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## MASS LAYOFFS IN FEBRUARY 2006

In February 2006, employers took 1,073 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 number of workers involved totaled 111,468, on a seasonally adjusted basis. (See table 1.) The number of layoff events fell by 40 from January 2006, and was the lowest for any month since October 2000. The number of initial claims due to mass layoff actions increased by 3,090 over the month. In the manufacturing sector, 321 mass layoff events were reported during February 2006, seasonally adjusted, resulting in 45,073 initial claims. Both figures were higher than a month earlier. (See table 1.)

In February 2006, the national unemployment rate was 4.8 percent, seasonally adjusted, compared with 4.7 percent in January 2006 and 5.4 percent in February 2005. Total nonfarm payroll employment, seasonally adjusted, increased by 243,000 in February and by 2 million over the year.

## Industry Distribution (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

The 10 industries reporting the highest number of mass layoff initial claims, not seasonally adjusted, accounted for 21,904 initial claims in February, 33 percent of the total. (See table A.) Temporary help

Table A. Industries with the largest mass layoff initial claims in February $\mathbf{2 0 0 6}^{\text {p }}$

| Industry | Initial claims | February peak |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Year | Initial claims |
| Temporary help services | 5,339 | 2001 | 18,893 |
| Light truck and utility vehicle mfg. | 3,994 | 2006 | 3,994 |
| Motion picture and video production . | 2,622 | 2002 | 5,844 |
| Discount department stores . | 2,078 | 2004 | 2,669 |
| School and employee bus transportation . | 1,806 | 2004 | 2,997 |
| Food service contractors . | 1,314 | 2003 | 1,700 |
| Aircraft manufacturing ... | 1,227 | 2000 | 4,514 |
| Highway, street, and bridge construction .............. | 1,188 | 2003 | 3,316 |
| Professional employer organizations..................... | 1,187 | 2001 | 3,241 |
| Farm labor contractors and crew leaders .............. | 1,149 | 2000 | 12,516 |

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services, with 5,339 initial claims, and light truck and utility vehicle manufacturing, with 3,994, together accounted for 14 percent of all initial claims in February.

The manufacturing sector accounted for 29 percent of all mass layoff events and 37 percent of all initial claims filed in February; a year earlier, manufacturing comprised 28 percent of events and 33 percent of initial claims. In February 2006, the number of manufacturing claimants was highest in transportation equipment manufacturing ( 9,113 , mostly automotive-related), followed by food processing $(4,255)$. (See table 3.)

Administrative and waste services accounted for 15 percent of events and 13 percent of initial claims filed in February 2006, with layoffs mainly in temporary help services. Eleven percent of all layoff events and 10 percent of initial claims filed during the month were from retail trade, primarily in general merchandise stores. Construction accounted for 11 percent of events and 9 percent of initial claims in February, mostly in specialty trade contractors.

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

On a not seasonally adjusted basis, the number of layoff events in February 2006, at 719, was down by 91 from a year earlier, and the number of associated initial claims decreased by 8,089 to 66,555. These were the lowest event and initial claim totals for any February since 1997. The largest over-the-year decreases in initial claims were reported in administrative and support services ( $-3,793$ ), motion picture and sound recording industries $(-1,764)$, agriculture and forestry support activities $(-1,689)$, and food and beverage stores ( $-1,151$ ). The largest over-the-year increases in initial claims were reported in transportation equipment manufacturing $(+2,198)$ and professional and technical services $(+1,326)$.

## Geographic Distribution (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Among the four census regions, the highest number of initial claims in February due to mass layoffs was in the West, 22,740. (See table 5.) Administrative and support services, motion picture and sound recording industries, and food manufacturing accounted for 36 percent of all mass layoff initial claims in that region during the month. The Midwest had the second largest number of initial claims, 16,622, followed by the South with 14,941, and the Northeast, with 12,252.

The number of initial claimants in mass layoffs declined over the year in two of the four regions. The largest decrease was in the West $(-8,761)$, followed by the Midwest $(-507)$. The Northeast $(+1,026)$ reported the largest over-the-year increase in initial claims. Six of the nine geographic divisions had over-the-year decreases in the number of initial claims associated with mass layoffs, with the largest in the Pacific division (-7,717). The New England division reported the largest over-the-year increase in initial claims $(+1,858)$.

