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MASS LAYOFFS IN MARCH 2006

In March 2006, employers took 1,082 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,

Chart 1. Mass layoff events, seasonally adjusted, April 2001-March 2006

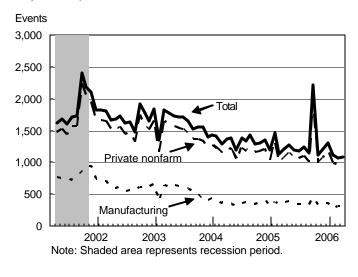
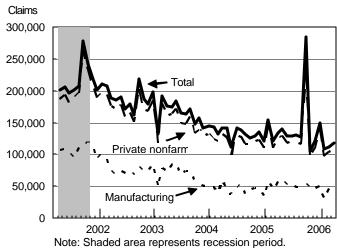


Chart 2. Mass layoff initial claims, seasonally adjusted, April 2001-March 2006



and the number of workers involved totaled 118,555, on a seasonally adjusted basis. (See table 1.) The number of layoff events rose by 9, and the number of associated initial claims increased by 7,087 from February 2006. In the manufacturing sector, 328 mass layoff events were reported during March 2006, seasonally adjusted, resulting in 49,023 initial claims. Both figures were higher than a month earlier. (See table 1.)

In March 2006, the national unemployment rate was 4.7 percent, seasonally adjusted, compared with 4.8 percent in February 2006 and 5.1 percent in March 2005. Total nonfarm payroll employment, seasonally adjusted, increased by 211,000 over the month and by 2.1 million over the year.

Industry Distribution (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

The 10 industries reporting the highest number of mass layoff initial claims, not seasonally adjusted, accounted for 43,791 initial claims in March, 39 percent of the total. (See table A.) Temporary help

Table A. Industries with the largest mass layoff initial claims in March 2006 p

Industry	T 1 1 .	March peak				
Industry	Initial claims	Year	Initial claims			
Temporary help services	9,620	2002	14,388			
Automobile manufacturing	8,399	1996	15,411			
Food service contractors	6,466	2005	6,490			
School and employee bus transportation	5,051	2002	6,064			
Motion picture and video production	4,543	2005	7,192			
Iron and steel mills	2,784	2006	2,784			
Professional employer organizations	2,398	2002	2,987			
Highway, street, and bridge construction	1,690	2001	2,640			
Department stores, except discount	1,568	1999	3,799			
Discount department stores	1,272	2003	2,460			

p = preliminary.

services, with 9,620 initial claims, and automobile manufacturing, with 8,399, together accounted for 16 percent of all initial claims in March.

The manufacturing sector accounted for 31 percent of all mass layoff events and 40 percent of all initial claims filed in March; a year earlier, manufacturing comprised 31 percent of events and 37 percent of initial claims. In March 2006, the number of manufacturing claimants was highest in transportation equipment manufacturing (14,958, mostly automotive-related), followed by food manufacturing (7,519). (See table 3.)

Administrative and waste services accounted for 13 percent of events and initial claims filed in March 2006, with layoffs mainly in temporary help services. Nine percent of all layoff events and initial claims filed during the month were from accommodation and food services, primarily in food service contractors. Construction accounted for 13 percent of events and 8 percent of initial claims in March, mostly in specialty trade contractors.

Government establishments accounted for 3 percent of events and 2 percent of initial claims filed in March, largely in educational services.

On a not seasonally adjusted basis, the number of layoff events in March 2006, at 921, was up by 115 from a year earlier, and the number of associated initial claims increased by 22,901 to 111,838. The largest over-the-year increases in initial claims were reported in administrative and support services (+7,923), electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing (+2,785), food manufacturing (+2,470), and primary metal manufacturing (+2,012). The largest over-the-year decreases in initial claims were reported in motion picture and sound recording industries (-2,685) and in professional and technical services (-1,242).

Geographic Distribution (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Among the four census regions, the highest number of initial claims in March due to mass layoffs was in the Midwest, 40,581. (See table 5.) Transportation equipment manufacturing, primary metal manufacturing, administrative and support services, and transit and ground passenger transportation accounted for 51 percent of all mass layoff initial claims in that region during the month. The West had the second largest number of initial claims, 37,301, followed by the South with 21,001, and the Northeast with 12,955.

