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#### MASS LAYOFFS IN APRIL 2005

In April 2005, employers took 1,274 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, and the num-

Chart 1. Mass layoff events, seasonally adjusted, May 2000-April 2005

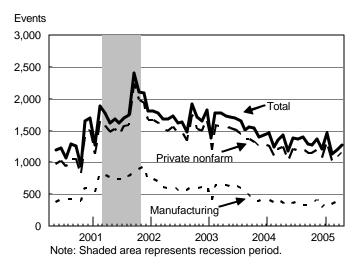
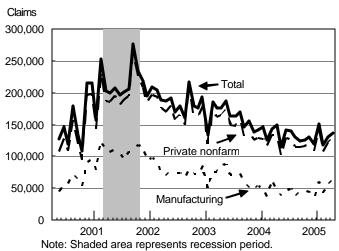


Chart 2. Mass layoff initial claims, seasonally adjusted, May 2000-April 2005



ber of workers involved totaled 136,837, on a seasonally adjusted basis. (See table 1.) The number of layoff events rose by 80, and the number of associated initial claims increased by 5,989 from March. In the manufacturing sector, 395 mass layoff events were reported during April 2005, seasonally adjusted, resulting in 63,121 initial claims; both figures were higher than a month earlier. (See table 1.)

From January through April 2005, the total number of events (seasonally adjusted), at 5,053, and initial claims (seasonally adjusted), at 536,359, were lower than in January-April 2004 (5,465 and 564,097, respectively).

### Industry Distribution (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

The 10 industries reporting the highest number of mass-layoff initial claims, not seasonally adjusted, accounted for 55,332 initial claims in April, 35 percent of the total. (See table A.) Temporary help services,

Table A. Industries with the largest mass-layoff initial claims in April 2005<sup>p</sup>

|   | * | April peak |                |  |  |  |
|---|---|------------|----------------|--|--|--|
| Industry                                | Initial claims                          | Year       | Initial claims |  |  |  |
| Temporary help services                 | 12,663                                  | 2001       | 17,507         |  |  |  |
| School and employee bus transportation  | 9,046                                   | 2004       | 16,589         |  |  |  |
| Automobile manufacturing                | 6,976                                   | 1996       | 14,744         |  |  |  |
| Motion picture and video production     | 6,558                                   | 1997       | 15,908         |  |  |  |
| Farm labor contractors and crew leaders | 3,762                                   | 1998       | 4,054          |  |  |  |
| Tax preparation services                | 3,743                                   | 2005       | 3,743          |  |  |  |
| Food service contractors                | 3,414                                   | 2004       | 5,496          |  |  |  |
| Discount department stores              | 3,294                                   | 2003       | 3,945          |  |  |  |
| Professional employer organizations     | 2,991                                   | 2001       | 3,280          |  |  |  |
| Heavy duty truck manufacturing          | 2,885                                   | 2005       | 2,885          |  |  |  |

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with 12,663 initial claims, and school and employee bus transportation, with 9,046, together accounted for 14 percent of all initial claims in April.

The manufacturing sector accounted for 29 percent of all mass layoff events and 37 percent of all initial claims filed in April 2005. A year earlier, manufacturing comprised 24 percent of events and 23 percent of initial claims. Within manufacturing, the number of claimants in April 2005 was highest in transportation equipment (20,879, mostly automotive-related), followed by food processing (9,653). (See table 3.)

Administrative and waste services accounted for 15 percent of events and 13 percent of initial claims filed in April, with layoffs mainly from temporary help services. Eight percent of all layoff events and initial claims filed during the month were from the retail trade sector, primarily from general merchandise stores. Transportation and warehousing accounted for 7 percent of events and initial claims in April, mostly from school and employee bus transportation. Construction accounted for 9 percent of events and 6 percent of initial claims during the month, largely among specialty trade contractors. An additional 3 percent of events and 5 percent of initial claims were from the information sector, mainly from motion picture and video production.

Government establishments accounted for 4 percent of events and 3 percent of initial claims filed in April, mostly in executive, legislative, and general government agencies and educational services.

Over the year, the number of layoff events declined by 85, while the number of associated initial claims rose by 1,268. The largest increases in initial claims were reported in transportation equipment manufacturing (+16,123) and electrical equipment and appliance manufacturing (+2,636). The largest over-the-year decreases in initial claims were reported in transit and ground passenger transportation (-7,900) and food manufacturing (-3,929).

### 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 (52,751). (See table 5.) Administrative and support services, motion picture and sound recording industries, and agriculture and forestry support activities accounted for 43 percent of all mass-layoff initial

claims in that region during the month. The Midwest had the second largest number of initial claims (42,151), followed by the South (35,412) and the Northeast (28,268).

