810 , an increase of 3,366 over the year. (See table 2.) The largest over-the-year increases in initial claims occurred in transportation equipment manufacturing $(+6,114)$ and administrative and support services $(+5,878)$. The largest decreases occurred in transit and ground passenger transportation $(-11,550)$ and in motion picture and sound recording industries $(-5,806)$.

The manufacturing sector accounted for 31 percent of all mass layoff events and 37 percent of initial claims filed in April; a year earlier, manufacturing made up 25 percent of events and 28 percent of initial claims. In April 2008, the number of manufacturing claimants was highest in transportation equipment manufacturing $(17,617)$, followed by food manufacturing $(7,085)$. (See table 3.) Administrative and waste services accounted for 13 percent of both mass layoff events and initial claims in April, primarily from temporary help services.

The six-digit NAICS industry with the highest number of initial claims was temporary help services with 11,280 , followed by school and employee bus transportation $(6,258)$, and automobile manufacturing $(5,082)$. Among the 10 industries with the highest levels of initial claims, scheduled passenger air transportation reached a program high for the month of April (with data available back to 1995). (See table A.)

## Geographic Distribution (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Among the four census regions, the highest number of initial claims in April due to mass layoffs was in the West $(41,721)$. The Midwest had the second largest number of initial claims among the regions ( 37,169 ), followed by the South with 27,299 and the Northeast with 24,621 . (See table 5.)

The number of initial claimants in mass layoffs increased over the year in 2 of the 4 regions-the Midwest $(+14,124)$ and the South $(+1,088)$. Five of the 9 divisions had over-the-year increases in initial claims, led by the East North Central $(+10,612)$.

California recorded the highest number of initial claims filed due to mass layoff events in April with 28,172 , followed by Michigan $(11,156)$, New York $(7,539)$, and Pennsylvania $(7,506)$. (See table 6.) Twenty-eight states reported over-the-year increases in initial claims associated with mass layoffs, led by Michigan $(+7,367)$, Texas $(+2,477)$, and Indiana $(+2,144)$. States with the largest over-the-year decreases in claims were New York $(-7,715)$ and Pennsylvania $(-3,491)$.

The report on Mass Layoffs in May 2008 is scheduled to be released on Friday, June 20.

## Technical Note

The Mass Layoff Statistics (MLS) program is a federalstate program that uses a standardized automated approach to identifying, describing, and tracking the effects of major job cutbacks, using data from each state's unemployment insurance database. Each month, states report on employers which have at least 50 initial claims filed against them during a consecutive 5-week period. These employers then are contacted by the state agency to determine whether these separations lasted 31 days or longer, and, if so, other information concerning the layoff is collected. States report on layoffs lasting more than 1 month on a quarterly basis.

A given month contains an aggregation of the weekly unemployment insurance claims filings for the Sunday through Saturday weeks in that month. All weeks are included for the particular month, except if the first day of the month falls on Saturday. In this case, the week is included in the prior month's tabulations. This means that some months will contain 4 weeks and others, 5 weeks, the number of weeks in a given month may be different from year to year, and the number of weeks in a year may vary. Therefore, analysis of over-the-month and over-the-year change in not seasonally adjusted series should take this calendar effect into consideration.

The MLS program resumed operations in April 1995 after it had been terminated in November 1992 due to lack of funding. Prior to April 1995, monthly layoff statistics were not available.

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## Definitions

Employer. Employers in the MLS program include those covered by state unemployment insurance laws. Information on employers is obtained from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) program, which is administered by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

Initial claimant. A person who files any notice of unem-
ployment to initiate a request either for a determination of entitlement to and eligibility for compensation, or for a subsequent period of unemployment within a benefit year or period of eligibility.

Mass layoff event. Fifty or more initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits filed against an employer during a 5-week period, regardless of duration.

## Seasonal adjustment

Effective with the release of data for January 2005, BLS began publishing six seasonally adjusted monthly MLS series. The six series are the numbers of mass layoff events and mass layoff initial claims for the total, private nonfarm, and manufacturing sectors.

Seasonal adjustment is the process of estimating and removing the effect on time series data of regularly recurring seasonal events such as changes in the weather, holidays, and the beginning and ending of the school year. The use of seasonal adjustment makes it easier to observe fundamental changes in time series, particularly those associated with general economic expansions and contractions.

