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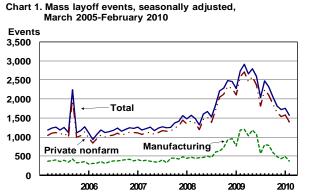
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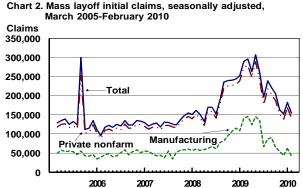
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### MASS LAYOFFS – FEBRUARY 2010

Employers took 1,570 mass layoff actions in February that resulted in the separation of 155,718 workers, seasonally adjusted, as measured by new filings for unemployment insurance benefits during the month, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Each action involved at least 50 persons from a single employer. The number of mass layoff events in February fell by 191 from the prior month, and the number of associated initial claims decreased by 26,543. Both events and initial claims have decreased in 5 out of the last 6 months. In February, 376 mass layoff events were reported in the manufacturing sector, seasonally adjusted, resulting in 43,100 initial claims. Both figures declined over the month to their lowest levels since August 2007. (See table 1.)





During the 27 months from December 2007 through February 2010, the total number of mass layoff events (seasonally adjusted) was 55,309, and the associated number of initial claims was 5,580,819. (December 2007 was the start of a recession as designated by the National Bureau of Economic Research.)

The national unemployment rate was 9.7 percent in February 2010, seasonally adjusted, unchanged from the prior month but up from 8.2 percent a year earlier. In February, nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 36,000 over the month and by 3,297,000 from a year earlier.

## **Industry Distribution (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

The number of mass layoff events in February was 1,183 on a not seasonally adjusted basis; the number of associated initial claims was 102,818. Over the year, the number of mass layoff events decreased by

Table A. Industries with the largest number of mass layoff initial claims in February 2010, not seasonally adjusted

Industry	Initial claims	February peak			
mausu y	mittai Ciaims	Year	Initial claims		
Temporary help services <sup>1</sup>	6,152	2001	18,893		
Light truck and utility vehicle manufacturing	( <sup>2</sup> )	2010	( <sup>2</sup> )		
Professional employer organizations <sup>1</sup>	3,081	2009	6,452		
School and employee bus transportation	2,629	2008	4,254		
Supermarkets and other grocery stores	2,470	2010	2,470		
Managing offices	1,990	2010	1,990		
Food service contractors	1,873	2009	2,580		
Motion picture and video production	1,864	2002	5,844		
Automobile manufacturing	1,857	2001	13,977		
Highway, street, and bridge construction	1,699	2003	3,316		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See the Technical Note for more information on these industries.

1,079, and associated initial claims decreased by 115,620. (See table 2.) Fifteen of the 19 major industry sectors in the private economy reported over-the-year decreases in initial claimants, led by manufacturing (-72,860). (See table 3.)

The manufacturing sector accounted for 24 percent of all mass layoff events and 30 percent of initial claims filed in February 2010. A year earlier, manufacturing made up 42 percent of events and 47 percent of initial claims. Within manufacturing, the number of claimants in February was greatest in transportation equipment, followed by food, machinery, and wood products. All 21 manufacturing subsectors experienced over-the-year decreases in initial claims, led by machinery (-12,455) and transportation equipment (-12,336). (See table 3.)

The six-digit industry with the largest number of initial claims in February 2010 was temporary help services. (See table A.) Of the 10 detailed industries with the largest number of mass layoff initial claims, light truck and utility vehicle manufacturing; supermarkets and other grocery stores; and managing offices reached program highs for the month of February. (Data begin in April 1995.)

### Geographic Distribution (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

All regions and all divisions experienced over-the-year decreases in initial claims due to mass layoffs in February. Among the 4 census regions, the Midwest (-43,845) and West (-35,488) registered the largest over-the-year reductions in initial claims. Of the 9 geographic divisions, the East North Central (-5,914) and the Pacific (-28,383) had the largest over-the-year declines in initial claims. (See table 5.)