Among the states, California recorded the highest number of initial claims filed due to mass layoff events in February $(19,455)$, followed by Illinois $(3,385)$, New York $(3,144)$, Pennsylvania $(3,009)$, and Ohio ( 2,772 ). These five states accounted for 52 percent of all mass layoff events and 48 percent of all initial claims for unemployment insurance. (See table 6.)

California had the largest over-the-year decrease in the number of initial claims ( $-8,112$ ), largely due to fewer layoffs in administrative and support services and in motion picture and sound recording industries. Kentucky had the next largest decline in initial claims $(-1,932)$, followed by New Jersey $(-1,167)$. The largest over-the-year increase occurred in Virginia ( $+1,439$ ).

## 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 March 2006 is scheduled to be released on Thursday, April 20, 2006.

## Technical Note

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

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

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

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## Definitions

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

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

## Seasonal adjustment

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

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

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

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


[^0]Table 2. Mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, March 2002 to February 2006, not seasonally adjusted

| Date | Total |  | Private nonfarm |  | Manufacturing |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Events | Initial claimants | Events | Initial claimants | Events | Initial claimants |
| 2002 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 <br> March | 1,363 | 124,965 | 1,222 | 116,264 | 435 | 48,161 |
|  | 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 | 192,633 | 1,793 | 182,750 | 648 | 77,915 |
| 2004 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 2,428 | 239,454 | 2,226 | 220,687 | 848 | 89,551 |
| February | 941 | 84,201 | 832 | 76,577 | 240 | 23,043 |
| March | 920 | 92,554 | 847 | 87,782 | 258 | 34,686 |
| April | 1,458 | 157,314 | 1,316 | 142,657 | 343 | 36,172 |
| May | 988 | 87,501 | 878 | 78,786 | 219 | 22,141 |
| June | 1,379 | 134,588 | 1,077 | 110,804 | 222 | 27,307 |
| July | 2,094 | 253,929 | 1,860 | 234,877 | 885 | 145,895 |
| August | 809 | 69,033 | 745 | 63,876 | 194 | 17,698 |
| September | 708 | 68,972 | 637 | 63,102 | 189 | 25,808 |
| October | 1,242 | 127,918 | 1,101 | 117,375 | 372 | 48,265 |
| November | 1,399 | 130,423 | 1,201 | 115,549 | 412 | 44,243 |
| December | 1,614 | 161,271 | 1,487 | 152,092 | 436 | 50,726 |
| 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January .......................................................... | 2,564 | 263,952 | 2,421 | 253,409 | 823 | 108,985 |
| February | 810 | 74,644 | 722 | 68,372 | 230 | 24,931 |
| March | 806 | 88,937 | 733 | 83,793 | 246 | 33,030 |
| April . | 1,373 | 158,582 | 1,263 | 148,133 | 395 | 59,129 |
| May | 986 | 101,358 | 891 | 93,332 | 249 | 30,424 |
| June | 1,157 | 120,463 | 941 | 103,307 | 216 | 32,783 |
| July | 1,981 | 244,216 | 1,745 | 222,377 | 856 | 136,210 |
| August .. | 645 | 67,582 | 598 | 63,484 | 188 | 22,531 |
| September | 1,662 | 213,281 | 1,505 | 179,042 | 318 | 47,497 |
| October | 905 | 91,941 | 757 | 80,694 | 249 | 37,276 |
| November | 1,254 | 116,127 | 1,079 | 102,182 | 363 | 41,442 |
| December | 2,323 | 254,258 | 2,168 | 242,753 | 706 | 96,382 |
| 2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ${ }^{\text {p }}$ | 1,245 | 117,946 | 1,123 | 108,701 | 331 | 35,097 |
| February ${ }^{\text {p }}$. | 719 | 66,555 | 658 | 62,208 | 210 | 24,892 |