The MLS data are seasonally adjusted using the X-12ARIMA seasonal adjustment method on a concurrent basis. Concurrent seasonal adjustment uses all available monthly estimates, including those for the current month, in developing seasonal adjustment factors. Revisions to the most recent 5 years of seasonally adjusted data will be made once a year with the issuance of December data. Before the data are seasonally adjusted, prior adjustments are made to the original data to adjust them for differences in the number of weeks used to calculate the monthly data. Because weekly unemployment insurance claims are aggregated to form monthly data, a particular month's value could be calculated with 5 weeks of data in one year and 4 weeks in another. The effects of these differences could seriously distort the seasonal factors if they were ignored in the seasonal adjustment process. These effects are modeled in the X-12ARIMA program and are permanently removed from the final seasonally adjusted series.

Table 1. Mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, May 2004 to April 2008, seasonally adjusted

| Date | Total |  | Private nonfarm |  | Manufacturing |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Events | Initial claimants | Events | Initial claimants | Events | Initial claimants |
| 2004 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| May | 1,224 | 114,810 | 1,059 | 100,854 | 339 | 39,045 |
| June | 1,400 | 141,168 | 1,231 | 128,245 | 371 | 47,243 |
| July | 1,329 | 137,805 | 1,178 | 126,301 | 376 | 50,799 |
| August | 1,426 | 128,759 | 1,233 | 113,809 | 343 | 36,539 |
| September | 1,285 | 127,833 | 1,154 | 116,843 | 336 | 45,690 |
| October | 1,283 | 132,766 | 1,169 | 123,471 | 363 | 47,046 |
| November | 1,320 | 130,873 | 1,174 | 119,029 | 380 | 45,416 |
| December | 1,148 | 111,060 | 991 | 99,784 | 287 | 31,935 |
| 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 1,475 | 160,725 | 1,346 | 151,028 | 382 | 61,324 |
| February | 1,146 | 121,455 | 1,020 | 110,480 | 353 | 43,568 |
| March | 1,207 | 131,271 | 1,066 | 120,945 | 372 | 53,673 |
| April | 1,252 | 136,752 | 1,125 | 126,550 | 401 | 60,681 |
| May | 1,248 | 136,420 | 1,104 | 123,495 | 398 | 54,999 |
| June | 1,196 | 127,084 | 1,078 | 118,012 | 368 | 58,300 |
| July | 1,250 | 132,445 | 1,103 | 119,566 | 357 | 46,602 |
| August | 1,144 | 125,686 | 1,000 | 113,762 | 341 | 47,598 |
| September | 2,248 | 297,544 | 2,028 | 251,185 | 417 | 55,304 |
| October | 1,101 | 110,035 | 982 | 100,934 | 321 | 43,230 |
| November | 1,176 | 114,965 | 1,042 | 103,535 | 332 | 42,071 |
| December | 1,261 | 134,461 | 1,132 | 123,418 | 360 | 46,863 |
| 2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 1,107 | 110,800 | 988 | 101,494 | 283 | 34,037 |
| February | 1,031 | 109,798 | 940 | 101,828 | 322 | 43,147 |
| March | 1,084 | 119,049 | 983 | 110,668 | 323 | 48,119 |
| April | 1,171 | 121,580 | 1,043 | 112,175 | 368 | 49,568 |
| May | 1,124 | 117,115 | 1,005 | 107,181 | 314 | 43,087 |
| June | 1,146 | 123,827 | 1,030 | 114,080 | 352 | 44,869 |
| July . | 1,179 | 121,017 | 1,051 | 111,336 | 372 | 48,534 |
| August | 1,270 | 135,400 | 1,107 | 124,427 | 377 | 60,906 |
| September | 1,173 | 123,767 | 1,056 | 114,677 | 385 | 45,767 |
| October | 1,191 | 121,827 | 1,076 | 113,123 | 399 | 53,601 |
| November | 1,232 | 133,803 | 1,121 | 124,559 | 414 | 58,385 |
| December | 1,194 | 131,062 | 1,092 | 121,796 | 374 | 51,408 |
| 2007 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 1,254 | 128,223 | 1,118 | 117,824 | 391 | 52,858 |
| February | 1,352 | 143,837 | 1,238 | 135,066 | 416 | 61,749 |
| March | 1,277 | 130,981 | 1,169 | 122,488 | 412 | 52,606 |
| April | 1,243 | 126,977 | 1,116 | 116,926 | 382 | 43,930 |
| May | 1,199 | 120,587 | 1,096 | 113,069 | 370 | 48,910 |
| June | 1,238 | 129,858 | 1,116 | 120,165 | 351 | 40,670 |
| July | 1,247 | 127,687 | 1,140 | 119,614 | 392 | 51,333 |
| August | 1,228 | 121,886 | 1,128 | 114,628 | 335 | 36,518 |
| September | 1,307 | 128,487 | 1,204 | 121,294 | 430 | 53,432 |
| October | 1,347 | 136,124 | 1,224 | 127,163 | 430 | 57,695 |
| November | 1,329 | 139,671 | 1,215 | 131,390 | 414 | 56,965 |
| December | 1,433 | 141,750 | 1,315 | 133,024 | 462 | 58,108 |
| 2008 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 1,438 | 144,111 | 1,317 | 134,347 | 427 | 55,488 |
| February | 1,672 | 177,374 | 1,539 | 166,782 | 529 | 66,913 |
| March . | 1,571 | 157,156 | 1,460 | 147,537 | 482 | 64,088 |
| April .... | 1,308 | 133,914 | 1,186 | 124,053 | 483 | 60,552 |