California recorded the highest number of initial claims in February, followed by Pennsylvania, Kentucky, and New York. Forty-five states and the District of Columbia experienced over-the-year decreases in initial claims, led by California (-22,366), Illinois (-15,158), and Wisconsin (-6,914). (See table 6.) In 2010, five states reached or matched February program lows for average weekly initial

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Data do not meet BLS or state agency disclosure standards.

claims: Kansas, Maine, New Jersey, North Carolina, and South Dakota. (Average weekly analysis mitigates the effect of differing lengths of months. See the Technical Note.)

#### 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 Mass Layoffs in March 2010 news release is scheduled to be released on Friday, April 23, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. (EDT).

# **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 employers which have at least 50 initial claims filed against them during a consecutive 5-week period. These employers 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**

*Employer*. Employers in the MLS program include those covered by state unemployment insurance laws. Information on employers is obtained from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) program, which is administered by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

Industry. Employers are classified according to the 2007 version of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). For temporary help and professional employer organization industries, monthly MLS-related statistics generally reflect layoffs related to underlying client companies in other industries. An individual layoff action at a client company can be small, but when initial claimants

associated with many such layoffs are assigned to a temporary help or professional employer organization firm, a mass layoff event may trigger.

*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 employer 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 1 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, March 2006 to February 2010, seasonally adjusted

	To	otal	Private	nonfarm	Manufacturing		
Date	Events	Initial claimants	Events	Initial claimants	Events	Initial claimants	
2006							
March	1,069	117,725	965	109,241	312	45,687	
April	1,189	123,056	1,055	112,922	352	48,731	
May	1,121	117,834	1,003	107,929	302	40,703	
June	1,150	125,318	1,039	115,883	349	43,476	
July	1,182	121,056	1,056	111,432	373	51,691	
August	1,238	135,707	1,104	125,704	372	58,962	
September	1,154	124,200	1,043	115,261	393	45,972	
October	1,208	123,691	1,094	115,102	409	53,957	
November	1,244	135,465	1,128	125,976	413	58,509	
December	1,227	134,176	1,123	124,570	376	51,403	
2007							
January	1,264	130,834	1,113	119,874	404	55,217	
February	1,191	121,289	1,075	112,607	374	54,581	
March	1,225	126,391	1,113	117,760	386	48,298	
April	1,268	129,098	1,135	118,175	362	43,205	
May	1,172	118,648	1,070	111,103	345	44,391	
June	1,241	131,394	1,125	122,123	338	37,931	
July	1,274	130,331	1,169	122,381	403	55,973	
August	1,247	126,108	1,158	118,575	323	34,902	
September	1,255	123,632	1,160	116,744	436	51,814	
October	1,370	137,108	1,248	128,387	449	58,360	
November	1,415	148,952	1,289	139,665	424	58,543	
December	1,569	155,095	1,448	145,666	483	60,368	
2008							
January	1,481	151,269	1,348	140,570	436	57,147	
February	1,578	162,152	1,432	150,712	470	60,276	
March	1,487	151,539	1,372	141,574	436	56,919	
April	1,327	133,318	1,201	122,651	460	59,377	
May	1,604	170,619	1,465	160,529	468	62,345	
June	1,674	170,329	1,523	158,084	501	68,403	
July	1,531	152,447	1,389	141,707	461	61,417	
August	1,845	189,798	1,711	179,737	607	78,172	
September	2,222	235,755	2,049	220,832	634	81,989	
October	2,287	239,768	2,125	226,098	721	95,301	
November	2,489	240,181	2,334	227,368	929	107,072	
December	2,461	243,505	2,277	229,171	962	115,961	
2009							
January	2,279	251,807	2,115	238,990	764	109,124	
February	2,737	289,162	2,592	274,040	1,186	141,264	
March	2,913	295,970	2,715	279,671	1,202	146,381	
April	2,663	263,162	2,461	247,329	1,033	125,093	
May	2,794	306,788	2,589	289,012	1,183	145,166	
June	2,598	260,596	2,371	241,864	1,072	135,844	
July	2,039	196,578	1,818	176,542	565	66,918	
August	2,480	238,911	2,244	218,425	798	87,201	
September	2,326	221,639	2,109	204,462	783	90,440	
October	2,055	205,502	1,856	187,880	594	65,801	
November	1,813	163,823	1,650	151,810	485	54,858	
December	1,726	153,127	1,542	138,747	433	44,072	
2010							
January	1,761	182,261	1,585	168,466	486	62,556	
February	1,570	155,718	1,406	142,240	376	43,100	