The number of initial claimants from mass layoffs increased over the year in two of the four regions. The increases occurred in the Midwest (+10,532) and in the South (+7,859). The Northeast (-12,460) and the West (-4,663) reported the over-the-year declines in initial claims. Seven 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 (+8,430). Over-the-year decreases occurred in the Middle Atlantic (-12,661) and Pacific (-6,215) divisions.

Among the states, California recorded the highest number of initial claims filed due to mass layoff events in April (39,775), mostly in administrative and support services. Ohio had the next highest, with 15,288 initial claims reported, followed by Pennsylvania (9,850), New York (8,072), and Texas (7,416). These five states accounted for 51 percent of all mass layoff events and initial claims for unemployment insurance. (See table 6.)

Ohio had the largest over-the-year increase in the number of initial claims (+9,477), followed by Kentucky (+4,137). The largest over-the-year decreases occurred in New York (-10,984) and California (-4,536).

### 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 May 2005 is scheduled to be released on Thursday, June 23, 2005.

# **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, May 2001 to April 2005, seasonally adjusted

|                    | To     | otal                 | Private        | nonfarm              | Manufa     | acturing             |
|--------------------|--------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|------------|----------------------|
| Date               | Events | Initial<br>claimants | Events         | Initial<br>claimants | Events     | Initial<br>claimants |
| 2001               |        |                      |                |                      |            |                      |
| May                | 1,679  | 207,811              | 1,523          | 193,998              | 755        | 110,133              |
| June               | 1,610  | 195,617              | 1,433          | 180,821              | 739        | 104,155              |
| July               | 1,704  | 200,376              | 1,568          | 188,468              | 719        | 93,867               |
| August             | 1,744  | 206,528              | 1,586          | 195,051              | 788        | 106,632              |
| September          | 2,409  | 277,214              | 2,235          | 263,192              | 834        | 108,615              |
| October            | 2,109  | 233,569              | 1,986          | 223,808              | 897        | 118,136              |
| November           | 2,094  | 218,273              | 1,935          | 207,129              | 944        | 114,556              |
| December           | 1,799  | 194,759              | 1,658          | 183,178              | 722        | 93,193               |
| 2002               |        | ,                    | ŕ              | ,                    |            |                      |
| 2002<br>January    | 1,801  | 208,835              | 1,659          | 195,862              | 739        | 96,689               |
| February           | 1,773  | 204,089              | 1,620          | 192,450              | 701        | 91,285               |
|                    | · ·    |                      | *              | •                    |            | · ·                  |
| March              | 1,674  | 187,924              | 1,517          | 175,998              | 610<br>591 | 75,367<br>60,481     |
|                    | 1,685  | 186,574              | 1,497          | 169,228              |            | 69,481               |
| May                | 1,720  | 191,841              | 1,558          | 178,993              | 611        | 74,809               |
| June               | 1,615  | 170,307              | 1,438          | 156,759              | 551        | 73,064               |
| July               | 1,637  | 179,165              | 1,457          | 164,398              | 568        | 73,230               |
| August             | , -    | 160,855              | 1,330          | 149,148              | 562        | 65,564               |
| September          | ,      | 217,475              | 1,742          | 202,640              | 607        | 79,413               |
| October            | 1,716  | 178,860              | 1,524          | 162,411              | 598        | 71,765               |
| November           | 1,644  | 176,462              | 1,500          | 165,578              | 607        | 70,640               |
| December           | 1,825  | 193,627              | 1,661          | 179,368              | 638        | 86,714               |
| 2003               |        |                      |                |                      |            |                      |
| January            | 1,383  | 134,258              | 1,193          | 120,033              | 402        | 49,440               |
| February           | 1,771  | 185,502              | 1,589          | 173,392              | 643        | 75,331               |
| March              | 1,773  | 176,540              | 1,577          | 161,662              | 618        | 75,289               |
| April              | 1,735  | 176,645              | 1,574          | 165,416              | 646        | 86,857               |
| May                | 1,709  | 186,158              | 1,532          | 173,123              | 624        | 87,615               |
| June               | 1,704  | 163,646              | 1,515          | 148,547              | 636        | 70,888               |
| July               | 1,653  | 163,061              | 1,444          | 147,883              | 590        | 71,203               |
| August             | 1,502  | 170,353              | 1,364          | 156,731              | 540        | 71,944               |
| September          | 1,559  | 145,961              | 1,370          | 132,233              | 471        | 56,274               |
| October            | 1,541  | 154,908              | 1,312          | 136,604              | 412        | 49,518               |
| November           | 1,400  | 137,651              | 1,241          | 125,115              | 397        | 46,955               |
| December           | 1,425  | 141,780              | 1,281          | 129,464              | 420        | 53,436               |
|                    |        | ,                    | ŕ              | ,                    |            |                      |
| 2004<br>January    | 1,458  | 146,147              | 1,257          | 127,917              | 413        | 50,074               |
| February           | ,      | 126,421              |                | 115,302              | 358        | 36,783               |
| March              | 1,237  | 142,480              | 1,091<br>1,211 |                      | 409        | 63,380               |
| April              |        | ,                    |                | 134,118              |            |                      |
| •                  | ,      | 149,049              | 1,239          | 132,180              | 360        | 43,158               |
| May                | 1,178  | 114,247              | 1,016          | 100,499              | 314        | 37,950               |
| June               | 1,375  | 141,300              | 1,215          | 129,466              | 361        | 47,548               |
| July               | 1,363  | 139,374              | 1,200          | 127,011              | 390        | 49,276               |
| August             | ,      | 130,483              | 1,208          | 115,035              | 330        | 36,422               |
| September          | 1,281  | 123,761              | 1,153          | 114,223              | 332        | 45,917               |
| October            | 1,274  | 125,414              | 1,145          | 116,042              | 350        | 44,908               |
| November           | 1,361  | 130,168              | 1,201          | 117,545              | 402        | 43,504               |
| December           | 1,211  | 119,649              | 1,064          | 108,157              | 283        | 34,940               |
| 2005               |        |                      |                |                      |            |                      |
| January            | 1,457  | 150,990              | 1,321          | 140,826              | 379        | 58,908               |
| February           | 1,128  | 117,684              | 1,001          | 107,415              | 345        | 43,186               |
| March <sup>p</sup> | 1,194  | 130,848              | 1,060          | 121,408              | 371        | 55,377               |
| April <sup>p</sup> | 1,274  | 136,837              | 1,142          | 126,807              | 395        | 63,121               |
|                    |        |                      |                |                      |            |                      |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>p</sup> = preliminary.