Table 2. Mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, May 2004 to April 2008, not seasonally adjusted

| Date | Total |  | Private nonfarm |  | Manufacturing |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Events | Initial claimants | Events | Initial claimants | Events | Initial claimants |
| 2004 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| May | 988 | 87,501 | 878 | 78,786 | 219 | 22,141 |
| June | 1,379 | 134,588 | 1,077 | 110,804 | 222 | 27,307 |
| July | 2,094 | 253,929 | 1,860 | 234,877 | 885 | 145,895 |
| August | 809 | 69,033 | 745 | 63,876 | 194 | 17,698 |
| September | 708 | 68,972 | 637 | 63,102 | 189 | 25,808 |
| October | 1,242 | 127,918 | 1,101 | 117,375 | 372 | 48,265 |
| November | 1,399 | 130,423 | 1,201 | 115,549 | 412 | 44,243 |
| December | 1,614 | 161,271 | 1,487 | 152,092 | 436 | 50,726 |
| 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 2,564 | 263,952 | 2,421 | 253,409 | 823 | 108,985 |
| February | 810 | 74,644 | 722 | 68,372 | 230 | 24,931 |
| March | 806 | 88,937 | 733 | 83,793 | 246 | 33,030 |
| April | 1,373 | 158,582 | 1,263 | 148,133 | 395 | 59,129 |
| May | 986 | 101,358 | 891 | 93,332 | 249 | 30,424 |
| June | 1,157 | 120,463 | 941 | 103,307 | 216 | 32,783 |
| July | 1,981 | 244,216 | 1,745 | 222,377 | 856 | 136,210 |
| August | 645 | 67,582 | 598 | 63,484 | 188 | 22,531 |
| September | 1,662 | 213,281 | 1,505 | 179,042 | 318 | 47,497 |
| October | 905 | 91,941 | 757 | 80,694 | 249 | 37,276 |
| November | 1,254 | 116,127 | 1,079 | 102,182 | 363 | 41,442 |
| December | 2,323 | 254,258 | 2,168 | 242,753 | 706 | 96,382 |
| 2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 1,245 | 117,946 | 1,123 | 108,701 | 331 | 35,097 |
| February | 719 | 66,555 | 658 | 62,208 | 210 | 24,892 |
| March | 921 | 111,838 | 856 | 106,177 | 285 | 44,688 |
| April | 1,140 | 121,589 | 1,038 | 112,964 | 296 | 39,538 |
| May | 872 | 84,809 | 794 | 78,663 | 192 | 23,570 |
| June | 1,489 | 164,761 | 1,224 | 140,687 | 319 | 41,095 |
| July | 1,511 | 166,857 | 1,335 | 154,342 | 648 | 96,152 |
| August | 708 | 72,844 | 656 | 69,054 | 203 | 28,494 |
| September | 865 | 87,699 | 785 | 81,274 | 296 | 39,076 |
| October | 964 | 98,804 | 820 | 88,133 | 311 | 46,737 |
| November | 1,315 | 136,186 | 1,172 | 125,009 | 455 | 58,473 |
| December | 2,249 | 254,503 | 2,126 | 244,783 | 735 | 105,462 |
| 2007 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 1,407 | 134,984 | 1,263 | 124,475 | 456 | 53,615 |
| February | 935 | 86,696 | 861 | 82,097 | 273 | 36,170 |
| March | 1,082 | 123,974 | 1,015 | 118,431 | 367 | 49,886 |
| April | 1,219 | 127,444 | 1,115 | 118,040 | 309 | 35,229 |
| May | 923 | 85,816 | 856 | 81,153 | 224 | 26,527 |
| June | 1,599 | 172,810 | 1,318 | 148,669 | 313 | 36,571 |
| July | 1,599 | 175,419 | 1,450 | 164,939 | 684 | 101,390 |
| August | 963 | 93,458 | 908 | 88,345 | 220 | 23,361 |
| September | 717 | 67,385 | 667 | 64,026 | 246 | 29,381 |
| October | 1,083 | 108,455 | 929 | 97,716 | 338 | 50,918 |
| November | 1,799 | 198,220 | 1,593 | 181,184 | 514 | 75,413 |
| December | 2,167 | 224,214 | 2,071 | 216,898 | 699 | 91,754 |
| 2008 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 1,647 | 154,503 | 1,520 | 144,191 | 488 | 54,418 |
| February | 1,269 | 119,508 | 1,178 | 113,587 | 361 | 42,527 |
| March | 1,089 | 114,541 | 1,039 | 110,147 | 333 | 43,740 |
| April ..... | 1,272 | 130,810 | 1,172 | 121,625 | 394 | 48,188 |

