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## MASS LAYOFFS IN MAY 2007

In May, employers took 1,190 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 establishment; the number of workers involved totaled 119,089, on a seasonally adjusted basis. The number of mass layoff events decreased by 28 from the prior month, and the number of associated initial claims fell by 5,644. During May, 363 mass layoff events were reported in the manufacturing sector, seasonally adjusted, resulting in 48,849 initial claims. Compared with the prior month, mass layoff activity in manufacturing decreased by 20 events, while initial claims increased by 5,076. (See table 1.)

Chart 1. Mass layoff events, seasonally adjusted, June 2002-May 2007


Chart 2. Mass layoff initial claims, seasonally adjusted, June 2002-May 2007


From January through May 2007, the total number of events (seasonally adjusted), at 6,201, and initial claims (seasonally adjusted), at 644,854, were higher than in January-May 2006 (5,555 and 577,696, respectively).

The national unemployment rate was 4.5 percent in May, unchanged from the prior month and down slightly from 4.6 percent a year earlier. Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 157,000 over the month and by 1.9 million over the year.

Table A. Industries with the largest number of mass layoff initial claims in May 2007

| Industry | Initial claims | May peak |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Year | Initial claims |
| Food service contractors. | 5,236 | 1998 | 7,267 |
| Temporary help services. | 5,080 | 2002 | 16,992 |
| Motion picture and video production. | 3,470 | 1999 | 8,985 |
| Child day care services... | 2,957 | 2002 | 3,894 |
| Light truck and utility vehicle manufacturing. ........ | $\left({ }^{1}\right)$ | 2007 | $\left({ }^{1}\right)$ |
| Heavy duty truck manufacturing. | $\left({ }^{1}\right)$ | 2007 | $\left({ }^{1}\right)$ |
| Discount department stores.. | 1,850 | 2002 | 3,981 |
| Motor vehicle seating and interior trim manufacturing. | 1,431 | 2007 | 1,431 |
| Professional employer organizations. | 1,288 | 2003 | 3,446 |
| Full-service restaurants.. | 1,174 | 2002 | 1,319 |

${ }^{1}$ Data do not meet BLS or state agency disclosure standards.

## Industry Distribution (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

The 10 industries reporting the highest numbers of mass layoff initial claims, not seasonally adjusted, accounted for 32 percent of the total initial claims in May. The industry with the highest number of initial claims was food service contractors with 5,236 , followed by temporary help services with 5,080 , and motion picture and video production with 3,470. Together, these three industries accounted for 16 percent of all initial claims due to mass layoffs during the month. (See table A.)

The manufacturing sector accounted for 24 percent of all mass layoff events and 31 percent of all related initial claims filed in May; a year earlier, manufacturing made up 22 percent of events and 28 percent of initial claims. In May 2007, the number of manufacturing claimants was highest in transportation equipment manufacturing (10,321, largely light truck and utility vehicle manufacturing and heavy duty truck manufacturing), followed by food manufacturing $(2,617)$ and wood product manufacturing $(1,823)$. (See table 3.)

Administrative and waste services accounted for 13 percent of mass layoff events and 11 percent of initial claims in May, primarily from temporary help services. Accommodation and food services comprised 9 percent of events and 10 percent of initial claims filed over the month, with the majority of layoffs in food service contracting. Nine percent of all mass layoff events and related initial claims filed were from retail trade, mainly from general merchandise stores. Construction made up 10 percent of events and 7 percent of initial claims, mostly from the specialty trade contractors industry.

On a not seasonally adjusted basis, the number of mass layoff events in May, at 930, was up by 58 from a year earlier, and the number of associated initial claims increased by 1,669 to 86,478 . (See table 2.) The largest over-the-year increases in initial claims were reported in transportation equipment manufacturing (+2,664), specialty trade contractors ( $+1,206$ ), and wood product manufacturing $(+970)$. The largest over-the-year decreases in mass layoff initial claims were reported in administrative and support services $(-2,510)$ and executive, legislative and general government $(-1,060)$.

## Geographic Distribution (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Among the four census regions, the highest number of initial claims in May due to mass layoffs was in the West, with 27,648. Administrative and support services, motion picture and sound recording industries, and professional and technical services together accounted for 31 percent of all mass layoff initial claims in that region during the month. The Midwest had the second largest number of initial claims among the regions with 23,747 , followed by the South with 22,490 and the Northeast with 12,593 . (See table 5.)