Table 2. Mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, May 2001 to April 2005, not seasonally adjusted

|                                       | To     | otal                 | Private | nonfarm              | Manufa     | Manufacturing        |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|--------|----------------------|---------|----------------------|------------|----------------------|--|--|
| Date                                  | Events | Initial<br>claimants | Events  | Initial<br>claimants | Events     | Initial<br>claimants |  |  |
| 2001                                  |        |                      |         |                      |            |                      |  |  |
| May                                   | 1,434  | 159,365              | 1,331   | 151,186              | 528        | 64,887               |  |  |
| June                                  | 2,107  | 253,826              | 1,784   | 226,022              | 737        | 116,005              |  |  |
| July                                  | 2,117  | 273,807              | 1,952   | 259,128              | 1,144      | 168,877              |  |  |
| August                                | 1,490  | 166,148              | 1,386   | 158,307              | 603        | 79,515               |  |  |
| September                             | 1,327  | 160,402              | 1,214   | 151,161              | 485        | 58,544               |  |  |
| October                               | 1,831  | 215,483              | 1,676   | 202,053              | 742        | 107,030              |  |  |
| November                              | 2,721  | 295,956              | 2,373   | 270,268              | 1,122      | 151,969              |  |  |
| December                              | 2,440  | 268,893              | 2,319   | 259,497              | 1,103      | 136,820              |  |  |
| 2002                                  |        | ,                    | ,       | ,                    |            | ,                    |  |  |
| 2002<br>January                       | 2,146  | 263,777              | 2,028   | 252,245              | 892        | 128,825              |  |  |
| February                              | 1,382  | 138,808              | 1,253   | 129,849              | 481        | 58,784               |  |  |
|                                       | · ·    | · ·                  | *       | •                    |            | •                    |  |  |
| March                                 | 1,460  | 161,316              | 1,335   | 151,305              | 500<br>461 | 59,613<br>50,807     |  |  |
|                                       | 1,506  | 165,814              | 1,378   | 153,216              |            | 50,897<br>52,720     |  |  |
| May June                              | 1,723  | 179,799              | 1,571   | 166,801              | 488        | 52,720               |  |  |
|                                       | 1,584  | 162,189              | 1,266   | 136,424              | 336        | 42,130               |  |  |
| July                                  | 2,042  | 245,294              | 1,819   | 226,892              | 907        | 135,271              |  |  |
| August                                | , -    | 128,103              | 1,151   | 119,874              | 427        | 48,668               |  |  |
| September                             | ,      | 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                              | 2,474  | 264,158              | 2,324   | 252,807              | 984        | 126,826              |  |  |
| 2003                                  |        |                      |         |                      |            |                      |  |  |
| January                               | 2,315  | 225,430              | 2,130   | 210,918              | 822        | 90,244               |  |  |
| February                              | 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               |  |  |
| May                                   | 1,703  | 174,204              | 1,538   | 160,729              | 499        | 61,278               |  |  |
| June                                  | 1,691  | 157,552              | 1,336   | 127,743              | 389        | 40,845               |  |  |
| July                                  |        | 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               |  |  |
|                                       | 1,020  | 102,000              | 1,700   | 102,700              | 0.10       | 77,010               |  |  |
| 2004                                  | 0.400  | 000 454              | 0.000   | 000 007              | 0.40       | 00.554               |  |  |
| January                               | 2,428  | 239,454              | 2,226   | 220,687              | 848        | 89,551               |  |  |
| February                              |        | 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               |  |  |
| 2005                                  |        |                      |         |                      |            |                      |  |  |
| January                               | 2,564  | 263,952              | 2,421   | 253,409              | 823        | 108,985              |  |  |
| February                              | 810    | 74,644               | 722     | 68,372               | 230        | 24,931               |  |  |
| March <sup>p</sup>                    | 806    | 88,937               | 733     | 83,793               | 246        | 33,030               |  |  |
| April <sup>p</sup>                    | 1,373  | 158,582              | 1,263   | 148,133              | 395        | 59,129               |  |  |
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | 1,575  | .55,552              | 1,200   | 5,100                | 333        | ]                    |  |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>p</sup> = preliminary.