Table 3. Industry distribution: Mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance

| Industry | Mass layoff events |  |  |  | Initial claimants for unemployment insurance |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & 2007 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { February } \\ 2008 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { March } \\ 2008 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & 2008 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & 2007 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { February } \\ & 2008 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { March } \\ & 2008 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & 2008 \end{aligned}$ |
| Seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 1,243 | 1,672 | 1,571 | 1,308 | 126,977 | 177,374 | 157,156 | 133,914 |
| Total, private nonfarm . | 1,116 | 1,539 | 1,460 | 1,186 | 116,926 | 166,782 | 147,537 | 124,053 |
| Manufacturing . | 382 | 529 | 482 | 483 | 43,930 | 66,913 | 64,088 | 60,552 |
| Not seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total ${ }^{1}$ | 1,219 | 1,269 | 1,089 | 1,272 | 127,444 | 119,508 | 114,541 | 130,810 |
| Total, private | 1,177 | 1,232 | 1,063 | 1,234 | 124,672 | 116,852 | 111,984 | 127,631 |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting | 62 | 54 | 24 | 62 | 6,632 | 3,265 | 1,837 | 6,006 |
| Total, private nonfarm | 1,115 | 1,178 | 1,039 | 1,172 | 118,040 | 113,587 | 110,147 | 121,625 |
| Mining | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 5 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 335 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| Utilities | ) | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| Construction | 88 | 193 | 119 | 112 | 6,423 | 13,335 | 7,891 | 8,106 |
| Manufacturing | 309 | 361 | 333 | 394 | 35,229 | 42,527 | 43,740 | 48,188 |
| Food .... | 61 | 46 | 58 | 66 | 5,976 | 3,916 | 7,705 | 7,085 |
| Beverage and tobacco products | 3 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 251 | 795 | 540 | 422 |
| Textile mills ............................ | 15 | 10 | 14 | 10 | 1,234 | 1,373 | 2,745 | 1,065 |
| Textile product mills ${ }^{3}$. | 8 | 5 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 5 | 1,030 | 615 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 700 |
| Apparel ${ }^{3}$. | 12 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 8 | 10 | 951 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 544 | 872 |
| Leather and allied products ....... | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | ( | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | ( | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| Wood products | 21 | 50 | 30 | 33 | 1,907 | 5,576 | 2,419 | 3,973 |
| Paper | 3 | 7 | 9 | 7 | 214 | 711 | 827 | 419 |
| Printing and related support activities .... | 5 | 11 | 9 | 11 | 578 | 714 | 736 | 1,136 |
| Petroleum and coal products ..... | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| Chemicals. | 7 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 682 | 368 | 140 | 621 |