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

| Industry | Mass layoff events |  |  |  | Initial claimants for unemployment insurance |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { February } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { December } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { January } \\ 2006^{p} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { February } \\ 2006^{p} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { February } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { December } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { January } \\ 2006^{\mathrm{p}} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { February } \\ & 2006^{p} \end{aligned}$ |
| Seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total ............................................................. | 1,135 | 1,308 | 1,113 | 1,073 | 120,190 | 149,565 | 108,378 | 111,468 |
| Total, private nonfarm . | 1,010 | 1,185 | 985 | 973 | 109,964 | 138,234 | 97,832 | 103,268 |
| Manufacturing .................................................. | 350 | 365 | 274 | 321 | 43,966 | 49,641 | 29,541 | 45,073 |
| Not seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total ${ }^{1}$ | 810 | 2,323 | 1,245 | 719 | 74,644 | 254,258 | 117,946 | 66,555 |
| Total, private | 779 | 2,237 | 1,185 | 689 | 72,331 | 246,748 | 112,837 | 64,296 |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting ............... | 57 | 69 | 62 | 31 | 3,959 | 3,995 | 4,136 | 2,088 |
| Total, private nonfarm | 722 | 2,168 | 1,123 | 658 | 68,372 | 242,753 | 108,701 | 62,208 |
| Mining | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 33 |  | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 2,802 | 309 | - |
| Utilities | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| Construction | 118 | 478 | 125 | 82 | 7,245 | 40,395 | 7,942 | 5,997 |
| Manufacturing | 230 | 706 | 331 | 210 | 24,931 | 96,382 | 35,097 | 24,892 |
| Food | 60 | 88 | 46 | 42 | 5,237 | 10,681 | 3,589 | $4,255$ |
| Beverage and tobacco products | 4 | 11 | 9 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 384 | 800 | 599 |  |
| Textile mills | 5 | 23 | 13 | 6 | 560 | 3,823 | 1,214 | $(2)$ 373 |
| Textile product mills | 10 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 874 | 743 | 655 | 301 |
| Apparel | $\left({ }^{2}\right)^{7}$ | 19 | $\begin{gathered} 11 \\ \left({ }^{2}\right) \end{gathered}$ | ${ }^{10}$ | 1,083 | 2,297 | 769 | 1,644 |
| Leather and allied products |  | 9 |  |  | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 1,032 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| Wood products | 16 | 54 | 27 | ${ }^{(2)}$ | 1,606 | 5,319 | 2,995 | 1,230 |
| Paper | 6 | 8 |  | 4 | 493 | 943 | 405 | 397 |
| Printing and related support activities | 9 | 1614 |  | $\left({ }^{2}\right)^{6}$ | 668 | 1,870 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\begin{gathered} 519 \\ \left({ }^{2}\right) \end{gathered}$ |
| Petroleum and coal products ... | - |  |  |  | - | 1,478 |  |  |
| Chemicals | $\left({ }^{2}\right.$ | 10 | 8 | 4 | ( ${ }^{2}$ ) | 862 | 531 | 315 |
| Plastics and rubber products | 13 | 60 | 17 | 9 | 902 | 5,605 | 1,305 | 564 |
| Nonmetallic mineral products | 10$\left(\begin{array}{c}2 \\ ) \\ 11\end{array}\right.$ | 58 | 20 | 9 | 877 | 5,756 | 1,318 | 694 |
| Primary metals ... |  | 40 | 11 | 7 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 4,265 | 946 | 523 |
| Fabricated metal products |  | 38 | 32 | 12 | 833 | 3,815 | 2,305 | 972 |
| Machinery | 9 | 31 | 12 | 14 | 765 | 3,091 | 899 | 1,029 |
| Computer and electronic products . | 15 | 16 | 22 | 6 | 897 | 1,290 | 1,678 | 623 |
| Electrical equipment and appliances | 6 | 18 | 10 | 9 | 1,352 | 3,716 | 1,965 | 773 |
| Transportation equipment ....... | 29 | 144 | 52 | 39 | 6,915 | 34,508 | 11,421 | 9,113 |
| Furniture and related products .. | 8 | 27 | 13 | 7 | 644 | 2,769 | 1,253 | 681 |
| Miscellaneous manufacturing | 5 | 15 | 9 | 4 | 316 | 1,719 | 821 | 457 |
| Wholesale trade | 18 | 37 | 24 | 8 | 1,229 | 3,214 | 1,903 | 416 |
| Retail trade | 75 | 113 | 142 | 79 | 6,398 | 10,856 | 14,773 | 6,781 |
| Transportation and warehousing . | 26 | 161 | 102 | 31 | 2,955 | 19,173 | 10,634 | 3,274 |
| Information | 26 | 36 | 33 | 28 | 5,059 | 6,572 | 8,998 | 3,611 |
| Finance and insurance | 24 | 20 | 24 | 26 | 1,561 | 1,284 | 1,592 | 1,752 |
| Real estate and rental and leasing | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 9 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 3 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 1,203 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 194 |
| Professional and technical services .......... | 14 | 64 | 22 | 24 | 798 | 6,663 | 3,258 | 2,124 |
| Management of companies and enterprises ......... | - | ( ${ }^{2}$ ) | 4 | 4 | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 287 | 274 |
| Administrative and waste services ... | 119 | 259 | 155 | 106 | 12,354 | 27,527 | 12,157 | 8,492 |
| Educational services ................... | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 5 | 7 | ( ${ }^{2}$ ) | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 353 | 456 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| Health care and social assistance | 12 | 35 | 21 | 15 | 662 | 2,731 | 1,385 | 938 |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation ...................... | 8 | 26 | 28 | 7 | 430 | 1,869 | 1,888 | 457 |
| Accommodation and food services ...................... | 37 | 158 | 81 | 26 | 3,475 | 19,293 | 5,898 | 2,486 |
| Other services, except public administration ......... | 5 | 19 | 13 | 3 | 300 | 1,527 | 1,704 | 197 |
| Unclassified | 1 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 56 | 295 | 179 | 162 |
| Government ......................................................... | 31 | 86 | 60 | 30 | 2,313 | 7,510 | 5,109 | 2,259 |
| Federal. | 7 | 18 | 16 | 4 | 591 | 1,568 | 1,596 | 238 |
| State | 11 | 16 | 10 | 7 | 784 | 1,750 | 1,210 | 764 |
| Local .............................................................. | 13 | 52 | 34 | 19 | 938 | 4,192 | 2,303 | 1,257 |
| ${ }^{1}$ Data were reported by all states and the District of | Columbia. |  |  | = prelimina |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{2}$ Data do not meet BLS or state agency disclosure | tandards. |  |  | NOTE: Das | represents z |  |  |  |