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

| Table 3. Industry distribution: Mass layoff                          |               | Mass layo        |                            |                            |                  | Initial cla             | imants for                 |                            |
|--|---------------|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Industry   | A*1           | F-1              | Manak                      | A                          | A*1              | unemployme              |                            |                            |
| ·  | April<br>2004 | February<br>2005 | March<br>2005 <sup>p</sup> | April<br>2005 <sup>p</sup> | April<br>2004    | February<br>2005        | March<br>2005 <sup>p</sup> | April<br>2005 <sup>p</sup> |
| Seasonally adjusted  |               |                  |                            |                            |                  |                         |                            |                            |
| Total  | 1,422         | 1,128            | 1,194                      | 1,274                      | 149,049          | 117,684                 | 130,848                    | 136,837                    |
| Total, private nonfarm   | 1,239         | 1,001            | 1,060                      | 1,142                      | 132,180          | 107,415                 | 121,408                    | 126,807                    |
| Manufacturing  | 360           | 345              | 371                        | 395                        | 43,158           | 43,186                  | 55,377                     | 63,121                     |
| Not seasonally adjusted  |               |                  |                            |                            |                  |                         |                            |                            |
| Total <sup>1</sup>   | 1,458         | 810              | 806                        | 1,373                      | 157,314          | 74,644                  | 88,937                     | 158,582                    |
| Total, private   | 1,396<br>80   | 779<br>57        | 777<br>44                  | 1,324<br>61                | 149,806<br>7,149 | 72,331<br>3,959         | 86,306<br>2,513            | 154,339<br>6,206           |
| Total, private nonfarm   | 1,316         | 722              | 733                        | 1,263                      | 142,657          | 68,372                  | 83,793                     | 148,133                    |
| Mining   | (²)           | (²)              | (²)                        | 3<br>4                     | (²)              | (²)                     | (²)                        | 187                        |
| Utilities Construction   | (²)<br>149    | (²)<br>118       | ( <sup>2</sup> )<br>91     | 126                        | (²)<br>11,904    | (²)<br>7,245            | (²)<br>6,648               | 277<br>9,652               |
| Manufacturing  | 343           | 230              | 246                        | 395                        | 36,172           | 24,931                  | 33,030                     | 59,129                     |
| Food   | 112           | 60               | 50                         | 84                         | 13,582           | 5,237                   | 5,049                      | 9,653                      |
| Beverage and tobacco products  | 5             | 4                | 5                          | 9                          | 319              | 384                     | 308                        | 660                        |
| Textile mills  | 8             | 5                | 8                          | 15                         | 1,091            | 560                     | 1,162                      | 2,912                      |
| Textile product mills  | 5             | 10               | 4                          | 6                          | 420              | 874                     | 337                        | 626                        |
| Apparel  | 12            | 7                | 9                          | 14                         | 922              | 1,083                   | 1,351                      | 1,346                      |
| Leather and allied products  | 5             | (²)              | 4                          | (²)                        | 399              | ( <sup>2</sup> )        | 634                        | (²)                        |
| Wood products  | 16            | 16               | 17                         | 17                         | 1,684            | 1,606                   | 1,361                      | 3,252                      |
| Paper  | 7             | 6                | (²)                        | 9                          | 499              | 493                     | (²)                        | 769                        |
| Printing and related support activities  Petroleum and coal products | 15<br>-       | 9                | 8<br>(²)                   | 10<br>-                    | 1,618<br>–       | 668<br>-                | 493<br>(²)                 | 789<br>–                   |
| · ·  | 11            | (²)              |                            | , 2 s                      | 677              | (2)                     |                            | (²)                        |
| Chemicals  | 12            | , ,              | (²)<br>9                   | (²)<br>18                  | 677<br>936       | ( <sup>2</sup> )<br>902 | ( <sup>2</sup> )<br>851    | 1,931                      |
| Plastics and rubber products  Nonmetallic mineral products           | 7             | 13<br>10         | 8                          | 13                         | 452              | 902<br>877              | 372                        | 1,951                      |
| Primary metals   | 9             | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 10                         | 16                         | 920              | ( <sup>2</sup> )        | 1,655                      | 2,644                      |