| Plastics and rubber products ${ }^{3}$. | 11 | 15 | 27 | 28 | 945 | 1,081 | 2,201 | 2,522 |
| Nonmetallic mineral products ..... | 11 | 25 | 15 | 14 | 1,021 | 1,836 | 1,224 | 1,251 |
| Primary metals. | 12 | 13 | 10 | 14 | 1,415 | 1,480 | 873 | 1,386 |
| Fabricated metal products .............. | 22 | 17 | 20 | 22 | 1,649 | 1,155 | 1,878 | 1,612 |
| Machinery ${ }^{3}$. | 16 | 15 | 15 | 19 | 2,392 | 1,129 | 2,447 | 2,393 |
| Computer and electronic products ...... | 14 | 15 | 10 | 15 | 1,031 | 1,204 | 917 | 1,544 |
| Electrical equipment and appliances .... | 5 | 17 | 9 | 13 | 996 | 5,327 | 2,692 | 1,153 |
| Transportation equipment ${ }^{3}$. | 63 | 66 | 72 | 89 | 11,503 | 12,189 | 14,318 | 17,617 |
| Furniture and related products ${ }^{3}$. | 7 | 18 | 11 | 18 | 518 | 2,043 | 842 | 1,746 |
| Miscellaneous manufacturing ${ }^{3}$.. | 10 | 10 | 4 | 3 | 758 | 638 | 301 | 395 |
| Wholesale trade | 17 | 17 | 22 | 26 | 1,719 | 1,248 | 1,624 | 2,649 |
| Retail trade . | 95 | 123 | 94 | 95 | 7,630 | 11,662 | 9,788 | 7,933 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 162 | 53 | 92 | 108 | 19,296 | 7,318 | 10,629 | 12,228 |
| Information. | 35 | 28 | 35 | 33 | 8,715 | 4,229 | 4,316 | 3,446 |
| Finance and insurance ${ }^{3}$. | 46 | 46 | 46 | 43 | 3,961 | 3,397 | 3,692 | 2,978 |
| Real estate and rental and leasing ${ }^{3}$. | 5 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 251 | 261 | 552 | 864 |
| Professional and technical services ${ }^{3}$. | 48 | 34 | 24 | 59 | 6,715 | 2,756 | 3,225 | 7,282 |
| Management of companies and enterprises | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 3 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 181 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| Administrative and waste services ${ }^{3}$.. | 142 | 197 | 130 | 168 | 10,953 | 17,799 | 10,076 | 16,831 |
| Educational services ......... | 7 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 1,341 | 374 | 1,191 | 464 |
| Health care and social assistance .......... | 30 | 19 | 20 | 16 | 3,468 | 1,407 | 1,347 | 1,016 |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation ............. | 28 | 6 | 8 | 28 | 1,979 | 330 | 492 | 2,078 |
| Accommodation and food services ............. | 80 | 78 | 90 | 68 | 7,800 | 6,121 | 10,328 | 6,743 |
| Other services, except public administration.. | 17 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 10 | 5 | 1,823 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 906 | 310 |
| Unclassified ........................................ | 1 | ( | - | - | 282 | - | - | - |
| Government | 42 | 37 | 26 | 38 | 2,772 | 2,656 | 2,557 | 3,179 |
| Federal. | 9 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 698 | 249 | 569 | 490 |
| State .. | 9 | 11 | 7 | 10 | 524 | 819 | 618 | 748 |
| Local ............................................. | 24 | 23 | 12 | 21 | 1,550 | 1,588 | 1,370 | 1,941 |

${ }^{1}$ Data were reported by all states and the District of Columbia.
${ }^{2}$ Data do not meet BLS or state agency disclosure standards.
due to a change in NAICS versions.
NOTE: Dash represents zero.