The number of initial claimants in mass layoffs increased over the year in each of the four regions. The largest increase was in the Midwest (+12,168), followed by the West (+4,867), South (+3,830), and the Northeast (+2,036). Six of the nine geographic divisions had over-the-year increases in the number of initial claims associated with mass layoffs, with the largest in the East North Central division (+10,289). The West South Central division reported the largest over-the-year decrease in initial claims (-719).

Among the states, California recorded the highest number of initial claims filed due to mass layoff events in March (29,527), followed by Michigan (9,395), Illinois (7,478), Ohio (6,956), and Wisconsin (6,448). These five states accounted for 50 percent of all mass layoff events and 53 percent of all initial claims for unemployment insurance. (See table 6.)

Illinois had the largest over-the-year increase in the number of initial claims (+5,443), largely due to layoffs in transportation equipment manufacturing and in transit and ground passenger transportation. Michigan had the next largest increase in initial claims (+4,393), followed by California (+2,800). The largest over-theyear decrease occurred in Ohio (-1,963).

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 Extended Mass Layoffs in the First Quarter of 2006 is scheduled to be released on Thursday, May 11, 2006. The report on Mass Layoffs in April 2006 is scheduled to be released on Tuesday, May 23, 2006.

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-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

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-12-ARIMA 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-12-ARIMA program and are permanently removed from the final seasonally adjusted series.

Table 1. Mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, April 2002 to March 2006, seasonally adjusted

April 1861 186,095 1,494 186,002 590 68,2°		To	otal	Private	nonfarm	Manufacturing		
April	Date	Events		Events		Events	Initial claimants	
Mey	2002							
June	April	1,681	186,095	1,494	168,902	590	68,210	
June	May	1,723	190,797	1,559	177,743	610	73,953	
Name	June		170,724		· ·	550	70,936	
1,478	July		*	•	· ·	564	74,834	
September	August				· ·		67,779	
1,774 186,940 1,582 166,660 625 73,96	September		*	•	· ·		80,528	
November	-		*		· ·		73,904	
1,841 198,678 1,659 184,368 661 84,000		.,	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		,		71,693	
Banuary		-	*	•	· ·		84,048	
Tebruary	2003							
Alarch	January	1,358	131,963	1,168	117,636	387	48,685	
April 1,722 174,608 1,564 163,607 640 83,34 May 1,719 184,003 1,542 170,961 625 68,55 Nune 1,716 164,299 1,524 148,542 636 68,15 Nune 1,716 164,299 1,524 148,299 580 74,07 Nune 1,642 163,179 1,442 148,299 580 74,07 Nugust 1,517 171,861 1,367 158,049 551 74,66 September 1,562 147,383 1,374 133,383 484 56,44 September 1,393 141,383 1,244 129,231 401 50,44 December 1,393 141,383 1,244 129,231 401 50,44 December 1,426 144,456 1,265 132,324 434 50,95 2004	February	1,825	190,928	1,647	178,363	646	78,819	
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1,426			*		· ·			
Anuary		.,	,		· ·		50,994	
Anuary	2004							
March		1,421	142,704	1,223	124,192	395	48,519	
March	ebruary	1.293	132.640	1.145	120.811	362	39,360	
April	March	-	*	•	· ·	407	60,296	
May	April				•		37,686	
1,390		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	*		· ·		37,405	
Duly 1,329 137,724 1,185 126,945 371 53,24 August	•	.,			•		45,398	
August		,	*	•	· ·			
September 1,283 125,344 1,155 115,499 344 45,66 October 1,302 129,237 1,181 119,653 369 47,88 November 1,350 135,036 1,202 122,954 407 47,57 December 1,188 120,602 1,038 109,508 293 33,12 2005 1,188 120,602 1,038 109,508 293 33,12 2005 1,135 120,100 1,010 109,964 350 43,96 January 1,135 120,190 1,010 109,964 350 43,96 April 1,204 133,935 1,071 124,273 384 56,25 May 1,194 129,214 1,059 117,660 359 52,05 July 1,184 128,430 1,065 119,271 349 53,93 July 1,248 131,136 1,107 118,994 356 49,07 August 1,145 127,592 1,006 116,011 334 48,9			*		· ·			
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December		.,			•			
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January		. 1,308	149,565	1,185	138,234	365	49,641	
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^p = preliminary.