Table 2. Mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, March 2006 to February 2010, not seasonally adjusted

	Total		Private	nonfarm	Manufacturing		
Date	Events	Initial claimants	Events	Initial claimants	Events	Initial claimants	
2006							
March	921	111,838	856	106,177	285	44,688	
April	1,140	121,589	1,038	112,964	296	39,538	
May	872	84,809	794	78,663	192	23,570	
June	1,489	164,761	1,224	140,687	319	41,095	
July	1,511	166,857	1,335	154,342	648	96,152	
August	708	72,844	656	69,054	203	28,494	
September	865	87,699	785	81,274	296	39,076	
October	964	98,804	820	88,133	311	46,737	
November	1,315	136,186	1,172	125,009	455	58,473	
December	2,249	254,503	2,126	244,783	735	105,462	
2007							
January	1,407	134,984	1,263	124,475	456	53,615	
February	935	86,696	861	82,097	273	36,170	
March	1,082	123,974	1,015	118,431	367	49,886	
April	1,219	127,444	1,115	118,040	309	35,229	
May	923	85,816	856	81,153	224	26,527	
June	1,599	172,810	1,318	148,669	313	36,571	
July	1,599	175,419	1,450	164,939	684	101,390	
August	963	93,458	908	88,345	220	23,361	
September	717	67,385	667	64,026	246	29,381	
October	1,083	108,455	929	97,716	338	50,918	
November	1,799	198,220	1,593	181,184	514	75,413	
December	2,167	224,214	2,071	216,898	699	91,754	
2008	4.047	454500	4.500	444404	400	54.440	
January		154,503	1,520	144,191	488	54,418	
February	1,269	119,508	1,178	113,587	361	42,527	
March	1,089	114,541	1,039	110,147	333 394	43,740	
April	1,272	130,810	1,172	121,625	388	48,188	
May	1,552 1,622	159,471	1,438	150,462	309	51,698 42,097	
June	1,822	166,742 200,382	1,315 1,687	140,916 186,018	760	108,733	
July	1,427	139,999	1,343	133,146	414	51,912	
August	1,292	129,586	1,202	122,505	361	46,391	
September October	2,125	221,784	1,917	205,553	689	100,457	
November	2,574	241,589	2,389	226,657	997	107,620	
December	3,377	351,305	3,232	340,220	1,378	172,529	
2009	0,0	001,000	0,202	0.0,220	.,0.0	,020	
2009 January	3,806	388,813	3,633	375,293	1,461	172,757	
February	2,262	218,438	2,173	210,755	945	103,588	
March	2,191	228,387	2,107	221,397	940	114,747	
April	2,547	256,930	2,385	243,321	887	100,872	
May	2,738	289,628	2,572	274,047	1,005	123,683	
June	2,519	256,357	2,051	216,063	674	85,726	
July	3,054	336,654	2,659	296,589	1,133	154,208	
August	1,428	125,024	1,334	117,193	436	41,151	
September	1,371	123,177	1,258	115,141	448	51,126	
October	1,934	193,904	1,678	172,883	566	69,655	
November	1,870	164,496	1,679	150,751	517	55,053	
December	2,310	214,648	2,166	203,655	615	64,540	
2010							
January	2,860	278,679	2,682	265,074	962	104,846	
February	1,183	102,818	1,091	96,022	282	30,728	
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Table 3. Industry distribution: Mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance

Industry		Mass lay	off events		Initial claimants for unemployment insurance				
ilidustry	February 2009	December 2009	January 2010	February 2010	February 2009	December 2009	January 2010	February 2010	
Seasonally adjusted									
Total	2,737	1,726	1,761	1,570	289,162	153,127	182,261	155,718	
Total, private nonfarm	2,592	1,542	1,585	1,406	274,040	138,747	168,466	142,240	
Manufacturing	1,186	433	486	376	141,264	44,072	62,556	43,100	
Not seasonally adjusted									
Total <sup>1</sup>	2,262	2,310	2,860	1,183	218,438	214,648	278,679	102,818	
Total, private		2,219	2,739	1,128	213,548	206,930	268,595	98,241	
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting		53	57	37	2,793	3,275	3,521	2,219	
Total, private nonfarm		2,166	2,682	1,091	210,755	203,655	265,074	96,022	
Mining	-	34	20	5	3,379	2,807	1,561	761	
Utilities		6	( <sup>2</sup> )	-	( <sup>2</sup> )	444	( <sup>2</sup> )	-	
Construction	199	485	328	166	14,040	35,718	24,148	12,200	
Manufacturing		615	962	282	103,588	64,540	104,846	30,728	
Food		63	93	45	5,379	6,447	9,134	4,031	
Beverage and tobacco products		5	13	6	606	396	839	407	
Textile mills		14	28	5	1,833	2,242	3,807	431	
Textile product mills		3 19	18 23	5 4	769 1 5 4 5	300	2,503	557 265	
ApparelLeather and allied products	_	5	3		1,545 ( <sup>2</sup> )	1,661 324	2,128 499		
Wood products		40	62	( <sup>2</sup> ) 27	5,348	3,218	6,657	( <sup>2</sup> ) 1,850	
Paper		12	16	10	3,129	850	1,421	721	
Printing and related support activities	_	14	23	12	1,758	1,659	2,415	960	
Petroleum and coal products		10	7	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	866	469	( <sup>2</sup> )	
Chemicals		10	23	9	1,806	768	2,058	872	
Plastics and rubber products		35	62	10	4,878	3,487	5,466	1,014	
Nonmetallic mineral products		59	44	12	2,788	4,990	3,131	794	
Primary metals	-	34	56	9	6,523	3,456	5,734	981	
Fabricated metal products		54	99	12	8,735	4,387	9,256	681	
Machinery	106	53	89	20	14,921	6,827	12,322	2,466	
Computer and electronic products	78	23	37	18	7,439	1,429	4,239	1,538	
Electrical equipment and appliances		19	33	12	5,399	2,191	3,360	1,386	
Transportation equipment		106	175	45	22,440	13,537	23,150	10,104	
Furniture and related products		28	48	16	6,333	4,617	5,088	1,346	
Miscellaneous manufacturing		9	10	(²)	1,607	888	1,170	(²)	
Wholesale trade		50	67	27	4,243	3,858	5,310	1,754	
Retail trade		121	259	128	17,538	12,300	28,109	10,802	
Transportation and warehousing		157	212	51	7,864	17,909	23,788	5,372	
Information		51 30	84	40 32	8,476 5,685	7,042 2,357	12,581	3,753 2,671	
Finance and insurance  Real estate and rental and leasing		12	47 (²)	9	1,083	763	3,681	622	
Professional and technical services		47	71	33	7,895	3,746	( <sup>2</sup> ) 6,390	2,292	
Management of companies and enterprises		5	15	6	990	545	1,462	1,990	
Administrative and waste services		253	326	191	23,566	21,653	30,020	13,594	
Educational services		12	18	4	( <sup>2</sup> )	755	2,460	242	
Health care and social assistance	33	38	46	31	2,032	2,653	3,019	2,118	
Arts, entertainment, and recreation		19	35	16	655	1,734	2,860	1,419	
Accommodation and food services		214	163	61	8,080	23,507	12,838	5,044	
Other services, except public administration		16	20	8	1,083	1,171	1,458	552	
Unclassified	_	1	_	1	-	153	_	108	
Government		91	121	55	4,890	7,718	10,084	4,577	
Federal		11	8	8	533	921	698	631	
State		26	37	12	1,804	2,560	3,278	947	
Local	23	54	76	35	2,553	4,237	6,108	2,999	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Data were reported by all states and the District of Columbia. <sup>2</sup> Data do not meet BLS or state agency disclosure standards.