The number of initial claimants in mass layoffs increased over the year in two of the four regions. The largest increase was in the South $(+3,972)$, followed by the West $(+639)$. The Midwest $(-2,791)$ reported the largest over-the-year decrease in initial claims. Five of the 9 geographic divisions had over-the-year increases in the numbers of initial claims associated with mass layoffs, with the largest increases in the East South Central $(+2,489)$, the South Atlantic $(+1,276)$, and the Middle Atlantic $(+1,045)$. The division with the largest over-the-year decrease was the East North Central ( $-1,785$ ).

Among the states, California recorded the highest number of initial claims filed due to mass layoff events in May (22,244), followed by Missouri $(5,459)$, Pennsylvania $(5,412)$, Kentucky $(4,593)$, and Michigan $(4,520)$. These five states accounted for 48 percent of all mass layoff events and 49 percent of all initial claims for unemployment insurance. (See table 6.)

Missouri had the largest over-the-year increase in the number of initial claims (+3,502), due to more mass layoff activity in transportation equipment manufacturing. States having the next largest increases in initial claims were Kentucky (+2,528), Pennsylvania (+1,912), Wisconsin ( $+1,441$ ), and New Jersey $(+1,345)$. The largest over-the-year decreases in claims occurred in Illinois $(-3,567)$ and Iowa $(-2,758)$.

## Note

The monthly data series in this release cover mass layoffs of 50 or more workers beginning in a given month, regardless of the duration of the layoffs. For private nonfarm establishments, information on the length of the layoff is obtained later and issued in a quarterly release that reports on mass layoffs lasting more than 30 days (referred to as "extended mass layoffs"). The quarterly release provides more information on the industry classification and location of the establishment and on the demographics of the laid-off workers. Because monthly figures include short-term layoffs of 30 days or less, the sum of the figures for the 3 months in a quarter will be higher than the quarterly figure for mass layoffs of more than 30 days. (See table 4.) See the Technical Note for more detailed definitions.

The report on Mass Layoffs in June 2007 is scheduled to be released on Friday, July 20.

## Technical Note

The Mass Layoff Statistics (MLS) program is a federal-state 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 establishments which have at least 50 initial claims filed against them during a consecutive 5-week period. These establishments 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-theyear 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

Initial claimant. A person who files any notice of unemployment 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 establishment 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, June 2003 to May 2007, seasonally adjusted

