

# Extended Mass Layoffs in 2010



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# Extended Mass Layoffs in 2010

## Introduction

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) conducts the Mass Layoff Statistics (MLS) program to provide information on large-scale layoff events and the characteristics of the dislocated workers. This report summarizes data on extended mass layoffs for 2010. The MLS program defines extended mass layoff events as the filing of 50 or more initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits against an employer during a 5-week period, with at least 50 workers separated for more than 30 days. Since 2004, the scope of the layoff data series was redefined to include only the private nonfarm economy. (See the technical note of this report for additional information on the concepts and definitions used.)

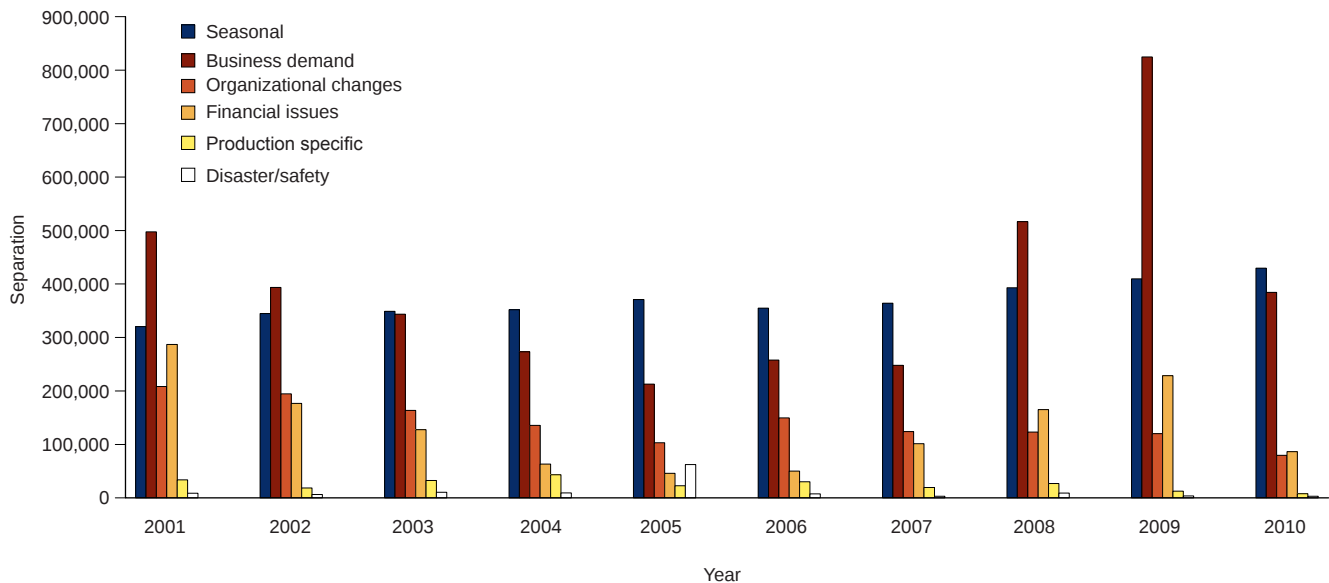
In 2010, employers initiated 7,247 extended mass layoff events that resulted in the separation of nearly 1.3 million workers. As indicated in table 1, both layoff events and worker separations in 2010 decreased from the series-high levels recorded in 2009. (BLS began recording annual data for the MLS program in 1996.) Seventeen of 18 major industry sectors registered decreases in the number of separations in 2010 as compared with 2009. In 2009, 15 sectors had reached series highs in terms of worker separations. Manufacturing had the largest over-the-year decline in separated workers among the major industry sectors, decreasing to a near-record low of 224,173 separations in 2010 from a series high of 668,265 in 2009. About half of all private nonfarm employers reporting an extended mass layoff in 2010 indicated they anticipated some recall of dislocated workers, up from a series low of 34 percent recorded a year earlier.