Table 4. Mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, April 2006 to April 2008, not seasonally adjusted

| Date | Total mass layoffs |  | Private nonfarm |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Mass layoffs |  | Extended mass layoffs lasting more than 30 days |  | Realization rates ${ }^{1}$ |  |
|  | Events | Initial claimants | Events | Initial claimants | Events | Initial claimants | Events | Initial claimants |
| 2006 |  |  |  |  | 1,353 | 264,927 | 44.3 | 79.7 |
| April | 1,140 | 121,589 | 1,038 | 112,964 |  |  |  |  |
| May . | 872 | 84,809 | 794 | 78,663 |  |  |  |  |
| June | 1,489 | 164,761 | 1,224 | 140,687 |  |  |  |  |
| Second Quarter | 3,501 | 371,159 | 3,056 | 332,314 |  |  |  |  |
| July .. | 1,511 | 166,857 | 1,335 | 154,342 |  |  |  |  |
| August. | 708 | 72,844 | 656 | 69,054 |  |  |  |  |
| September | 865 | 87,699 | 785 | 81,274 |  |  |  |  |
| Third Quarter ..... | 3,084 | 327,400 | 2,776 | 304,670 | 929 | 161,764 | 33.5 | 53.1 |
| October | 964 | 98,804 | 820 | 88,133 |  |  |  |  |
| November | 1,315 | 136,186 | 1,172 | 125,009 |  |  |  |  |
| December ........... | 2,249 | 254,503 | 2,126 | 244,783 |  |  |  |  |
| Fourth Quarter | 4,528 | 489,493 | 4,118 | 457,925 | 1,640 | 330,901 | 39.8 | 72.3 |
| 2007 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January . | 1,407 | 134,984 | 1,263 | 124,475 |  |  |  |  |
| February ... | 935 | 86,696 | 861 | 82,097 |  |  |  |  |
| March ... | 1,082 | 123,974 | 1,015 | 118,431 |  |  |  |  |
| First Quarter . | 3,424 | 345,654 | 3,139 | 325,003 | ${ }^{\text {r }} 1,110$ | ${ }^{\text {r }}$ 199, 250 | 35.4 | 61.3 |
| April ... | 1,219 | 127,444 | 1,115 | 118,040 |  |  |  |  |
| May | 923 | 85,816 | 856 | 81,153 |  |  |  |  |
| June | 1,599 | 172,810 | 1,318 | 148,669 |  |  |  |  |
| Second Quarter | 3,741 | 386,070 | 3,289 | 347,862 | 1,421 | ${ }^{\text {r }}$ 259,082 | 43.2 | ${ }^{\text {r }} 74.5$ |
| July | 1,599 | 175,419 | 1,450 | 164,939 |  |  |  |  |
| August | 963 | 93,458 | 908 | 88,345 |  |  |  |  |
| September | 717 | 67,385 | 667 | 64,026 |  |  |  |  |
| Third Quarter | 3,279 | 336,262 | 3,025 | 317,310 | 1,019 | ${ }^{\text {r }} 173,518$ | 33.7 | ${ }^{\text {r }} 54.7$ |
| October | 1,083 | 108,455 | 929 | 97,716 |  |  |  |  |
| November | 1,799 | 198,220 | 1,593 | 181,184 |  |  |  |  |
| December | 2,167 | 224,214 | 2,071 | 216,898 |  |  |  |  |
| Fourth Quarter | 5,049 | 530,889 | 4,593 | 495,798 | ${ }^{\text {' }} 1,814$ | ${ }^{\text {r }}$ 346,030 | ${ }^{\text {r }} 39.5$ | 「 69.8 |
| 2008 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 1,647 | 154,503 | 1,520 | 144,191 |  |  |  |  |
| February .......... | 1,269 | 119,508 | 1,178 | 113,587 |  |  |  |  |
| March . | 1,089 | 114,541 | 1,039 | 110,147 |  |  |  |  |
| First Quarter | 4,005 | 388,552 | 3,737 | 367,925 | 2,p 1,111 | ${ }^{2, p} 165,933$ | ${ }^{\text {p }} 29.7$ | ${ }^{\mathrm{p}} 45.1$ |
| April ..... | 1,272 | 130,810 | 1,172 | 121,625 |  |  |  |  |

[^0]number of extended mass layoff events is generally revised upwards by less than 10 percent and the number of initial claimants associated with such events increases by $25-40$ percent.
${ }^{\prime}=$ revised.
${ }^{\mathrm{p}}=$ preliminary.