| Date | Total |  | Private nonfarm |  | Manufacturing |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Events | Initial claimants | Events | Initial claimants | Events | Initial claimants |
| 2003 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| June | 1,733 | 164,442 | 1,523 | 147,609 | 638 | 68,976 |
| July | 1,649 | 164,146 | 1,443 | 148,650 | 567 | 72,023 |
| August | 1,498 | 169,799 | 1,362 | 156,687 | 546 | 74,509 |
| September | 1,562 | 147,054 | 1,370 | 132,262 | 479 | 57,332 |
| October | 1,536 | 158,137 | 1,328 | 140,298 | 420 | 52,105 |
| November | 1,366 | 138,079 | 1,223 | 126,597 | 377 | 49,716 |
| December | 1,412 | 139,423 | 1,243 | 127,356 | 445 | 50,923 |
| 2004 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 1,428 | 146,692 | 1,232 | 128,191 | 394 | 45,544 |
| February .. | 1,320 | 134,626 | 1,170 | 122,329 | 367 | 40,849 |
| March ...... | 1,372 | 139,716 | 1,237 | 130,737 | 401 | 59,987 |
| April | 1,374 | 140,190 | 1,202 | 124,962 | 349 | 38,197 |
| May | 1,209 | 113,091 | 1,047 | 99,615 | 330 | 38,965 |
| June | 1,403 | 141,048 | 1,231 | 128,137 | 366 | 47,015 |
| July | 1,330 | 137,484 | 1,180 | 126,106 | 372 | 51,424 |
| August | 1,394 | 127,671 | 1,224 | 113,376 | 345 | 36,963 |
| September | 1,277 | 125,351 | 1,154 | 115,343 | 338 | 46,955 |
| October .... | 1,288 | 132,250 | 1,172 | 122,831 | 362 | 47,571 |
| November | 1,314 | 130,558 | 1,171 | 118,904 | 378 | 46,276 |
| December | 1,170 | 114,641 | 1,013 | 103,434 | 301 | 33,022 |
| 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 1,489 | 160,986 | 1,353 | 150,640 | 383 | 56,133 |
| February . | 1,172 | 123,377 | 1,045 | 112,752 | 358 | 45,794 |
| March . | 1,219 | 132,035 | 1,079 | 122,013 | 377 | 55,061 |
| April | 1,263 | 137,381 | 1,132 | 126,747 | 398 | 60,826 |
| May | 1,226 | 133,221 | 1,085 | 120,899 | 382 | 54,886 |
| June | 1,194 | 126,834 | 1,074 | 117,712 | 359 | 57,018 |
| July | 1,248 | 131,500 | 1,101 | 118,800 | 353 | 47,136 |
| August | 1,109 | 123,125 | 986 | 111,879 | 338 | 46,915 |
| September | 2,217 | 292,177 | 1,998 | 246,227 | 419 | 56,289 |
| October | 1,098 | 108,665 | 977 | 99,402 | 321 | 44,666 |
| November | 1,167 | 115,803 | 1,036 | 104,576 | 330 | 43,307 |
| December | 1,253 | 135,721 | 1,125 | 124,632 | 372 | 48,592 |
| 2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 1,112 | 109,429 | 984 | 99,277 | 282 | 29,911 |
| February | 1,065 | 112,742 | 973 | 105,055 | 329 | 46,548 |
| March . | 1,105 | 120,954 | 1,003 | 112,730 | 335 | 50,149 |
| April | 1,175 | 121,376 | 1,041 | 111,369 | 365 | 48,038 |
| May | 1,098 | 113,195 | 982 | 103,839 | 297 | 42,993 |
| June | 1,130 | 123,558 | 1,007 | 113,037 | 331 | 40,500 |
| July | 1,160 | 118,843 | 1,038 | 109,509 | 372 | 49,069 |
| August. | 1,218 | 131,105 | 1,083 | 120,923 | 367 | 58,983 |
| September | 1,158 | 120,795 | 1,043 | 111,876 | 392 | 46,802 |
| October | 1,186 | 119,914 | 1,069 | 111,036 | 401 | 55,795 |
| November | 1,220 | 136,340 | 1,111 | 127,286 | 411 | 60,599 |
| December .......... | 1,201 | 133,818 | 1,099 | 124,526 | 390 | 53,828 |
| 2007 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 1,237 | 126,368 | 1,095 | 115,615 | 389 | 51,141 |
| February . | 1,280 | 143,977 | 1,166 | 135,252 | 419 | 64,072 |
| March ...... | 1,276 | 130,687 | 1,165 | 122,150 | 420 | 54,441 |
| April ${ }^{\text { }}$.. | 1,218 | 124,733 | 1,092 | 114,570 | 383 | 43,773 |
| May .................. | 1,190 | 119,089 | 1,084 | 111,281 | 363 | 48,849 |

[^0]Table 2. Mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, June 2003 to May 2007, not seasonally adjusted

| Date | Total |  | Private nonfarm |  | Manufacturing |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Events | Initial claimants | Events | Initial claimants | Events | Initial claimants |
| 2003 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| June | 1,691 | 157,552 | 1,336 | 127,743 | 389 | 40,845 |
| July | 2,087 | 226,435 | 1,815 | 206,901 | 946 | 136,410 |
| August | 1,258 | 133,839 | 1,163 | 124,131 | 405 | 52,620 |
| September | 868 | 82,647 | 756 | 73,914 | 271 | 31,428 |
| October | 1,523 | 158,240 | 1,265 | 137,706 | 438 | 53,741 |
| November | 1,438 | 138,543 | 1,234 | 123,524 | 408 | 48,419 |
| December | 1,929 | 192,633 | 1,793 | 182,750 | 648 | 77,915 |
| 2004 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 2,428 | 239,454 | 2,226 | 220,687 | 848 | 89,551 |
| February ............................................... | 941 | 84,201 | 832 | 76,577 | 240 | 23,043 |
| March ................................................... | 920 | 92,554 | 847 | 87,782 | 258 | 34,686 |
| April | 1,458 | 157,314 | 1,316 | 142,657 | 343 | 36,172 |
| 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 |
| 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 ${ }^{\text { }}$. | 1,190 | 125,367 | 1,091 | 116,167 | 305 | 35,061 |
| May | 930 | 86,478 | 860 | 81,551 | 224 | 26,521 |

