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MASS LAYOFFS IN MARCH 2005

In March 2005, employers took 1,194 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 2000-March 2005

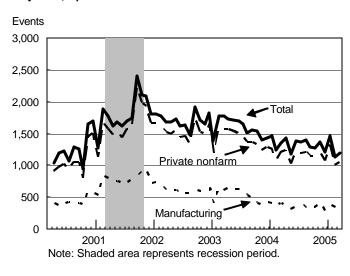
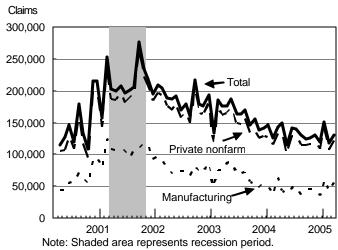


Chart 2. Mass layoff initial claims, seasonally adjusted, April 2000-March 2005



and the number of workers involved totaled 130,848, on a seasonally adjusted basis. (See table 1.) The number of layoff events rose by 66, and the number of associated initial claims increased by 13,164 from February. In the manufacturing sector, 371 mass layoff events were reported during March 2005, seasonally adjusted, resulting in 55,377 initial claims, both figures higher than a month earlier. (See table 1.)

From January through March 2005, the total number of events (seasonally adjusted), at 3,779, and initial claims (seasonally adjusted), at 399,522, were lower than in January-March 2004 (4,043 and 415,048, respectively).

Industry Distribution (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

The 10 industries reporting the highest number of mass-layoff initial claims, not seasonally adjusted, accounted for 34,727 initial claims in March, 39 percent of the total. (See table A.) Motion picture and video production, with 7,192 initial claims, and food service contractors, with 6,490, together accounted for

Table A. Industries with the largest mass-layoff initial claims in March 2005^p

T. 1.	T 1/1 1 1 1	March peak				
Industry	Initial claims	Year	Initial claims			
Motion picture and video production	7,192	2005	7,192			
Food service contractors	6,490	2005	6,490			
Automobile manufacturing	5,517	1996	15,411			
Temporary help services	3,903	2002	14,338			
School and employee bus transportation	3,546	2002	6,064			
Light truck and utility vehicle mfg.	2,575	2004	2,624			
Payroll services	1,915	2001	5,099			
Professional employer organizations	1,288	2002	2,987			
Highway, street, and bridge construction	1,257	2001	2,640			
Farm labor contractors and crew leaders	1,044	2000	6,500			

p=preliminary.

15 percent of all initial claims in March. These were the highest numbers of initial claims for March in the historical series for both industries.

The manufacturing sector accounted for 31 percent of all mass layoff events and 37 percent of all initial claims filed in March 2005. A year earlier, manufacturing comprised 28 percent of events and 37 percent of initial claims. Within manufacturing, the number of claimants in March 2005 was highest in transportation equipment (13,543, mostly automotive-related), followed by food processing (5,049). (See table 3.)

Accommodation and food services accounted for 10 percent of events and 11 percent of initial claims filed in March, with layoffs mainly among food service contractors. Four percent of all layoff events and 9 percent of initial claims filed during the month were from the information sector, primarily from motion picture and video production. Construction accounted for 11 percent of events and 7 percent of initial claims in March, mostly among specialty trade contractors. Administrative and waste services also accounted for 11 percent of events and 7 percent of initial claims during the month, mainly from temporary help services. An additional 8 percent of events and 7 percent of initial claims were from retail trade, largely from general merchandise stores.

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

Over the year, the number of layoff events declined by 114, and the associated initial claims fell by 3,617. The largest decreases in initial claims were reported in administrative and support services (-5,143) and electrical equipment and appliance manufacturing (-2,004). The largest over-the-year increases in initial claims were reported in motion picture and sound recording industries (+3,444), transit and ground passenger transportation (+1,328), and primary metal manufacturing (+1,280).

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 West (32,434). (See table 5.) Motion picture and sound recording industries and administrative and support services accounted for 31 percent of all mass-layoff initial claims in that region during the month.

The Midwest had the second largest number of initial claims (28,413), followed by the South (17,171) and the Northeast (10,919).

The number of initial claimants from mass layoffs declined over the year in three of the four regions. The largest decrease was in the South (-4,923), followed by the Northeast (-1,277) and the West (-74). The Midwest had the only over-the-year increase (+2,657). Five of the nine geographic divisions had over-the-year decreases in the number of initial claims associated with mass layoffs, with the largest decreases in the West South Central (-3,601) and South Atlantic (-2,107) divisions. The largest over-the-year increase occurred in the East North Central division (+3,545).