NOTE: Dash represents zero.

Table 4. Mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, January 2008 to February 2010, not seasonally adjusted

	Total mass layoffs		Private nonfarm							
Date			Mass	layoffs		mass layoffs than 30 days	Realization rates <sup>1</sup>			
	Events	Initial claimants	Events	Initial claimants	Events	Initial claimants	Events	Initial claimants		
2008										
January February March	1,647 1,269 1,089	154,503 119,508 114,541	1,520 1,178 1,039	144,191 113,587 110,147						
First Quarter	4,005	388,552	3,737	367,925	1,340	259,292	35.9	70.5		
April May June	1,272 1,552 1,622	130,810 159,471 166,742	1,172 1,438 1,315	121,625 150,462 140,916						
Second Quarter	4,446	457,023	3,925	413,003	1,756	339,630	44.7	82.2		
July August September	1,891 1,427 1,292	200,382 139,999 129,586	1,687 1,343 1,202	186,018 133,146 122,505						
Third Quarter	4,610	469,967	4,232	441,669	1,581	304,340	37.4	68.9		
October  November  December	2,125 2,574 3,377	221,784 241,589 351,305	1,917 2,389 3,232	205,553 226,657 340,220						
Fourth Quarter	8,076	814,678	7,538	772,430	3,582	766,780	47.5	99.3		
2009										
January February March	3,806 2,262 2,191	388,813 218,438 228,387	3,633 2,173 2,107	375,293 210,755 221,397						
First Quarter	8,259	835,638	7,913	807,445	3,979	835,420	50.3	103.5		
April May June	2,547 2,738 2,519	256,930 289,628 256,357	2,385 2,572 2,051	243,321 274,047 216,063						
Second Quarter	7,804	802,915	7,008	733,431	3,395	730,946	48.4	99.7		
July August September	3,054 1,428 1,371	336,654 125,024 123,177	2,659 1,334 1,258	296,589 117,193 115,141						
Third Quarter	5,853	584,855	5,251	528,923	2,035	402,927	38.8	76.2		
October November December	1,934 1,870 2,310	193,904 164,496 214,648	1,678 1,679 2,166	172,883 150,751 203,655						
Fourth Quarter	6,114	573,048	5,523	527,289	<sup>2,p</sup> 2,043	<sup>2,p</sup> 292,696	<sup>p</sup> 37.0	<sup>p</sup> 55.5		
2010										
January February	2,860 1,183	278,679 102,818	2,682 1,091	265,074 96,022						

<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.

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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> These quarterly numbers are provisional and will be revised as more

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>p</sup> = 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 lay	off events		Initial claimants for unemployment insurance				
	February 2009	December 2009	January 2010	February 2010	February 2009	December 2009	January 2010	February 2010	
United States <sup>1</sup>	2,262	2,310	2,860	1,183	218,438	214,648	278,679	102,818	
Northeast	348	461	593	215	32,131	41,913	58,748	21,705	
New England	78	71	70	39	7,744	6,743	6,503	4,682	
Middle Atlantic	270	390	523	176	24,387	35,170	52,245	17,023	
South	624	494	753	319	55,542	48,248	74,105	29,681	
South Atlantic	295	284	404	178	23,842	25,236	37,846	13,052	
East South Central	172	115	220	69	17,840	13,749	23,085	9,917	
West South Central	157	95	129	72	13,860	9,263	13,174	6,712	
Midwest	561	739	807	221	64,973	76,826	83,185	21,128	
East North Central		508	604	169	52,690	51,903	63,706	16,776	
West North Central		231	203	52	12,283	24,923	19,479	4,352	
West	729	616	707	428	65,792	47,661	62,641	30,304	
Mountain		126	94	58	11,381	10,700	8,992	4,276	
Pacific		490	613	370	54,411	36,961	53,649	26,028	

<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.