| Fabricated metal products  | 22            | 11               | 15                         | 28                         | 2,030            | 833                     | 1,245                      | 2,220                      |
| Machinery  | 19            | 9                | 9                          | 16                         | 1,658            | 765                     | 1,101                      | 2,028                      |
| Computer and electronic products                                     | 17            | 15               | 11                         | 21                         | 1,375            | 897                     | 1,266                      | 1,959                      |
| Electrical equipment and appliances                                  | 7             | 6                | 10                         | 16                         | 1,252            | 1,352                   | 785                        | 3,888                      |
| Transportation equipment   | 32            | 29               | 48                         | 77                         | 4,625            | 6,915                   | 13,543                     | 20,879                     |
| Furniture and related products                                       | 11            | 8                | 9                          | 14                         | 835              | 644                     | 576                        | 1,270                      |
| Miscellaneous manufacturing  | 11            | 5                | 5                          | 6                          | 878              | 316                     | 363                        | 503                        |
| Wholesale trade  | 21            | 18               | 7                          | 17                         | 1,944            | 1,229                   | 481                        | 1,406                      |
| Retail trade   | 118           | 75               | 64                         | 109                        | 12,659           | 6,398                   | 5,811                      | 12,287                     |
| Transportation and warehousing                                       | 145           | 26               | 44                         | 92                         | 20,292           | 2,955                   | 5,340                      | 11,395                     |
| Information  | 42            | 26               | 30                         | 38                         | 7,851            | 5,059                   | 8,303                      | 8,630                      |
| Finance and insurance  | 31            | 24               | 22                         | 32                         | 2,594            | 1,561                   | 1,506                      | 2,107                      |
| Real estate and rental and leasing                                   | 11            | (²)              | 6                          | 9                          | 1,214            | (²)                     | 277                        | 793                        |
| Professional and technical services                                  | 54<br>4       | 14               | 22<br>3                    | 65<br>6                    | 6,939<br>269     | 798<br>_                | 3,709<br>315               | 7,778<br>540               |
| Management of companies and enterprises                              | 4<br>194      | 119              | 3<br>89                    | 206                        | 20,812           | 12,354                  | 6,572                      | 19,862                     |
| Administrative and waste services Educational services               | 194           | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> )           | 206<br>4                   | 374              | ( <sup>2</sup> )        | ( <sup>2</sup> )           | 260                        |
| Health care and social assistance                                    | 31            | 12               | 16                         | 27                         | 2,118            | 662                     | 1,097                      | 1,921                      |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation                                  | 40            | 8                | 7                          | 32                         | 3,368            | 430                     | 516                        | 2,689                      |
| Accommodation and food services                                      | 93            | 37               | 78                         | 75                         | 10,067           | 3,475                   | 9,666                      | 7,253                      |
| Other services, except public administration                         | 26            | 5                | (²)                        | 21                         | 3,240            | 300                     | (²)                        | 1,838                      |
| Unclassified   | 6             | 1                | 2                          | 2                          | 563              | 56                      | 100                        | 129                        |
| Government   | 62            | 31               | 29                         | 49                         | 7,508            | 2,313                   | 2,631                      | 4,243                      |
| Federal  | 14            | 7                | 7                          | 9                          | 1,173            | 591                     | 704                        | 696                        |
| State  | 11            | 11               | 8                          | 12                         | 884              | 784                     | 802                        | 1,054                      |
| Local  | 37            | 13               | 14                         | 28                         | 5,451            | 938                     | 1,125                      | 2,493                      |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Data were reported by all states and the District of Columbia.

 $^{p}$  = preliminary.

NOTE: Dash represents zero.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 2}$  Data do not meet BLS or state agency disclosure standards.