Table 2. Mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, April 2002 to March 2006, not seasonally adjusted

	To	otal	Private	nonfarm	Manufa	acturing
Date	Events	Initial claimants	Events	Initial claimants	Events	Initial claimants
2002						
April	1,506	165,814	1,378	153,216	461	50,897
Иау	1,723	179,799	1,571	166,801	488	52,720
June	1,584	162,189	1,266	136,424	336	42,130
July	2,042	245,294	1,819	226,892	907	135,271
August	1,248	128,103	1,151	119,874	427	48,668
September	1,062	124,522	957	114,736	352	43,755
October	1,497	171,100	1,270	149,327	493	64,655
November	2,153	240,171	1,860	216,237	719	92,712
December	2,133	264,158	2,324	252,807	984	126,826
	2,474	264,156	2,324	232,607	904	120,020
2003						
lanuary	2,315	225,430	2,130	210,918	822	90,244
ebruary	1,363	124,965	1,222	116,264	435	48,161
March	1,207	113,026	1,099	104,468	390	41,063
April	1,581	161,412	1,470	152,937	499	62,349
Лау	1,703	174,204	1,538	160,729	499	61,278
lune	1,691	157,552	1,336	127,743	389	40,845
luly	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						
lanuary	2,428	239,454	2,226	220,687	848	89,551
ebruary	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
Иау	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		-	*	,		
December	1,614	161,271	1,487	152,092	436	50,726
2005						
lanuary	2,564	263,952	2,421	253,409	823	108,985
Eebruary	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
lune	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						
anuary	1,245	117,946	1,123	108,701	331	35,097
February ^p	719	66,555	658	62,208	210	24,892
March ^p	921	111,838	856	106,177	285	44,688
viai oi i	321	111,000	000	100,177	200	77,000

^p = preliminary.

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

		Mass lay	off events		Initial claimants for unemployment insurance				
Industry	March	January	February	March	March	January	February	March	
	2005	2006	2006 ^p	2006 ^p	2005	2006	2006 ^p	2006 ^p	
Seasonally adjusted									
Total	. 1,204	1,113	1,073	1,082	133,935	108,378	111,468	118,555	
Total, private nonfarm	. 1,071	985	973	984	124,273	97,832	103,268	110,275	
Manufacturing	. 384	274	321	328	56,253	29,541	45,073	49,023	
Not seasonally adjusted									
Total ¹	. 806	1,245	719	921	88,937	117,946	66,555	111,838	
Total, private	. 777	1,185	689	897	86,306	112,837	64,296	109,302	
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	. 44	62	31	41	2,513	4,136	2,088	3,125	
Total, private nonfarm	. 733	1,123	658	856	83,793	108,701	62,208	106,177	
Mining	_	4	_	(²)	(²)	309	_	(2)	
Utilities	` '	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(2)	
Construction	. 91	125	82	123	6,648	7,942	5,997	9,007	
Manufacturing	. 246	331	210	285	33,030	35,097	24,892	44,688	
Food	. 50	46	42	73	5,049	3,589	4,255	7,519	
Beverage and tobacco products	. 5	9	(²)	7	308	599	(²)	776	
Textile mills	. 8	13	6	8	1,162	1,214	373	951	
Textile product mills	. 4	7	4	(²)	337	655	301	(²)	
Apparel	. 9	11	10	10	1,351	769	1,644	1,012	
Leather and allied products	. 4	(²)	(²)	(²)	634	(²)	(²)	(²)	
Wood products	. 17	27	12	18	1,361	2,995	1,230	2,430	
Paper	(²)	6	4	7	(²)	405	397	668	
Printing and related support activities	. 8	(²)	6	9	493	(²)	519	616	
Petroleum and coal products	· (²)	-	(²)	-	(²)	_	(²)	-	
Chemicals	(²)	8	4	5	(²)	531	315	436	
Plastics and rubber products		17	9	15	851	1,305	564	1,492	
Nonmetallic mineral products		20	9	12	372	1,318	694	837	
Primary metals		11	7	11	1,655	946	523	3,667	
Fabricated metal products		32	12	9	1,245	2,305	972	894	
Machinery		12	14	20	1,101	899	1,029	2,024	
Computer and electronic products		22	6	11	1,266	1,678	623	1,296	
Electrical equipment and appliances		10	9	11	785	1,965	773	3,570	
Transportation equipment		52	39	42	13,543	11,421	9,113	14,958	
Furniture and related products		13	7	5	576	1,253	681	436	
Miscellaneous manufacturing		9	4	7	363	821	457	712	
Wholesale trade	. 7	24	8	11	481	1,903	416	688	
Retail trade	. 64	142	79	65	5,811	14,773	6,781	7,315	
Transportation and warehousing	. 44	102	31	47	5,340	10,634	3,274	6,326	
Information	. 30	33	28	28	8,303	8,998	3,611	5,779	
Finance and insurance	. 22	24	26	22	1,506	1,592	1,752	1,610	
Real estate and rental and leasing		(²)	3	5	277	(²)	194	411	
Professional and technical services	. 22	22	24	22	3,709	3,258	2,124	2,467	
Management of companies and enterprises		4	4	(²)	315	287	274	(²)	
Administrative and waste services		155	106	120	6,572	12,157	8,492	14,361	
Educational services		7	(2)	(²)	(²)	456	(²)	(2)	
Health care and social assistance		21	15	18	1,097	1,385	938	1,167	
Arts, entertainment, and recreation		28	7	14	516	1,888	457	1,187	
Accommodation and food services		81	26	79	9,666	5,898	2,486	9,792	
Other services, except public administration	` '	13	3	(²)	(²)	1,704	197	(²)	
Unclassified	. 2	3	3	7	100	179	162	556	
Government		60	30	24	2,631	5,109	2,259	2,536	
Federal		16	4	6	704	1,596	238	757	
State		10	7	7	802	1,210	764	844	
Local	. 14	34	19	11	1,125	2,303	1,257	935	