Table 5. Mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance by census region and division, not seasonally adjusted

| Census region and division | Mass layoff events |  |  |  | Initial claimants for unemployment insurance |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { April } \\ 2007 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { February } \\ 2008 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { March } \\ 2008 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { April } \\ & 2008 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & 2007 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { February } \\ 2008 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { March } \\ & 2008 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & 2008 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| United States ${ }^{1}$ | 1,219 | 1,269 | 1,089 | 1,272 | 127,444 | 119,508 | 114,541 | 130,810 |
| Northeast | 315 | 212 | 180 | 244 | 35,637 | 21,554 | 21,202 | 24,621 |
| New England | 39 | 35 | 14 | 59 | 4,637 | 3,999 | 1,014 | 6,506 |
| Middle Atlantic | 276 | 177 | 166 | 185 | 31,000 | 17,555 | 20,188 | 18,115 |
| South . | 248 | 305 | 245 | 256 | 26,211 | 29,835 | 28,097 | 27,299 |
| South Atlantic | 147 | 176 | 139 | 139 | 13,763 | 13,912 | 14,166 | 11,989 |
| East South Central | 54 | 64 | 53 | 59 | 6,813 | 8,907 | 6,680 | 8,783 |
| West South Central | 47 | 65 | 53 | 58 | 5,635 | 7,016 | 7,251 | 6,527 |
| Midwest | 222 | 232 | 287 | 330 | 23,045 | 25,941 | 34,885 | 37,169 |
| East North Central | 190 | 184 | 224 | 267 | 20,560 | 21,916 | 27,847 | 31,172 |
| West North Central . | 32 | 48 | 63 | 63 | 2,485 | 4,025 | 7,038 | 5,997 |
| West | 434 | 520 | 377 | 442 | 42,551 | 42,178 | 30,357 | 41,721 |
| Mountain | 73 | 47 | 43 | 67 | 8,024 | 3,754 | 4,001 | 7,701 |
| Pacific | 361 | 473 | 334 | 375 | 34,527 | 38,424 | 26,356 | 34,020 |

${ }^{1}$ See footnote 1 , table 3.
NOTE: The States (including the District of Columbia) that comprise the census divisions are: New England: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont; Middle Atlantic: New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania; South Atlantic: Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia; East South Central: Alabama,

Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee; West South Central: Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas; East North Central: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin; West North Central: Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota; Mountain: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming; and Pacific: Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington.

Table 6. State distribution: Mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, not seasonally adjusted