[^1]Table 3. Industry distribution: Mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance

| Industry | Mass layoff events |  |  |  | Initial claimants for unemployment insurance |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 2006 \end{aligned}$ | March <br> 2007 | $\begin{gathered} \text { April } \\ 2007^{r} \end{gathered}$ | May $2007$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { May } \\ 2006 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { March } \\ 2007 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { April } \\ 2007{ }^{\text {r }} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 2007 \end{aligned}$ |
| Seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 1,098 | 1,276 | 1,218 | 1,190 | 113,195 | 130,687 | 124,733 | 119,089 |
| Total, private nonfarm | 982 | 1,165 | 1,092 | 1,084 | 103,839 | 122,150 | 114,570 | 111,281 |
| Manufacturing ........................... | 297 | 420 | 383 | 363 | 42,993 | 54,441 | 43,773 | 48,849 |
| Not seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total ${ }^{1}$ | 872 | 1,082 | 1,190 | 930 | 84,809 | 123,974 | 125,367 | 86,478 |
| Total, private . | 813 | 1,046 | 1,150 | 886 | 79,738 | 120,544 | 122,678 | 83,274 |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting ...... | 19 | 31 | 59 | 26 | 1,075 | 2,113 | 6,511 | 1,723 |
| Total, private nonfarm . | 794 | 1,015 | 1,091 | 860 | 78,663 | 118,431 | 116,167 | 81,551 |
| Mining | 3 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 213 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| Utilities . | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | 5 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | 439 |
| Construction | 90 | 107 | 83 | 94 | 6,116 | 7,815 | 6,227 | 6,418 |
| Manufacturing .. | 192 | 367 | 305 | 224 | 23,570 | 49,886 | 35,061 | 26,521 |
| Food ........ | 39 | 67 | 60 | 35 | 3,335 | 6,087 | 5,934 | 2,617 |
| Beverage and tobacco products | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 7 | 3 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 778 | 251 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| Textile mills | 8 | 16 | 15 | 9 | 780 | 1,882 | 1,234 | 920 |
| Textile product mills | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 4 | 8 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 350 | 1,030 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| Apparel.. | 6 | 15 | 12 | 5 | 525 | 1,355 | 951 | 562 |
| Leather and allied products ... | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - |
| Wood products .................... | 12 | 30 | 21 | 20 | 853 | 2,674 | 1,907 | 1,823 |
| Paper ..... | 7 | 10 | 3 | 8 | 527 | 779 | 214 | 680 |
| Printing and related support activities | 10 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 860 | 637 | 578 | 496 |
| Petroleum and coal products ............. | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| Chemicals . | 8 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 464 | 310 | 682 | 377 |
| Plastics and rubber products ......... | 5 | 18 | 10 | 11 | 341 | 1,682 | 900 | 809 |
| Nonmetallic mineral products .... | 5 | 16 | 11 | 7 | 526 | 1,483 | 1,021 | 583 |
| Primary metals | 4 | 17 | 12 | 13 | 448 | 1,976 | 1,415 | 963 |
| Fabricated metal products | 8 | 14 | 22 | 10 | 508 | 1,567 | 1,643 | 699 |
| Machinery ... | 9 | 11 | 16 | 15 | 2,432 | 2,013 | 2,392 | 1,389 |
| Computer and electronic products ...... | 11 | 26 | 13 | 11 | 1,058 | 2,562 | 993 | 758 |
| Electrical equipment and appliances ... | 6 | 15 | 5 | 7 | 1,449 | 2,502 | 996 | 1,622 |
| Transportation equipment | 35 | 68 | 62 | 41 | 7,657 | 19,397 | 11,466 | 10,321 |
| Furniture and related products ..... | 8 | 16 | 7 | 11 | 709 | 1,571 | 518 | 1,063 |
| Miscellaneous manufacturing ..... | 5 | 4 | 10 | 5 | 615 | 281 | 758 | 613 |
| Wholesale trade | 11 | 17 | 16 | 10 | 847 | 1,828 | 1,672 | 1,021 |
| Retail trade .. | 77 | 93 | 94 | 87 | 7,570 | 11,407 | 7,556 | 7,854 |
| Transportation and warehousing ....... | 30 | 55 | 162 | 31 | 2,270 | 5,896 | 19,291 | 2,782 |
| Information. | 33 | 30 | 34 | 23 | 4,360 | 4,843 | 8,084 | 4,424 |
| Finance and insurance . | 24 | 39 | 46 | 33 | 1,864 | 2,883 | 3,960 | 2,404 |
| Real estate and rental and leasing .............. | 6 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 424 | 400 | 251 | 344 |
| Professional and technical services .............. | 35 | 29 | 47 | 41 | 3,019 | 4,391 | 6,675 | 3,165 |
| Management of companies and enterprises ... | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 5 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 324 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| Administrative and waste services | 122 | 140 | 138 | 118 | 12,323 | 15,153 | 10,778 | 9,708 |
| Educational services | 5 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 384 | 192 | 1,341 | 204 |
| Health care and social assistance ...... | 49 | 16 | 28 | 56 | 4,598 | 1,160 | 3,369 | 4,906 |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation .............. | 21 | 10 | 26 | 21 | 1,257 | 680 | 1,908 | 1,185 |
| Accommodation and food services | 69 | 86 | 78 | 86 | 7,535 | 10,895 | 7,716 | 8,356 |
| Other services, except public administration ... | 23 | 6 | 17 | 20 | 2,078 | 364 | 1,823 | 1,675 |
| Unclassified | 1 | - | - | - | 39 | - | - | - |
| Government | 59 | 36 | 40 | 44 | 5,071 | 3,430 | 2,689 | 3,204 |
| Federal .. | 9 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 767 | 501 | 698 | 634 |
| State | 6 | 11 | 9 | 7 | 308 | 820 | 524 | 594 |
| Local .................................................. | 44 | 19 | 22 | 29 | 3,996 | 2,109 | 1,467 | 1,976 |