Among the states, California recorded the highest number of initial claims filed due to mass layoff events in March (26,727), mostly in motion picture and sound recording industries. Ohio had the next highest, with 8,919 initial claims reported, followed by Pennsylvania (5,296) and Michigan (5,002). These four states accounted for 49 percent of all mass layoff events and 52 percent of all initial claims for unemployment insurance. (See table 6.)

Oklahoma had the largest over-the-year decrease in the number of initial claims (-2,315), followed by Minnesota (-1,869), Illinois (-1,777), and Florida (-1,736). The largest over-the-year increases occurred in Ohio (+4,752) and Missouri (+2,040).

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 2005 is scheduled to be released on Thursday, May 19, 2005. The report on Mass Layoffs in April 2005 is scheduled to be released on Friday, May 27, 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, April 2001 to March 2005,

seasonally adjusted

	To	otal	Private	nonfarm	Manufacturing		
Date	Events	Initial claimants	Events	Initial claimants	Events	Initial claimants	
2001							
April	1,620	199,764	1,483	186,013	773	106,045	
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	
	1,799	194,739	1,038	163,176	122	33,133	
2002							
January	1,801	208,835	1,659	195,862	739	96,689	
ebruary	1,773	204,089	1,620	192,450	701	91,285	
March	1,674	187,924	1,517	175,998	610	75,367	
April	1,685	186,574	1,497	169,228	591	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	1,475	160,855	1,330	149,148	562	65,564	
September	1,909	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	
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2003	4.000	404.050	4.400	400.000	400	40.440	
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	
2004							
January	1,458	146,147	1,257	127,917	413	50,074	
ebruary	1,237	126,421	1,091	115,302	358	36,783	
March	1,348	142,480	1,211	134,118	409	63,380	
April		149,049		132,180	360	43,158	
•	1,422		1,239	,			
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	1,392	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	
ebruary ^p	1,128	117,684	1,001	107,415	345	43,186	
March ^p	1,120	130,848	1,060	121,408	371	55,377	
*IGIOIT	1,134	100,040	1,000	121,400	3/1	55,577	

^p = preliminary.

Table 2. Mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, April 2001 to March 2005,

not seasonally adjusted

not seasonally adjusted	To	otal	Private	nonfarm	Manufacturing		
Date	Events	Initial claimants	Events	Initial claimants	Events	Initial claimants	
2001							
April	1,450	176,265	1,353	166,167	608	78,845	
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						400.00=	
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	59,613	
April	1,506	165,814	1,378	153,216	461	50,897	
May	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	2,474	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	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	*	1,793	•	648	77,915	
2004	1,929	192,633	1,793	182,750	040	77,915	
2004 January	2,428	239,454	2,226	220,687	848	89,551	
February	2, 4 26 941	84,201	832	76,577	240	23,043	
March		*		•	_		
	920	92,554 157,314	847 1 316	87,782 142,657	258	34,686 36,172	
April	1,458 988	157,314	1,316 878	142,657	343	,	
•		87,501		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	
'	708	68,972	637	63,102	189	25,808	
October	1,242	127,918	1,101	117,375	372	48,265	
November December	1,399 1,614	130,423 161,271	1,201 1,487	115,549 152,092	412 436	44,243 50,726	
2005							
January	2,564	263,952	2,421	253,409	823	108,985	
February ^p	810	74,644	722	68,372	230	24,931	
March ^p	806	88,937	733	83,793	246	33,030	
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^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		
	2004	2005	2005 ^p	2005 ^p	2004	2005	2005 ^p	2005 ^p		
Seasonally adjusted										
Total	1,348	1,457	1,128	1,194	142,480	150,990	117,684	130,848		
Total, private nonfarm	1,211	1,321	1,001	1,060	134,118	140,826	107,415	121,408		
Manufacturing	409	379	345	371	63,380	58,908	43,186	55,377		
Not seasonally adjusted										
Total ¹	920	2,564	810	806	92,554	263,952	74,644	88,937		
Total, private	884 37	2,488 67	779 57	777 44	89,955 2,173	257,761 4,352	72,331 3,959	86,306 2,513		
Total, private nonfarm	847	2,421	722	733	87,782	253,409	68,372	83,793		
Mining	4	17	(²)	(²)	206	1,272	(²)	(²)		
Utilities	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)		
Construction	106 258	470 823	118 230	91 246	7,288 34,686	33,590	7,245	6,648 33,030		
Š į						108,985	24,931			
Food Beverage and tobacco products	56 9	88 11	60 4	50 5	6,220 1,039	8,703 888	5,237 384	5,049 308		
Textile mills	6	17	5	8	456	2,635	560	1,162		
Textile product mills	(²)	17	10	4	(²)	2,633	874	337		
Apparel	13	38	7	9	1,050	3,893	1,083	1,351		
Leather and allied products	-	(²)	(²)	4	1,030	(²)	(²)	634		
Wood products	16	61	16	17	1,540	8,243	1.606	1,361		
Paper	7	13	6	(²)	529	1,048	493	(²)		
Printing and related support activities	7	15	9	8	501	1,237	668	493		
Petroleum and coal products	-	(²)	-	(²)	-	(2)	-	(²)		
Chemicals	7	15	(²)	(²)	416	1,294	(²)	(²)		
Plastics and rubber products	14	58	13	9	1,061	6,006	902	851		
Nonmetallic mineral products	12	55	10	8	860	4,815	877	372		
Primary metals	4	39	(²)	10	375	4,359	(²)	1,655		
Fabricated metal products	16	59	` <u>1</u> 1	15	1,103	5,796	833	1,245		
Machinery	10	48	9	9	693	6,828	765	1,101		
Computer and electronic products	15	30	15	11	1,274	2,918	897	1,266		
Electrical equipment and appliances	12	39	6	10	2,789	5,662	1,352	785		
Transportation equipment	38	165	29	48	13,430	35,324	6,915	13,543		
Furniture and related products	11	30	8	9	985	4,757	644	576		
Miscellaneous manufacturing	(²)	14	5	5	(2)	1,154	316	363		
Wholesale trade	19	35	18	7	1,518	2,954	1,229	481		
Retail trade	77	198	75	64	6,733	18,822	6,398	5,811		
Transportation and warehousing	38	197	26	44	4,682	22,226	2,955	5,340		
Information	32	47	26	30	4,912	6,141	5,059	8,303		
Finance and insurance	27	35	24	22	2,228	3,289	1,561	1,506		
Real estate and rental and leasing	5	16	(²)	6	332	1,491	(²)	277		
Professional and technical services	29	48	14	22	2,619	4,729	798	3,709		
Management of companies and enterprises	(²)	5	-	3	(²)	358	-	315		
Administrative and waste services	129	302	119	89	11,546	28,865	12,354	6,572		
Educational services	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)		
Health care and social assistance	19	35	12	16	1,039	2,739	662	1,097		
Arts, entertainment, and recreation Accommodation and food services	4 82	40 117	8 37	7 78	167 8 755	4,558	430 3.475	516 9,666		
Other services, except public administration	82 9	28	5	(²)	8,755 506	9,364	3,475 300	9,000 (²)		
Unclassified	1	3	1	()	85	3,408 264	56	100		
Government	36	76	31	29	2,599	6,191	2,313	2,631		
Federal	5	23	7	7	428	1,920	591	704		
State	10	18	11	8	763	1,736	784	802		
	21	35	13	14	1,408	2,535	938	1,125		