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

2		Mass layo	off events		Initial claimants for unemployment insurance				
State	February 2009	December 2009	January 2010	February 2010	February 2009	December 2009	January 2010	February 2010	
Total <sup>1</sup>	2,262	2,310	2,860	1,183	218,438	214,648	278,679	102,818	
AlabamaAlaska	33 7	36 7	93 9	17 3	4,690 557	4,592 650	11,204 713	1,758 267	
Arizona	23	9	17	8	2,185	817	1,502	700	
Arkansas	6	7	9	( <sup>2</sup> )	1,156	581	1,433	( <sup>2</sup> )	
California	515	412	533	335	45,557	30,229	46,474	23,191	
Colorado	15	24	13	10	1,237	1,941	1,301	706	
Connecticut	12	8	6	10	824	890	406	847	
Delaware	4	5	4	5	484	266	287	378	
District of Columbia	( <sup>2</sup> )	4	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	301	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	
Florida	155	96	141	87	9,779	7,715	9,909	5,523	
Georgia	45	56	83	34	3,830	5,244	8,861	2,708	
Hawaii	15	7	9	(²)	1,211	637	735	(²)	
Idaho	10	16	11	11	591	1,099	1,068	709	
Illinois	115	142	112	40	19,469	17,639	11,615	4,311	
Indiana	59	57	59	22	6,776	6,256	6,470	1,907	
lowa	33	51	54	13	4,374	6,087	6,647	1,122	
Kansas	18	28	27	-	1,582	4,878	2,432	-	
Kentucky	78	44	76	32	8,794	5,013	8,044	6,844	
Louisiana	19	22	18	12	1,498	1,641	1,566	1,442	
Maine	4	3	8	(²)	348	204	789	( <sup>2</sup> )	
Maryland	11	16	29	7	800	1,251	2,586	724	
Massachusetts	32	28	27	8	2,873	2,990	2,341	646	
Michigan	79	119	144	32	7,392	10,913	16,035	3,694	
Minnesota	24	45	36	13	1,777	3,690	3,614	1,456	
Mississippi	8 38	12 86	11 74	5 24	458 3,538	1,000 8,373	735 5,567	282 1,667	
Montana	11	12	9	4	753	896	1,012	258	
Nebraska	7	12	7	(²)	500	1,166	548	( <sup>2</sup> )	
Nevada	43	36	26	16	3,881	3,677	2,463	1,331	
New Hampshire	9	11	12	7	1,020	867	962	1,095	
New Jersey	47	67	87	16	3,777	6,716	7,506	1,408	
New Mexico	13	12	8	6	1,868	954	560	391	
New York	82	126	236	52	8,927	12,704	28,309	6,833	
North Carolina  North Dakota	34 3	18	27 4	5	3,833	1,455	2,072	451	
Ohio	91	7 91	145	( <sup>2</sup> ) 35	207 9,065	595 8,888	595 14,121	( <sup>2</sup> ) 3,790	
Oklahoma	19	10	17	3	1,437	893	1,666	306	
Oregon	43	29	35	19	5,321	2,617	3,730	1,571	
Pennsylvania	141	197	200	108	11,683	15,750	16,430	8,782	
Rhode Island	9	6	13	7	1,291	713	1,696	1,545	
South Carolina	33	45	67	11	3,471	4,780	7,274	886	
South Dakota	4	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )		305	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	-	
Tennessee	53	23	40	15	3,898	3,144	3,102	1,033	
Texas	113	56	85	56	9,769	6,148	8,509	4,894	
Utah	11	16	10	(²)	753	1,256	1,086	( <sup>2</sup> )	
Vermont	12	15	4	` 6	1,388	1,079	309	`483	
Virginia	8	40	49	22	786	3,903	6,570	1,704	
Washington	21	35	27	11	1,765	2,828	1,997	769	
West Virginia	3	4	( <sup>2</sup> )	5	681	321	(²)	509	
Wisconsin	90	99	144	40	9,988	8,207	15,465	3,074	
Wyoming	(²)	(²)	-	( <sup>2</sup> )	(²)	( <sup>2</sup> )	-	( <sup>2</sup> )	
Puerto Rico	28	11	19	21	2,282	1,093	1,892	2,459	

NOTE: Dash represents zero.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See footnote 1, table 3. <sup>2</sup> Data do not meet BLS or state agency disclosure standards.