[^2]Table 4. Mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, April 2005 to May 2007, 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 |
| 2005 |  |  |  |  | 1,203 | 212,673 | 38.9 | 61.7 |
| April | 1,373 | 158,582 | 1,263 | 148,133 |  |  |  |  |
| May | 986 | 101,358 | 891 | 93,332 |  |  |  |  |
| June | 1,157 | 120,463 | 941 | 103,307 |  |  |  |  |
| Second Quarter | 3,516 | 380,403 | 3,095 | 344,772 |  |  |  |  |
| July | 1,981 | 244,216 | 1,745 | 222,377 |  |  |  |  |
| August. | 645 | 67,582 | 598 | 63,484 |  |  |  |  |
| September | 1,662 | 213,281 | 1,505 | 179,042 |  |  |  |  |
| Third Quarter | 4,288 | 525,079 | 3,848 | 464,903 | 1,136 | 190,186 | 29.5 | 40.9 |
| October | 905 | 91,941 | 757 | 80,694 |  |  |  |  |
| November | 1,254 | 116,127 | 1,079 | 102,182 |  |  |  |  |
| December | 2,323 | 254,258 | 2,168 | 242,753 |  |  |  |  |
| Fourth Quarter | 4,482 | 462,326 | 4,004 | 425,629 | 1,400 | 246,188 | 35.0 | 57.8 |
| 2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January .. | 1,245 | 117,946 | 1,123 | 108,701 |  |  |  |  |
| February | 719 | 66,555 | 658 | 62,208 |  |  |  |  |
| March | 921 | 111,838 | 856 | 106,177 |  |  |  |  |
| First Quarter | 2,885 | 296,339 | 2,637 | 277,086 | 963 | 193,510 | 36.5 | 69.8 |
| 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 | 1,353 | 264,807 | 44.3 | 79.7 |
| 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 | 161,716 | 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 | 330,124 | 39.8 | 72.1 |
| 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 | 2,p 965 | 2,p 122,595 | ${ }^{\mathrm{p}} 30.7$ | ${ }^{\text {p }} 37.7$ |
| April ${ }^{\text {r }}$. | $\begin{array}{r} 1,190 \\ 930 \end{array}$ | 125,367 | 1,091 | 116,167 |  |  |  |  |
| May ... |  | 86,478 | 860 | 81,551 |  |  |  |  |