Table 4. Mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, April 2003 to April 2005,

not seasonally adjusted

|                            |          |                      | Private nonfarm |                   |                    |                              |                                |                      |  |
|----------------------------|----------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Date                       | Total ma | ss layoffs           | Mass            | layoffs           |                    | mass layoffs<br>than 30 days | Realization rates <sup>1</sup> |                      |  |
|                            | Events   | Initial<br>claimants | Events          | Initial claimants | Events             | Initial<br>claimants         | Events                         | Initial<br>claimants |  |
| 2003                       |          |                      |                 |                   |                    |                              |                                |                      |  |
| April                      | 1,581    | 161,412              | 1,470           | 152,937           |                    |                              |                                |                      |  |
| May                        | 1,703    | 174,204              | 1,538           | 160,729           |                    |                              |                                |                      |  |
| June                       | 1,691    | 157,552              | 1,336           | 127,743           |                    |                              |                                |                      |  |
| Second Quarter             | 4,975    | 493,168              | 4,344           | 441,409           | 1,799              | 348,966                      | 41.4                           | 79.1                 |  |
| July                       | 2,087    | 226,435              | 1,815           | 206,901           |                    |                              |                                |                      |  |
| August                     | 1,258    | 133,839              | 1,163           | 124,131           |                    |                              |                                |                      |  |
| September                  | 868      | 82,647               | 756             | 73,914            |                    |                              |                                |                      |  |
| Third Quarter              | 4,213    | 442,921              | 3,734           | 404,946           | 1,190              | 227,909                      | 31.9                           | 56.3                 |  |
| October                    | 1,523    | 158,240              | 1,265           | 137.706           |                    |                              |                                |                      |  |
| November                   |          | 138,543              | 1,234           | 123,524           |                    |                              |                                |                      |  |
| December                   |          | 192,633              | 1,793           | 182,750           |                    |                              |                                |                      |  |
| Fourth Quarter             | ,        | 489,416              | 4,292           | 443,980           | 1,690              | 326,328                      | 39.4                           | 73.5                 |  |
| 2004                       | 4,090    | 409,410              | 4,232           | 443,900           | 1,090              | 320,320                      | 39.4                           | 73.3                 |  |
|                            |          |                      |                 |                   |                    |                              |                                |                      |  |
| January                    | · ·      | 239,454              | 2,226           | 220,687           |                    |                              |                                |                      |  |
| February                   |          | 84,201               | 832             | 76,577            |                    |                              |                                |                      |  |
| March                      |          | 92,554               | 847             | 87,782            |                    |                              |                                |                      |  |
| First Quarter              | 4,289    | 416,209              | 3,905           | 385,046           | 1,339              | 1238,392                     | 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              | <sup>r</sup> 253,787         | 41.5                           | <sup>r</sup> 76.4    |  |
| July                       | 2,094    | 253,929              | 1,860           | 234,877           |                    |                              |                                |                      |  |
| August                     | 809      | 69,033               | 745             | 63,876            |                    |                              |                                |                      |  |
| September                  | 708      | 68,972               | 637             | 63,102            |                    |                              |                                |                      |  |
| Third Quarter              | 3,611    | 391,934              | 3,242           | 361,855           | <sup>r</sup> 886   | <sup>1</sup> 148,180         | <sup>r</sup> 27.3              | <sup>r</sup> 41.0    |  |
| October                    | 1,242    | 127,918              | 1,101           | 117,375           |                    |                              |                                |                      |  |
| November                   | 1,399    | 130,423              | 1,201           | 115,549           |                    |                              |                                |                      |  |
| December                   | 1,614    | 161,271              | 1,487           | 152,092           |                    |                              |                                |                      |  |
| Fourth Quarter             | 4,255    | 419,612              | 3,789           | 385,016           | <sup>r</sup> 1,427 | <sup>r</sup> 262,006         | <sup>r</sup> 37.7              | <sup>r</sup> 68.1    |  |
| 2005                       |          |                      |                 |                   |                    |                              |                                |                      |  |
| January                    | 2,564    | 263,952              | 2,421           | 253,409           |                    |                              |                                |                      |  |
| February                   | 810      | 74,644               | 722             | 68,372            |                    |                              |                                |                      |  |
| March <sup>p</sup>         | 806      | 88,937               | 733             | 83,793            |                    |                              |                                |                      |  |
| First Quarter <sup>p</sup> | 4,180    | 427,533              | 3,876           | 405,574           | <sup>2</sup> 989   | ² 127,950                    | 25.5                           | 31.5                 |  |
| April <sup>p</sup>         | 1,373    | 158,582              | 1,263           | 148,133           |                    |                              |                                |                      |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.

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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> These quarterly numbers are provisional and will be revised as more data on these layoffs become available. Experience suggests that the

r = revised.