In 2010, the average national unemployment rate was 9.6 percent; a year earlier, it was 9.3 percent. Private nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 1 percent, or 915,000 jobs, from 2009 to 2010.

## Highlights

- Manufacturing separations declined by 66 percent from 2009 to 2010, with decreases reported in 20 of 21 manufacturing subsectors. The largest decreases in manufacturing occurred in the transportation equipment, machinery, and computer and electronic products industries. (See tables 2 and 3.)
- In 2010, extended mass layoff separations declined over the year in 16 of the 17 nonmanufacturing industry sectors. The largest over-the-year declines in separations were registered in administrative and waste services, retail trade, and finance and insurance, all of which had reached record levels in 2009.
- At the three-digit North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) industry level, general merchandise stores and accommodation both moved into the top 10 for number of worker separations in 2010, with machinery manufacturing and credit intermediation and related activities dropping from the top 10. (See table 4.) Among the six-digit NAICS industries, fruit and vegetable canning, discount department stores, and motion picture and video production moved into the top 10 in terms of separations, replacing automobile manufacturing, light truck and utility vehicle manufacturing, and radio, TV, and electronic stores. (See table 5.)
- The number of workers separated due to business demand factors declined from 824,834 in 2009 to 384,564 in 2010, the largest decrease among the 7 categories of economic reasons for layoff. Layoffs associated with the completion of seasonal work were the only reason category to register an over-the-year increase in laid-off workers. (See table 6.)
- In 2010, employers reported 229 extended mass layoff events that involved the movement of work, affecting 39,104 separated workers; both of these figures are record lows for the series (with data available back to 1996). These 229 layoff events with movement of work involved 318 identifiable relocations of work actions; employers were able to provide more complete separation information for 201 of these actions. (See table 13.) Among these 201 actions, 86 percent involved moving work within the same company, and 77 percent were related to moving work to another location in the United States. (See table 14. See the technical note for more information on movement of work concepts and questions.)
- The average size of an extended mass layoff in 2010 (as measured by separations per layoff event) was 173 separated workers, registering the smallest average size of any year in the series (with data available back to 1996). (See table 15.)

**Extended mass layoff separations, by reason categories,<sup>1</sup> 2001–2010**



<sup>1</sup> The chart excludes information on layoffs due to other/miscellaneous reasons.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

- Of the 1.4 million initial claimants for unemployment insurance associated with extended mass layoff events in 2010, 40 percent were women, 33 percent were between the ages of 30 and 44, and 20 percent were 55 years or older. (See tables 17–19.) In the total civilian labor force in 2010, 47 percent were women, 43 percent were between the ages of 30 and 44, and 20 percent were 55 or older.
- The national average duration of insured unemployment associated with extended mass layoffs was 2.3 months (as measured by the average number of continued claims for unemployment insurance filed for the weeks that followed the initial claim and included the 12th day of the month). Among the 18 major industry sectors, the longest average jobless duration was experienced by claimants laid off from finance and insurance and from management of companies and enterprises (continued claims lasting an average of 2.9 months). Claimants laid off from transportation and warehousing experienced the shortest period of insured joblessness (1.6 months). Of the seven economic reasons for layoffs, claimants who were laid off because of financial issues reported the longest jobless duration (2.9 months). The shortest jobless duration occurred in seasonal layoffs (1.7 months). (See table 21.)
- Compared with 2009, all Census regions and divisions, and 45 states reported decreased numbers of laid-off workers in 2010. Among the states, the largest decreases of laid-off workers were reported by Michigan, California, and Ohio. (See tables 24 and 25.)
- Eighty-two percent of the initial claimants associated with extended mass layoff events in 2010 resided within metropolitan areas, up slightly from 80 percent a year earlier. Among the 372 metropolitan areas, Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA, reported the highest number of resident initial claimants (147,478). Over the year, Detroit-Warren-Livonia, MI, recorded the largest decline in the number of claimants, from 88,678 to 9,794. (See table 26.)
- About half of the private nonfarm employers reporting an extended mass layoff in 2010 indicated that they anticipated recalling some dislocated workers, up from a series low 34 percent a year earlier. Of those employers expecting to recall laid-off workers, 36 percent indicated that the offer would be extended to all displaced employees. (See table 27.)
- Eight percent of extended mass layoff events in 2010 were permanent worksite closures, affecting 119,233