[^3]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.
${ }^{r}=$ 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 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { May } \\ 2006 \end{gathered}$ | March 2007 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & 2007^{\text {r }} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 2007 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 2006 \end{aligned}$ | March 2007 | $\begin{gathered} \text { April } \\ 2007^{r} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 2007 \end{aligned}$ |
| United States ${ }^{1}$ | 872 | 1,082 | 1,190 | 930 | 84,809 | 123,974 | 125,367 | 86,478 |
| Northeast | 134 | 137 | 315 | 150 | 12,744 | 14,613 | 35,637 | 12,593 |
| New England | 30 | 17 | 39 | 25 | 3,083 | 1,650 | 4,637 | 1,887 |
| Middle Atlantic | 104 | 120 | 276 | 125 | 9,661 | 12,963 | 31,000 | 10,706 |
| South | 204 | 238 | 248 | 222 | 18,518 | 34,812 | 26,211 | 22,490 |
| South Atlantic | 100 | 115 | 147 | 113 | 8,321 | 13,072 | 13,763 | 9,597 |
| East South Central | 51 | 77 | 54 | 55 | 5,259 | 15,237 | 6,813 | 7,748 |
| West South Central | 53 | 46 | 47 | 54 | 4,938 | 6,503 | 5,635 | 5,145 |
| Midwest | 220 | 283 | 222 | 217 | 26,538 | 33,410 | 23,045 | 23,747 |
| East North Central | 157 | 225 | 190 | 153 | 17,516 | 27,218 | 20,560 | 15,731 |
| West North Central | 63 | 58 | 32 | 64 | 9,022 | 6,192 | 2,485 | 8,016 |
| West | 314 | 424 | 405 | 341 | 27,009 | 41,139 | 40,474 | 27,648 |
| Mountain | 28 | 41 | 73 | 29 | 2,637 | 3,200 | 8,024 | 2,309 |
| Pacific | 286 | 383 | 332 | 312 | 24,372 | 37,939 | 32,450 | 25,339 |