 $<sup>^{</sup>p}$  = 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 |          |                   |                   |
|----------------------------|--------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|--|----------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Consus region and arrision | April              | February | March             | April             | April  | February | March             | April             |
|                            | 2004               | 2005     | 2005 <sup>p</sup> | 2005 <sup>p</sup> | 2004   | 2005     | 2005 <sup>p</sup> | 2005 <sup>p</sup> |
| United States <sup>1</sup> | 1,458              | 810      | 806               | 1,373             | 157,314                                      | 74,644   | 88,937            | 158,582           |
| Northeast                  | 332                | 120      | 105               | 255               | 40,728                                       | 11,226   | 10,919            | 28,268            |
| New England                | 49                 | 17       | 14                | 54                | 5,913  | 2,126    | 1,147             | 6,114             |
| Middle Atlantic            | 283                | 103      | 91                | 201               | 34,815                                       | 9,100    | 9,772             | 22,154            |
| South                      | 292                | 143      | 154               | 268               | 27,553                                       | 14,788   | 17,171            | 35,412            |
| South Atlantic             | 139                | 75       | 78                | 142               | 12,141                                       | 5,987    | 6,642             | 14,586            |
| East South Central         | 52                 | 32       | 30                | 55                | 5,936  | 5,778    | 4,926             | 9,490             |
| West South Central         | 101                | 36       | 46                | 71                | 9,476  | 3,023    | 5,603             | 11,336            |
| Midwest                    | 275                | 173      | 214               | 314               | 31,619                                       | 17,129   | 28,413            | 42,151            |
| East North Central         | 235                | 144      | 166               | 269               | 27,755                                       | 13,041   | 22,547            | 36,185            |
| West North Central         | 40                 | 29       | 48                | 45                | 3,864  | 4,088    | 5,866             | 5,966             |
| Nest                       | 559                | 374      | 333               | 536               | 57,414                                       | 31,501   | 32,434            | 52,751            |
| Mountain                   | 52                 | 31       | 37                | 64                | 5,962  | 2,315    | 3,386             | 7,514             |
| Pacific                    | 507                | 343      | 296               | 472               | 51,452                                       | 29,186   | 29,048            | 45,237            |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>p</sup> = 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<br>unemployment insurance |                  |                            |                            |  |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| State                | April<br>2004    | February<br>2005 | March<br>2005 <sup>p</sup> | April<br>2005 <sup>p</sup> | April<br>2004                                   | February<br>2005 | March<br>2005 <sup>p</sup> | April<br>2005 <sup>p</sup> |  |
| Total <sup>1</sup>   | 1,458            | 810              | 806                        | 1,373                      | 157,314   | 74,644           | 88,937                     | 158,582                    |  |
| Alabama              | 15               | 8                | 7                          | 10                         | 2,051   | 620              | 725                        | 1,314                      |  |
| Alaska               | 5                | _                | _                          | 5                          | 633   | _                | _                          | 719                        |  |
| Arizona              | 20               | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 10                         | 32                         | 3,177   | (²)              | 929                        | 4,574                      |  |
| Arkansas             | 6                | (2)              | 4                          | 5                          | 513   | (²)              | 269                        | 309                        |  |
| California           | 440              | `321             | 274                        | 421                        | 44,311  | 27,567           | 26,727                     | 39,775                     |  |
| Colorado             | 9                | 4                | 3                          | 8                          | 973   | 307              | 643                        | 753                        |  |
| Connecticut          | 6                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> )           | 3                          | 513   | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> )           | 234                        |  |
| Delaware             | 3                | (2)              | `-'                        | _                          | 165   | (2)              | `-                         | _                          |  |
| District of Columbia | _                | (2)              | _                          | _                          | _   | (2)              | -                          | -                          |  |
| Florida              | 69               | 36               | 36                         | 62                         | 5,447   | 2,018            | 2,669                      | 5,192                      |  |
| Georgia              | 21               | 14               | 15                         | 27                         | 2,111   | 1,415            | 1,324                      | 3,444                      |  |
| Hawaii               | 7                | 3                | ( <sup>2</sup> )           | ( <sup>2</sup> )           | 570   | 210              | ( <sup>2</sup> )           | ( <sup>2</sup> )           |  |
| ldaho                | 6                | 6                | 5                          | 5                          | 559   | 431              | 460                        | 503                        |  |
| Illinois             | 54               | 42               | 21                         | 55                         | 7,471   | 4,138            | 2,035                      | 6,502                      |  |
| Indiana              | 25               | 15               | 20                         | 33                         | 2,227   | 1,248            | 2,177                      | 4,251                      |  |
| lowa                 | 8                | 4                | 10                         | 11                         | 846   | 367              | 804                        | 1,466                      |  |
| Kansas               | 9                | 5                | 3                          | 4                          | 1,222   | 519              | 202                        | 315                        |  |