workers, or 9 percent of all separated workers, the lowest proportions of events and separations due to closure in the series (with data available back to 1996). Closure-related separations were due mostly to financial issues (52,737) and business demand reasons (33,412). (See table 30.)

- In 2010, food and beverage stores, rental and leasing services, hospitals, and food services and drinking places moved into the top 10 three-digit NAICS industries in terms of the number of workers laid off due to permanent closures. These industries replaced wood product manufacturing, machinery manufacturing, electronics and appliance stores, and clothing and clothing accessories stores in the top 10. (See table 32.)
- The total number of business functions reported by employers in nonseasonal layoff events in 2010 was 8,088, a decrease from 18,861 in 2009. (See the technical

note for more information on business functions and business processes.) The 57-percent decrease in business functions was larger than the 50-percent decrease in nonseasonal extended events, suggesting that employers targeted fewer functions in nonseasonal layoffs. In 2010, construction activities, followed by producing goods, and by administrative and clerical services, were targeted most often by employers in extended mass layoffs. (See table 35.)

- Business processes affected by extended mass layoffs during 2010 numbered 8,624, down from 14,820 a year earlier. The number of reports decreased over the year for all five core processes that have data available in 2010, with the largest percentage decrease occurring in marketing, sales, and account management. (Data for strategic management began in 2010.) All three support process involved in layoffs also decreased, with technology and process development having the largest percentage decrease. (See table 36.)

Table 1. Numbers of extended mass layoff events, separations, and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, private nonfarm sector, 2002-2010