[^4]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 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { May } \\ 2006 \end{gathered}$ | March <br> 2007 | $\begin{gathered} \text { April } \\ 2007^{r} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { May } \\ 2007 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { May } \\ 2006 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { March } \\ 2007 \end{gathered}$ | April <br> $2007{ }^{r}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 2007 \end{aligned}$ |
| Total ${ }^{1}$ | 872 | 1,082 | 1,190 | 930 | 84,809 | 123,974 | 125,367 | 86,478 |
| Alabama | 13 | 26 | 17 | 14 | 1,347 | 3,373 | 1,684 | 1,379 |
| Alaska | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | 5 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | 621 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| Arizona | 5 | 6 | 32 | 6 | 625 | 362 | 4,656 | 524 |
| Arkansas | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 4 | 5 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 409 | 432 |
| California | 259 | 333 | 285 | 277 | 22,138 | 33,172 | 26,976 | 22,244 |
| Colorado .... | 5 | 4 | 10 | 3 | 443 | 458 | 784 | 276 |
| Connecticut | 6 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 6 | 461 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 521 |
| Delaware . | - | ) | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | - | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - |
| District of Columbia | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | _ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| Florida | 48 | 51 | 59 | 60 | 3,165 | 4,562 | 3,524 | 4,066 |
| Georgia | 17 | 14 | 26 | 21 | 1,734 | 1,635 | 2,369 | 2,641 |
| Hawaii. | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 359 | 323 | 185 | 251 |
| Idaho ... | 4 | 8 | 3 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 255 | 537 | 499 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| Illinois | 43 | 54 | 34 | 30 | 6,641 | 8,754 | 4,497 | 3,074 |
| Indiana | 22 | 19 | 20 | 18 | 1,815 | 1,927 | 1,887 | 1,416 |
| lowa ... | 12 | 11 | 7 | 5 | 3,239 | 1,285 | 632 | 481 |
| Kansas | 9 | 4 | 3 | 10 | 685 | 930 | 235 | 613 |
| Kentucky | 17 | 32 | 17 | 19 | 2,065 | 6,623 | 2,936 | 4,593 |
| Louisiana | 12 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 973 | 446 | 1,755 | 878 |
| Maine | 4 | 3 | 3 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 314 | 233 | 201 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| Maryland | 5 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 414 | 462 | 1,048 | 426 |
| Massachusetts | 13 | 4 | 11 | 9 | 1,692 | 268 | 1,020 | 649 |
| Michigan ... | 40 | 51 | 34 | 46 | 4,028 | 6,508 | 3,789 | 4,520 |
| Minnesota | 11 | 15 | 11 | 9 | 2,678 | 1,231 | 817 | 1,090 |
| Mississippi .... | 7 | 10 | 4 | 9 | 495 | 4,428 | 217 | 461 |
| Missouri | 25 | 22 | 7 | 35 | 1,957 | 2,347 | 445 | 5,459 |
| Montana | 3 | 4 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 6 | 182 | 319 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 419 |
| Nebraska | 4 | 3 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 324 | 218 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| Nevada | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 11 | 14 | 6 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 842 | 1,050 | 429 |
| New Hampshire | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 3 | 6 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 462 | 631 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| New Jersey ..... | 16 | 35 | 50 | 31 | 1,591 | 3,529 | 4,749 | 2,936 |
| New Mexico . | 4 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 570 | 548 | 592 | 312 |
| New York. | 40 | 40 | 116 | 29 | 4,570 | 4,636 | 15,254 | 2,358 |
| North Carolina | 12 | 22 | 13 | 8 | 1,355 | 3,986 | 1,210 | 547 |
| North Dakota .. | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | ${ }^{2}{ }^{2}$ ) | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| Ohio ........ | 30 | 43 | 55 | 34 | 3,102 | 4,444 | 6,024 | 3,350 |
| Oklahoma | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 4 | 4 | 5 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 1,178 | 354 | 428 |
| Oregon . | 16 | 30 | 21 | 15 | 1,242 | 3,272 | 2,790 | 1,528 |
| Pennsylvania | 48 | 45 | 110 | 65 | 3,500 | 4,798 | 10,997 | 5,412 |
| Rhode Island | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 8 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 1,589 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| South Carolina | 10 | 10 | 26 | 6 | 988 | 1,210 | 3,291 | 473 |
| South Dakota | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| Tennessee | 14 | 9 | 16 | 13 | 1,352 | 813 | 1,976 | 1,315 |
| Texas | 37 | 35 | 32 | 36 | 3,688 | 4,762 | 3,117 | 3,407 |
| Utah .. | 5 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 4 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 447 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 315 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| Vermont | 4 | 4 | 10 | 5 | 404 | 465 | 1,052 | 317 |
| Virginia . | 7 | 10 | 9 | 12 | 593 | 1,091 | 628 | 1,370 |
| Washington | 6 | 16 | 18 | 15 | 570 | 1,172 | 1,878 | 1,206 |
| West Virginia | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 4 | - | - |  | 305 | - |
| Wisconsin .. | 22 | 58 | 47 | 25 | 1,930 | 5,585 | 4,363 | 3,371 |
| Wyoming ................ | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| Puerto Rico | 60 | 15 | 16 | 12 | 14,229 | 1,355 | 1,556 | 978 |

[^5]${ }^{r}=$ revised.
NOTE: Dash represents zero.


[^0]:    ${ }^{\mathrm{r}}=$ revised.

[^1]:    ${ }^{\mathrm{r}}=$ revised.

[^2]:    ${ }^{1}$ Data were reported by all states and the District of Columbia.
    ${ }^{2}$ Data do not meet BLS or state agency disclosure standards.
    ${ }^{r}=$ revised.
    NOTE: Dash represents zero.

[^3]:    ${ }^{1}$ 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

[^4]:    ${ }^{1}$ See footnote 1, table 3.
    ${ }^{r}=$ revised.

[^5]:    ${ }^{1}$ See footnote 1, table 3.
    ${ }^{2}$ Data do not meet BLS or state agency disclosure standards.