Table 4. Mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, January 2004 to February 2006, not seasonally adjusted

| Date | Total mass layoffs |  | Private nonfarm |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Mass layoffs |  | Extended mass layoffs lasting more than 30 days |  | Realization rates ${ }^{1}$ |  |
|  | Events | Initial claimants | Events | Initial claimants | Events | Initial claimants | Events | Initial claimants |
| 2004 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 2,428 | 239,454 | 2,226 | 220,687 |  |  |  |  |
| February | 941 | 84,201 | 832 | 76,577 |  |  |  |  |
| March . | 920 | 92,554 | 847 | 87,782 |  |  |  |  |
| First Quarter | 4,289 | 416,209 | 3,905 | 385,046 | 1,339 | 238,392 | 34.3 | 61.9 |
| April | 1,458 | 157,314 | 1,316 | 142,657 |  |  |  |  |
| May | 988 | 87,501 | 878 | 78,786 |  |  |  |  |
| June | 1,379 | 134,588 | 1,077 | 110,804 |  |  |  |  |
| Second Quarter | 3,825 | 379,403 | 3,271 | 332,247 | 1,358 | 254,063 | 41.5 | 76.5 |
| 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 | 886 | 148,575 | 27.3 | 41.1 |
| 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 | 1,427 | 262,049 | 37.7 | 68.1 |
| January | 2,564 | 263,952 | 2,421 | 253,409 |  |  |  |  |
| February . | 810 | 74,644 | 722 | 68,372 |  |  |  |  |
| March | 806 | 88,937 | 733 | 83,793 |  |  |  |  |
| First Quarter | 4,180 | 427,533 | 3,876 | 405,574 | 1,142 | 185,420 | 29.5 | 45.7 |
| April | 1,373 | 158,582 | 1,263 | 148,133 |  |  |  |  |
| May | 986 | 101,358 | 891 | 93,332 |  |  |  |  |
| June | 1,157 | 120,463 | 941 | 103,307 |  |  |  |  |
| Second Quarter ....... | 3,516 | 380,403 | 3,095 | 344,772 | 1,203 | 212,364 | 38.9 | 61.6 |
| July . | 1,981 | 244,216 | 1,745 | 222,377 |  |  |  |  |
| August | 645 | 67,582 | 598 | 63,484 |  |  |  |  |
| September ......... | 1,662 | 213,281 | 1,505 | 179,042 |  |  |  |  |
| Third Quarter | 4,288 | 525,079 | 3,848 | 464,903 | 1,136 | 189,443 | 29.5 | 40.7 |
| October | 905 | 91,941 | 757 | 80,694 |  |  |  |  |
| November . | 1,254 | 116,127 | 1,079 | 102,182 |  |  |  |  |
| December | 2,323 | 254,258 | 2,168 | 242,753 |  |  |  |  |
| Fourth Quarter | 4,482 | 462,326 | 4,004 | 425,629 | ${ }^{2 . p} 1,299$ | 2,p 178,896 | ${ }^{\mathrm{p}} 32.4$ | ${ }^{p} 42.0$ |
| January ${ }^{\text {p }}$ | 1,245 | 117,946 | 1,123 | 108,701 |  |  |  |  |
| February ${ }^{\text {p }}$. | 719 | 66,555 | 658 | 62,208 |  |  |  |  |