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

 p = preliminary.

NOTE: Dash represents zero.

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

Table 4. Mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, January 2003 to March 2005, not seasonally adjusted

			Private nonfarm									
Date	Total ma	ass layoffs	Mass	layoffs		nass layoffs than 30 days	Realization rates ¹					
	Events	Initial claimants	Events	Initial claimants	Events	Initial claimants	Events	Initial claimants				
2003												
January	2,315	225,430	2,130	210,918								
February	1,363	124,965	1,222	116,264								
March	1,207	113,026	1,099	104,468								
First Quarter	4,885	463,421	4,451	431,650	1,502	297,608	33.7	68.9				
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		133,839	1,163	124,131				1				
September		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	,	,		,		,						
January	2,428	239,454	2,226	220,687								
February		84,201	832	76,577								
March		92,554	847	87,782								
First Quarter		416,209	3,905	385,046	1,339	238,305	34.3	61.9				
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April		157,314	1,316	142,657								
May		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	253,231	41.5	76.2				
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	887	145,889	27.4	40.3				
October	1,242	127,918	1,101	117,375								
November	1,399	130,423	1,201	115,549				1				
December		161,271	1,487	152,092								
Fourth Quarter	4,255	419,612	3,789	385,016	1,295	178,834	34.2	46.4				
2005												
January	2,564	263,952	2,421	253,409								
February ^p	· ·	74,644	722	68,372				1				
March ^p		88,937	733	83,793								
First Quarter p	4,180	427,533	3,876	405,574								