| Year/quarter         | Events <sup>1</sup> | Separations <sup>1</sup> | Initial claimants for unemployment insurance <sup>1</sup> |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>2002</b>          |                     |                          |                                                           |
| First quarter .....  | 1,611               | 299,266                  | 292,998                                                   |
| Second quarter ..... | 1,624               | 344,606                  | 299,598                                                   |
| Third quarter .....  | 1,186               | 255,152                  | 254,955                                                   |
| Fourth quarter ..... | 1,916               | 373,307                  | 370,592                                                   |
| Total .....          | 6,337               | 1,272,331                | 1,218,143                                                 |
| <b>2003</b>          |                     |                          |                                                           |
| First quarter .....  | 1,502               | 286,947                  | 297,608                                                   |
| Second quarter ..... | 1,799               | 368,273                  | 348,966                                                   |
| Third quarter .....  | 1,190               | 236,333                  | 227,909                                                   |
| Fourth quarter ..... | 1,690               | 325,333                  | 326,328                                                   |
| Total .....          | 6,181               | 1,216,886                | 1,200,811                                                 |
| <b>2004</b>          |                     |                          |                                                           |
| First quarter .....  | 1,339               | 276,503                  | 238,392                                                   |
| Second quarter ..... | 1,358               | 278,831                  | 254,063                                                   |
| Third quarter .....  | 886                 | 164,608                  | 148,575                                                   |
| Fourth quarter ..... | 1,427               | 273,967                  | 262,049                                                   |
| Total .....          | 5,010               | 993,909                  | 903,079                                                   |
| <b>2005</b>          |                     |                          |                                                           |
| First quarter .....  | 1,142               | 186,506                  | 185,486                                                   |
| Second quarter ..... | 1,203               | 246,099                  | 212,673                                                   |
| Third quarter .....  | 1,136               | 201,878                  | 190,186                                                   |
| Fourth quarter ..... | 1,400               | 250,178                  | 246,188                                                   |
| Total .....          | 4,881               | 884,661                  | 834,533                                                   |
| <b>2006</b>          |                     |                          |                                                           |
| First quarter .....  | 963                 | 183,089                  | 193,510                                                   |
| Second quarter ..... | 1,353               | 295,964                  | 264,927                                                   |
| Third quarter .....  | 929                 | 160,254                  | 161,764                                                   |
| Fourth quarter ..... | 1,640               | 296,662                  | 330,954                                                   |
| Total .....          | 4,885               | 935,969                  | 951,155                                                   |
| <b>2007</b>          |                     |                          |                                                           |
| First quarter .....  | 1,110               | 225,600                  | 199,250                                                   |
| Second quarter ..... | 1,421               | 278,719                  | 259,234                                                   |
| Third quarter .....  | 1,018               | 160,024                  | 173,077                                                   |
| Fourth quarter ..... | 1,814               | 301,592                  | 347,151                                                   |
| Total .....          | 5,363               | 965,935                  | 978,712                                                   |
| <b>2008</b>          |                     |                          |                                                           |
| First quarter .....  | 1,340               | 230,098                  | 259,292                                                   |
| Second quarter ..... | 1,756               | 354,713                  | 339,630                                                   |
| Third quarter .....  | 1,581               | 290,453                  | 304,340                                                   |
| Fourth quarter ..... | 3,582               | 641,714                  | 766,780                                                   |
| Total .....          | 8,259               | 1,516,978                | 1,670,042                                                 |
| <b>2009</b>          |                     |                          |                                                           |
| First quarter .....  | 3,979               | 705,141                  | 835,551                                                   |
| Second quarter ..... | 3,395               | 651,318                  | 731,049                                                   |
| Third quarter .....  | 2,034               | 345,531                  | 406,823                                                   |
| Fourth quarter ..... | 2,416               | 406,212                  | 468,577                                                   |
| Total .....          | 11,824              | 2,108,202                | 2,442,000                                                 |
| <b>2010</b>          |                     |                          |                                                           |
| First quarter .....  | 1,870               | 314,512                  | 368,642                                                   |
| Second quarter ..... | 2,008               | 381,622                  | 395,573                                                   |
| Third quarter .....  | 1,370               | 222,357                  | 259,886                                                   |
| Fourth quarter ..... | 1,999               | 338,115                  | 388,285                                                   |
| Total .....          | 7,247               | 1,256,606                | 1,412,386                                                 |

<sup>1</sup> Data on layoffs were reported by employers in all states and the District of Columbia.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics Program

Table 2. Industry distribution: extended mass layoff events, separations, and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, private nonfarm sector, 2008–2010