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

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

| Census region and division | Mass layoff events |  |  |  | Initial claimants for unemployment insurance |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { February } \\ & 2005 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { December } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | January $2006^{p}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { February } \\ 2006^{\mathrm{p}} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { February } \\ & 2005 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { December } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | January $2006^{p}$ | February <br> $2006^{\text {p }}$ |
| United States ${ }^{1}$ | 810 | 2,323 | 1,245 | 719 | 74,644 | 254,258 | 117,946 | 66,555 |
| Northeast | 120 | 445 | 281 | 115 | 11,226 | 42,897 | 25,777 | 12,252 |
| New England | 17 | 83 | 25 | 23 | 2,126 | 9,110 | 1,765 | 3,984 |
| Middle Atlantic | 103 | 362 | 256 | 92 | 9,100 | 33,787 | 24,012 | 8,268 |
| South | 143 | 371 | 228 | 149 | 14,788 | 46,303 | 22,194 | 14,941 |
| South Atlantic | 75 | 180 | 128 | 66 | 5,987 | 23,506 | 12,893 | 7,193 |
| East South Central | 32 | 113 | 61 | 38 | 5,778 | 14,562 | 5,667 | 4,136 |
| West South Central . | 36 | 78 | 39 | 45 | 3,023 | 8,235 | 3,634 | 3,612 |
| Midwest . | 173 | 942 | 314 | 168 | 17,129 | 111,662 | 33,750 | 16,622 |
| East North Central . | 144 | 708 | 264 | 136 | 13,041 | 85,681 | 28,642 | 12,702 |
| West North Central . | 29 | 234 | 50 | 32 | 4,088 | 25,981 | 5,108 | 3,920 |
| West | 374 | 565 | 422 | 287 | 31,501 | 53,396 | 36,225 | 22,740 |
| Mountain | 31 | 88 | 31 | 16 | 2,315 | 7,995 | 2,337 | 1,271 |
| Pacific ................................... | 343 | 477 | 391 | 271 | 29,186 | 45,401 | 33,888 | 21,469 |