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			
Census region and division	March	January	February	March	March	January	February	March
	2004	2005	2005 ^p	2005 ^p	2004	2005	2005 ^p	2005 ^p
United States ¹	920	2,564	810	806	92,554	263,952	74,644	88,937
Northeast	123	556	120	105	12,196	54,866	11,226	10,919
New England	12	88	17	14	912	8,009	2,126	1,147
Middle Atlantic	111	468	103	91	11,284	46,857	9,100	9,772
South	207	490	143	154	22,094	57,126	14,788	17,171
South Atlantic	101	216	75	78	8,749	22,965	5,987	6,642
East South Central	41	173	32	30	4,141	20,528	5,778	4,926
West South Central	65	101	36	46	9,204	13,633	3,023	5,603
Midwest	185	774	173	214	25,756	90,975	17,129	28,413
East North Central	138	601	144	166	19,002	72,600	13,041	22,547
West North Central	47	173	29	48	6,754	18,375	4,088	5,866
Nest	405	744	374	333	32,508	60,985	31,501	32,434
Mountain	30	60	31	37	3,146	5,467	2,315	3,386
Pacific	375	684	343	296	29,362	55,518	29,186	29,048

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 2004	January 2005	February 2005 ^p	March 2005 ^p	March 2004	January 2005	February 2005 ^p	March 2005 ^p	
Total ¹	920	2,564	810	806	92,554	263,952	74,644	88,937	
Alabama	7	85	8	7	654	12,310	620	725	
Alaska	_	(²)	_	_	_	(2)	_	_	
Arizona	6	7	(²)	10	593	642	(²)	929	
Arkansas	3	6	(²)	4	422	622	(2)	269	
California	341	602	321	274	25,730	47,222	27,567	26,727	
Colorado	(²)	10	4	3	(2)	871	307	643	
Connecticut		7	(²)	(²)		629	(²)	(²)	
Delaware	(²)	(²)	(2)		(²)	(²)	(²)		
District of Columbia	(²)	(2)	(2)	_	(²)	(²)	(2)	_	
Florida	57	62	36	36	4,405	4,800	2,018	2,669	
Georgia	11	62	14	15	927	6,433	1,415	1,324	
Hawaii	8	7	3	(²)	788	643	210	(²)	
Idaho	10	9	6	5	1,156	719	431	460	
Illinois	29	91	42	21	3,812	8,596	4,138	2,035	
Indiana	13	72	15	20	2,609	11,308	1,248	2,177	
lowa	11	48	4	10	1,330	7,250	367	804	
Kansas	5	34	5	3	357	3,061	519	202	
Kentucky	18	52	15	13	2,164	5,222	4,585	1,912	
Louisiana	10	24	7	4	887	3,417	503	267	
Maine	(2)	10	(2)	(²)	(2)	776	(2)	(²)	
Maryland	(²)	23	(²)	_	(2)	1,902	(²)	-	
Massachusetts	6	44	8	8	386	4,116	450	684	
Michigan	27	182	26	46	4,548	20,127	2,270	5,002	
Minnesota	9	33	6	12	2,979	2,857	1,907	1,110	
Mississippi	(²) 14	(²) 44	5 11	- 19	(²) 1,429	(²) 3,711	308 904	- 3,469	
Montana	(²)	6	3	(²)	(²)	511	157	(²)	
Nebraska	5	10	3	4	363	1,212	391	281	
Nevada	7	25	10	9	642	2,481	730	590	
New Hampshire	(²)	7	(²)	-	(²)	741	(²)	-	
New Jersey	23	94	` ź9	14	2,151	8,505	3,282	1,326	
New Mexico	3	(²)	(²)	5	323	(²)	(²)	413	
New York	27	180	41	35	2,451	22,185	3,384	3,150	
North Carolina	13	21	7	11	1,261	1,897	777	879	
North Dakota	(²)	(²)	-	-	(²)	(²)	_	-	
Ohio	31	140	26	31	4,167	18,132	1,855	8,919	
Oklahoma	8	14	4	3	3,254	2,735	246	939	
Oregon	13	50	4	10	1,858	5,427	301	1,337	
Pennsylvania	61	194	33	42	6,682	16,167	2,434	5,296	
Rhode Island	3	14	3	(²)	219	1,357	1,135	(²)	
South Carolina	6	13	4	5	863	1,371	525	498	
South Dakota	(²)	(²)	-	-	(²)	(²)	-	-	
Tennessee	14	33	4	10	1,231	2,771	265	2,289	
Texas	44	57	24	35	4,641	6,859	2,198	4,128	
Utah	(2)	_	3	3	(2)	-	252	235	
Vermont	(²)	6	(²)	(²)	(²)	390	(²)	(²)	
Virginia	10	30	11	11	1,010	4,620	1,085	1,272	
Washington	13	22	15	11	986	1,939	1,108	910	
West Virginia	(²)	(²)	_	-	(²)	(²)	-	-	
Wisconsin	38	116	35	48	3,866	14,437	3,530	4,414	
Wyoming	(²)	-	(2)	-	(²)	-	(2)	-	
Puerto Rico	4	25	15	10	318	3,080	1,494	1,303	

¹ See footnote 1, table 3.

p = preliminary.

NOTE: Dash represents zero.

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