| State | Mass layoff events |  |  |  | Initial claimants for unemployment insurance |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { April } \\ & 2007 \end{aligned}$ | February 2008 | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { March } \\ 2008 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { April } \\ & 2008 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { April } \\ & 2007 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { February } \\ 2008 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { March } \\ 2008 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { April } \\ & 2008 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Total ${ }^{1}$. | 1,219 | 1,269 | 1,089 | 1,272 | 127,444 | 119,508 | 114,541 | 130,810 |
| Alabama | 17 | 17 | 11 | 21 | 1,684 | 2,549 | 927 | 2,789 |
| Alaska | 5 | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 4 | 621 | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 499 |
| Arizona | 32 | ( ${ }^{2}$ ) | 9 | 30 | 4,656 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 808 | 4,424 |
| Arkansas | 4 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 409 | 364 | 867 | 330 |
| California | 314 | 416 | 296 | 321 | 29,053 | 32,747 | 21,812 | 28,172 |
| Colorado | 10 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 784 | 326 | 533 | 455 |
| Connecticut | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 7 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 535 |
| Delaware | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 4 | 3 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 298 | 920 |
| District of Columbia |  | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | - | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | - |
| Florida ... | 59 | 102 | 63 | 65 | 3,524 | 6,572 | 5,145 | 4,130 |
| Georgia | 26 | 26 | 20 | 29 | 2,369 | 2,428 | 3,302 | 2,606 |
| Hawaii. | 3 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 185 | 786 | 304 | 1,583 |
| Idaho ........ | 3 | 7 | 12 | 3 | 499 | 497 | 1,187 | 206 |
| Illinois .. | 34 | 52 | 51 | 47 | 4,497 | 6,344 | 6,694 | 4,646 |
| Indiana | 20 | 24 | 27 | 40 | 1,887 | 3,709 | 3,870 | 4,031 |
| lowa | 7 | 16 | 11 | 13 | 632 | 1,885 | 1,051 | 1,474 |
| Kansas | 3 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 235 | 192 | 1,069 | 359 |
| Kentucky .. | 17 | 24 | 26 | 21 | 2,936 | 4,219 | 4,555 | 4,651 |
| Louisiana .. | 7 | 13 | 6 | 5 | 1,755 | 2,640 | 411 | 396 |
| Maine .. | 3 | 4 | - | 3 | 201 | 245 | - | 184 |
| Maryland | 9 | 5 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 6 | 1,048 | 377 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 531 |
| Massachusetts | 11 | 9 | 5 | 18 | 1,020 | 698 | 433 | 1,936 |
| Michigan .. | 34 | 32 | 41 | 65 | 3,789 | 4,379 | 3,980 | 11,156 |
| Minnesota | 11 | 5 | 9 | 15 | 817 | 361 | 617 | 1,148 |
| Mississippi. | 4 | 10 | 7 | 9 | 217 | 897 | 493 | 773 |
| Missouri ..... | 7 | 19 | 28 | 24 | 445 | 1,127 | 3,799 | 2,205 |
| Montana | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 3 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 212 |
| Nebraska | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 5 | 6 | 3 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 460 | 412 | 453 |
| Nevada . | 14 | 23 | 7 | 16 | 1,050 | 1,909 | 522 | 1,558 |
| New Hampshire | 6 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 631 | 351 | 167 | 451 |
| New Jersey ... | 50 | 35 | 34 | 34 | 4,749 | 3,439 | 4,007 | 3,070 |
| New Mexico . | 8 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 5 | 4 | 592 | ( ${ }^{2}$ ) | 685 | 316 |
| New York | 116 | 42 | 29 | 64 | 15,254 | 5,912 | 3,436 | 7,539 |
| North Carolina . | 13 | 21 | 16 | 6 | 1,210 | 2,121 | 1,367 | 555 |
| North Dakota | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| Ohio | 55 | 42 | 52 | 67 | 6,024 | 4,387 | 6,236 | 6,951 |
| Oklahoma | 4 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 6 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 354 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 868 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| Oregon ....... | 21 | 29 | 21 | 20 | 2,790 | 3,125 | 3,275 | 1,563 |
| Pennsylvania . | 110 | 100 | 103 | 87 | 10,997 | 8,204 | 12,745 | 7,506 |
| Rhode Island . | 8 | 9 | 4 | 11 | 1,589 | 1,448 | 303 | 1,641 |
| South Carolina | 26 | 10 | 17 | 22 | 3,291 | 1,354 | 1,659 | 2,563 |
| South Dakota | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - |  |  |
| Tennessee | 16 | 13 | 9 | 8 | 1,976 | 1,242 | 705 | 570 |
| Texas | 32 | 47 | 36 | 48 | 3,117 | 3,870 | 5,105 | 5,594 |
| Utah . | 4 | 7 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 5 | 315 | 525 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 464 |
| Vermont | 10 | 8 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 15 | 1,052 | 1,084 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 1,759 |
| Virginia ... | 9 | 8 | 14 | 6 | 628 | 742 | 1,808 | 494 |
| Washington | 18 | 19 | 12 | 25 | 1,878 | 1,766 | 913 | 2,203 |
| West Virginia | 4 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 3 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 305 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 428 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| Wisconsin ...... | 47 | 34 | 53 | 48 | 4,363 | 3,097 | 7,067 | 4,388 |
| Wyoming ............... | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| Puerto Rico ...... | 16 | 23 | 4 | 17 | 1,556 | 2,113 | 344 | 1,437 |

[^1]
[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ The event realization rate is the percentage of all private nonfarm mass layoff events lasting more than 30 days. The initial claimant realization rate is the percentage of all private nonfarm mass layoff initial claimants associated with layoffs lasting more than 30 days.
    ${ }^{2}$ These quarterly numbers are provisional and will be revised as more data on these layoffs become available. Experience suggests that the

[^1]:    ${ }^{1}$ See footnote 1, table 3.
    ${ }^{2}$ Data do not meet BLS or state agency disclosure standards.