¹ Data were reported by all states and the District of Columbia.

^p = preliminary.

NOTE: Dash represents zero.

² Data do not meet BLS or state agency disclosure standards.

Table 4. Mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, January 2004 to March 2006,

not seasonally adjusted

			Private nonfarm									
Date	Total ma	ss layoffs	Mass	layoffs		mass layoffs than 30 days	Realizati	on rates ¹				
	Events	Initial claimants	Events	Initial claimants	Events	Initial claimants	Events	Initial claimants				
2004												
January	2,428	239,454	2,226	220,687								
ebruary	941	84,201	832	76,577								
March	920	92,554	847	87,782								
First Quarter	4,289	416,209	3,905	385,046	1,339	238,392	34.3	61.9				
April	1,458	157,314	1,316	142,657								
May	988	87,501	878	78,786								
June	1,379	134,588	1,077	110,804								
Second Quarter	3,825	379,403	3,271	332,247	1,358	254,063	41.5	76.5				
luly	2,094	253,929	1,860	234,877								
August	809	69,033	745	63,876								
September	708	68,972	637	63,102								
Fhird Quarter	3,611	391,934	3,242	361,855	886	148,575	27.3	41.1				
October	1,242	127,918	1,101	117,375								
November	1,399	130,423	1,101	117,575								
December	1,614	161,271	1,487	152,092								
Fourth Quarter	4,255	419,612	3,789	385,016	1,427	262,049	37.7	68.1				
2005	,		-,		,		-					
January	2,564	263,952	2,421	253,409								
February	810	74,644	722	68,372								
March	806	88,937	733	83,793								
First Quarter	4,180	427,533	3,876	405,574	1,142	185,420	29.5	45.7				
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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	1,203	212,364	38.9	61.6				
luly	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	189,443	29.5	40.7				
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	1,299	178,896	32.4	42.0				
2006												
January	1,245	117,946	1,123	108,701								
February ^p	719	66,555	658	62,208								
March ^p	921	111,838	856	106,177								
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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.

data on these layoffs become available. Experience suggests that the 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.

 $^{^{\}rm 2}$ These quarterly numbers are provisional and will be revised as more

^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			
Ochsus region and division	March	January	February	March	March	January	February	March
	2005	2006	2006 ^p	2006 ^p	2005	2006	2006 ^p	2006 ^p
United States ¹	806	1,245	719	921	88,937	117,946	66,555	111,838
Northeast	105	281	115	124	10,919	25,777	12,252	12,955
New England	14	25	23	22	1,147	1,765	3,984	1,849
Middle Atlantic	91	256	92	102	9,772	24,012	8,268	11,106
South	154	228	149	176	17,171	22,194	14,941	21,001
South Atlantic	78	128	66	95	6,642	12,893	7,193	11,298
East South Central	30	61	38	39	4,926	5,667	4,136	4,819
West South Central	46	39	45	42	5,603	3,634	3,612	4,884
Midwest	214	314	168	259	28,413	33,750	16,622	40,581
East North Central	166	264	136	199	22,547	28,642	12,702	32,836
West North Central	48	50	32	60	5,866	5,108	3,920	7,745
Nest	333	422	287	362	32,434	36,225	22,740	37,301
Mountain	37	31	16	34	3,386	2,337	1,271	3,380
Pacific	296	391	271	328	29,048	33,888	21,469	33,921

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.