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

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

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

| State | Mass layoff events |  |  |  | Initial claimants for unemployment insurance |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { February } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { December } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | January $2006^{p}$ | February $2006^{p}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { February } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { December } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | January $2006^{\text {p }}$ | February $2006^{p}$ |
| Total ${ }^{1}$ | 810 | 2,323 | 1,245 | 719 | 74,644 | 254,258 | 117,946 | 66,555 |
| Alabama | 8 | 24 | 9 | 7 | 620 | 2,119 | 821 | 621 |
| Alaska | - | - | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | - | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| Arizona | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 4 | 4 | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 387 | 362 | - |
| Arkansas | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 6 | 3 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 989 | 346 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| California | 321 | 415 | 346 | 246 | 27,567 | 38,926 | 30,388 | 19,455 |
| Colorado | 4 | 16 | 8 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 307 | 1,536 | 603 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| Connecticut | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 9 | 3 | 3 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 897 | 215 | 1,353 |
| Delaware | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - |
| District of Columbia | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | - |
| Florida | 36 | 61 | 30 | 30 | 2,018 | 5,288 | 1,708 | 2,055 |
| Georgia | 14 | 42 | 54 | 10 | 1,415 | 8,974 | 5,159 | 1,081 |
| Hawaii | 3 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 210 | 510 | 282 | 199 |
| Idaho | 6 | 17 | 6 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 431 | 1,240 | 427 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| Illinois | 42 | 144 | 37 | 36 | 4,138 | 16,869 | 3,499 | 3,385 |
| Indiana | 15 | 98 | 33 | 16 | 1,248 | 12,226 | 4,053 | 1,736 |
| lowa | 4 | 61 | 12 | 8 | 367 | 7,058 | 1,255 | 620 |
| Kansas | 5 | 18 | 6 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 519 | 1,779 | 459 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| Kentucky | 15 | 62 | 26 | 20 | 4,585 | 9,866 | 2,152 | 2,653 |
| Louisiana | 7 | 13 | 13 | 10 | 503 | 868 | 936 | 624 |
| Maine | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 7 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 3 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 449 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 338 |
| Maryland | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | 11 | 3 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | 859 | 233 |
| Massachusetts | 8 | 29 | 14 | 3 | 450 | 3,229 | 1,001 | 163 |
| Michigan | 26 | 222 | 89 | 29 | 2,270 | 30,456 | 8,786 | 2,288 |
| Minnesota | 6 | 64 | 17 | 11 | 1,907 | 6,016 | 1,834 | 2,300 |
| Mississippi | 5 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 7 | 5 | 308 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 469 | 364 |
| Missouri | 11 | 63 | 11 | 7 | 904 | 7,912 | 1,305 | 541 |
| Montana | 3 | 9 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 3 | 157 | 682 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 173 |
| Nebraska | 3 | 20 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 4 | 391 | 2,605 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 280 |
| Nevada | 10 | 24 | 10 | 6 | 730 | 2,315 | 724 | 487 |
| New Hampshire | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 12 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 3 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 1,386 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 265 |
| New Jersey . | 29 | 96 | 28 | 24 | 3,282 | 8,631 | 2,550 | 2,115 |
| New Mexico | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 7 | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 766 | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| New York | 41 | 91 | 129 | 30 | 3,384 | 8,907 | 13,290 | 3,144 |
| North Carolina | 7 | 19 | 10 | 10 | 777 | 1,999 | 1,113 | 786 |
| North Dakota | - | 4 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | - | 320 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - |
| Ohio . | 26 | 133 | 50 | 23 | 1,855 | 13,059 | 6,484 | 2,772 |
| Oklahoma | 4 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 246 | 780 | 400 | 437 |
| Oregon ... | 4 | 32 | 21 | 9 | 301 | 3,830 | 1,719 | 802 |
| Pennsylvania . | 33 | 175 | 99 | 38 | 2,434 | 16,249 | 8,172 | 3,009 |
| Rhode Island | 3 | 17 | 4 | 9 | 1,135 | 2,441 | 311 | 1,746 |
| South Carolina | 4 | 20 | 9 | 6 | 525 | 3,376 | 822 | 514 |
| South Dakota | - | 4 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | 291 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| Tennessee | 4 | 25 | 19 | 6 | 265 | 2,408 | 2,225 | 498 |
| Texas | 24 | 50 | 18 | 29 | 2,198 | 5,598 | 1,952 | 2,375 |
| Utah | 3 | 11 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 252 | 1,069 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| Vermont | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 9 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | 708 | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ |
| Virginia | 11 | 35 | 12 | 7 | 1,085 | 3,638 | 3,084 | 2,524 |
| Washington . | 15 | 24 | 19 | 12 | 1,108 | 2,135 | 1,499 | 951 |
| West Virginia | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - |
| Wisconsin | 35 | 111 | 55 | 32 | 3,530 | 13,071 | 5,820 | 2,521 |
| Wyoming | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | - | - | $\left({ }^{2}\right)$ | - | - | - |
| Puerto Rico ......................... | 15 | 10 | 12 | 19 | 1,494 | 1,698 | 964 | 1,962 |

[^2]p = preliminary.
NOTE: Dash represents zero.


[^0]:    ${ }^{\mathrm{p}}=$ preliminary.

[^1]:    ${ }^{\mathrm{p}}=$ preliminary.

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