| Kentucky             | 20               | 15               | 13                         | 28                         | 2,559   | 4,585            | 1,912                      | 6,696                      |  |
| Louisiana            | 28               | 7                | 4                          | 16                         | 2,554   | 503              | 267                        | 1,437                      |  |
| Maine                | 7                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> )           | 7                          | 662   | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> )           | 665                        |  |
| Maryland             | 9                | (2)              | -                          | 8                          | 906   | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | _                          | 748                        |  |
| Massachusetts        | 16               | 8                | 8                          | 16                         | 1,759   | 450              | 684                        | 1,339                      |  |
| Michigan             | 38               | 26               | 46                         | 49                         | 3,556   | 2,270            | 5,002                      | 5,355                      |  |
| Minnesota            | 5                | 6                | 12                         | 14                         | 327   | 1,907            | 1,110                      | 2,273                      |  |
| Mississippi          | 6                | 5                | _                          | 3                          | 419   | 308              | -                          | 201                        |  |
| Missouri             | 15               | 11               | 19                         | 10                         | 1,242   | 904              | 3,469                      | 1,349                      |  |
| Montana              | (²)              | 3                | (²)                        | 3                          | (²)   | 157              | (²)                        | 299                        |  |
| Nebraska             | 3<br>6           | 3                | 4<br>9                     | 3                          | 227   | 391              | 281                        | 272                        |  |
| Nevada               | _                | 10               | 9                          | 6                          | 420   | 730              | 590                        | 567                        |  |
| New Hampshire        | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | (²)              | _                          | 4                          | (²)   | (²)              | 4 226                      | 379                        |  |
| New Mexico           | 47<br>4          | 29               | 14<br>5                    | 44<br>4                    | 4,862<br>346                                    | 3,282            | 1,326<br>413               | 4,232<br>319               |  |
| New York             | 120              | (²)<br>41        | 35                         | 65                         | 19,056  | (²)<br>3,384     | 3,150                      | 8,072                      |  |
| North Carolina       | 20               | 7                | 11                         | 25                         | 1,768   | 777              | 879                        | 2,588                      |  |
| North Dakota         | _                | _ ′              | _''                        |                            | 1,700   | -                | - 079                      | 2,300                      |  |
| Ohio                 | -<br>51          | 26               | 31                         | 80                         | 5,811   | 1,855            | 8,919                      | 15,288                     |  |
| Oklahoma             | 5                | 4                | 3                          | 5                          | 425   | 246              | 939                        | 2,174                      |  |
| Oregon               | 33               | 4                | 10                         | 22                         | 3,899   | 301              | 1,337                      | 2,174                      |  |
| Pennsylvania         | 116              | 33               | 42                         | 92                         | 10,897  | 2,434            | 5,296                      | 9,850                      |  |
| Rhode Island         | 8                | 3                | (²)                        | 12                         | 1,624   | 1,135            | (²)                        | 2,191                      |  |
| South Carolina       | 6                | 4                | 5                          | 11                         | 796   | 525              | 498                        | 1,659                      |  |
| South Dakota         | -                | -                | _                          | 3                          | _   | -                | -                          | 291                        |  |
| Tennessee            | 11               | 4                | 10                         | 14                         | 907   | 265              | 2,289                      | 1,279                      |  |
| Texas                | 62               | 24               | 35                         | 45                         | 5,984   | 2,198            | 4,128                      | 7,416                      |  |
| Utah                 | 4                | 3                | 3                          | 5                          | 248   | 252              | 235                        | 428                        |  |
| Vermont              | 10               | (²)              | ( <sup>2</sup> )           | 12                         | 1,177   | (2)              | ( <sup>2</sup> )           | 1,306                      |  |
| Virginia             | 10               | 11               | 11                         | 7                          | 849   | 1,085            | 1,272                      | 716                        |  |
| Washington           | 22               | 15               | 11                         | 22                         | 2,039   | 1,108            | 910                        | 2,221                      |  |
| West Virginia        | (²)              | -                | -                          | (²)                        | (²)   | -                | _                          | (2)                        |  |
| Wisconsin            | 67               | 35               | 48                         | 52                         | 8,690   | 3,530            | 4,414                      | 4,789                      |  |
| Wyoming              | (²)              | (2)              | -                          | (²)                        | (²)   | (2)              | -                          | (2)                        |  |
| Puerto Rico          | 11               | 15               | 10                         | 19                         | 1,147   | 1,494            | 1,303                      | 2,342                      |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See footnote 1, table 3.

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