^p = preliminary.

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

State		Mass lay	off events		Initial claimants for unemployment insurance				
State	March 2005	January 2006	February 2006 ^p	March 2006 ^p	March 2005	January 2006	February 2006 ^p	March 2006 ^p	
Total ¹	806	1,245	719	921	88,937	117,946	66,555	111,838	
Alabama	7	9	7	7	725	821	621	660	
Alaska	_	_	(²)	_ `	_	_	(²)	_	
Arizona	10	4		7	929	362		804	
Arkansas	4	3	(²)	3	269	346	(²)	189	
California	274	346	246	283	26,727	30,388	19,455	29,527	
Colorado	3	8	(²)	(²)	643	603	(²)	(²)	
Connecticut	(²)	3	3	` 6	(²)	215	1,353	390	
Delaware		(²)	_	(²)		(²)	_	(²)	
District of Columbia	_		_		_		_		
Florida	36	30	30	44	2,669	1,708	2,055	4,033	
Georgia	15	54	10	20	1,324	5,159	1,081	1,880	
Hawaii	(²)	5	3	9	(²)	282	199	814	
Idaho	` ´5	6	(²)	7	460	427	(²)	523	
Illinois	21	37	36	44	2,035	3,499	3,385	7,478	
Indiana	20	33	16	20	2,177	4,053	1,736	2,559	
lowa	10	12	8	7	804	1,255	620	1,866	
Kansas	3	6	(2)	6	202	459	(2)	751	
Kentucky	13	26	20	21	1,912	2,152	2,653	3,310	
Louisiana	4	13	10	8	267	936	624	520	
Maine	(²)	(2)	3	(²)_	(²)	(2)	338	(2)	
Maryland	_	11	3	5	_	859	233	497	
Massachusetts	8	14	3	4	684	1,001	163	253	
Michigan	46	89	29	50	5,002	8,786	2,288	9,395	
Minnesota	12	17	11	10	1,110	1,834	2,300	882	
Mississippi	-	7	5	(²)	-	469	364	(²)	
Missouri	19	11	7	31	3,469	1,305	541	3,297	
Montana	(²)	(²)	3	(²)	(²)	(²)	173	(²)	
Nebraska	4	(²)	4	5	281	(²)	280	774	
Nevada	9	10	6	9	590	724	487	1,251	
New Hampshire	-	(²)	3	(²)	-	(²)	265	(²)	
New Jersey	14	28	24	15	1,326	2,550	2,115	1,817	
New Mexico	5	_	(²)	3	413	_	(²)	161	
New York	35	129	30	36	3,150	13,290	3,144	3,566	
North Carolina	11	10	10	8	879	1,113	786	849	
North Dakota	-	(²)	_	(²)	_	(²)	_	(²)	
Ohio	31	50	23	32	8,919	6,484	2,772	6,956	
Oklahoma	3	5	4	6	939	400	437	966	
Oregon	10	21	9	22	1,337	1,719	802	2,430	
Pennsylvania	42	99	38	51	5,296	8,172	3,009	5,723	
Rhode Island	(²)	4	9	(²)	(²)	311	1,746	(²)	
South Carolina	5	9	6	10	498	822	514	1,359	
South Dakota	_	(²)	(²)	-	_	(²)	(²)	_	
Tennessee	10	19	6	10	2,289	2,225	498	709	
Texas	35	18	29	25	4,128	1,952	2,375	3,209	
Utah	3	(²)	(²)	4	235	(2)	(²)	274	
Vermont	(²)	(²)	(²)	8	(²)	(2)	(²)	848	
Virginia	11	12	7	6	1,272	3,084	2,524	805	
Washington	11	19	12	14	910	1,499	951	1,150	
West Virginia	_	(²)	-	(²)	_	(2)	_	(²)	
Wisconsin	48	55	32	53	4,414	5,820	2,521	6,448	
Wyoming	-	-	-	(²)	-	-	-	(²)	
Puerto Rico	10	12	19	17	1,303	964	1,962	1,742	
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¹ See footnote 1, table 3.

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NOTE: Dash represents zero.

 $^{^{2}\,}$ Data do not meet BLS or state agency disclosure standards.