| Industry                                       | Layoff events |        |       | Separations |           |           | Initial claimants for unemployment insurance |           |           |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------|-------|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                                | 2008          | 2009   | 2010  | 2008        | 2009      | 2010      | 2008                                         | 2009      | 2010      |
| Total, private nonfarm <sup>1</sup>            | 8,259         | 11,824 | 7,247 | 1,516,978   | 2,108,202 | 1,256,606 | 1,670,042                                    | 2,442,000 | 1,412,386 |
| Mining                                         | 55            | 196    | 59    | 9,128       | 31,825    | 7,940     | 9,757                                        | 31,189    | 8,246     |
| Utilities                                      | 11            | 21     | 17    | 2,032       | 3,647     | 2,795     | 2,122                                        | 4,264     | 3,266     |
| Construction                                   | 1,724         | 2,020  | 1,623 | 205,457     | 245,536   | 197,436   | 256,363                                      | 312,818   | 251,417   |
| Manufacturing                                  | 2,586         | 3,835  | 1,412 | 483,984     | 668,265   | 224,173   | 639,691                                      | 894,318   | 257,712   |
| Food                                           | 280           | 321    | 298   | 63,964      | 65,103    | 57,468    | 58,046                                       | 71,113    | 60,549    |
| Beverage and tobacco products                  | 25            | 34     | 26    | 3,618       | 5,281     | 6,811     | 4,386                                        | 7,302     | 4,721     |
| Textile mills                                  | 49            | 59     | 11    | 9,487       | 7,909     | 2,011     | 23,259                                       | 18,604    | 4,458     |
| Textile product mills                          | 24            | 20     | 13    | 3,320       | 2,890     | 1,667     | 4,052                                        | 4,145     | 2,445     |
| Apparel                                        | 48            | 83     | 39    | 6,117       | 13,664    | 5,800     | 7,305                                        | 12,487    | 6,736     |
| Leather and allied products                    | 6             | 6      | 3     | 678         | 806       | 233       | 657                                          | 777       | 283       |
| Wood products                                  | 215           | 187    | 63    | 30,973      | 21,975    | 7,460     | 39,003                                       | 29,713    | 12,027    |
| Paper                                          | 60            | 99     | 33    | 9,958       | 12,206    | 4,431     | 10,168                                       | 13,048    | 4,698     |
| Printing and related support activities        | 43            | 96     | 48    | 5,603       | 13,112    | 5,934     | 6,761                                        | 15,315    | 7,823     |
| Petroleum and coal products                    | 24            | 33     | 24    | 3,228       | 4,456     | 3,187     | 3,315                                        | 4,440     | 3,800     |
| Chemicals                                      | 67            | 93     | 53    | 9,457       | 12,013    | 7,109     | 9,379                                        | 12,456    | 7,462     |
| Plastics and rubber products                   | 147           | 180    | 44    | 19,919      | 20,988    | 4,193     | 23,718                                       | 26,179    | 5,063     |
| Nonmetallic mineral products                   | 177           | 205    | 113   | 24,333      | 23,798    | 12,843    | 27,258                                       | 28,445    | 15,241    |
| Primary metal                                  | 116           | 270    | 62    | 19,635      | 42,366    | 9,821     | 24,688                                       | 54,851    | 9,674     |
| Fabricated metal products                      | 203           | 356    | 76    | 24,845      | 44,288    | 9,459     | 35,606                                       | 57,413    | 12,477    |
| Machinery                                      | 147           | 378    | 105   | 27,608      | 68,018    | 17,773    | 40,199                                       | 107,858   | 22,575    |
| Computer and electronic products               | 159           | 329    | 99    | 26,471      | 51,940    | 14,717    | 27,126                                       | 60,181    | 16,466    |
| Electrical equipment and appliance             | 74            | 141    | 35    | 14,519      | 20,606    | 4,894     | 19,039                                       | 26,428    | 5,732     |
| Transportation equipment                       | 574           | 711    | 188   | 156,002     | 204,909   | 35,809    | 245,404                                      | 301,500   | 42,467    |
| Furniture and related products                 | 103           | 143    | 40    | 17,583      | 20,453    | 6,894     | 23,062                                       | 30,148    | 7,846     |
| Miscellaneous manufacturing                    | 45            | 91     | 39    | 6,666       | 11,484    | 5,659     | 7,260                                        | 11,915    | 5,169     |
| Wholesale trade                                | 190           | 339    | 149   | 25,257      | 46,431    | 17,274    | 25,089                                       | 47,345    | 17,319    |
| Retail trade                                   | 482           | 768    | 479   | 121,551     | 176,139   | 122,576   | 129,146                                      | 188,676   | 152,959   |
| Transportation and warehousing                 | 489           | 655    | 486   | 102,242     | 131,785   | 95,564    | 98,541                                       | 130,817   | 105,099   |
| Information                                    | 204           | 315    | 220   | 38,048      | 54,243    | 54,081    | 39,329                                       | 73,425    | 76,222    |
| Finance and insurance                          | 405           | 478    | 251   | 92,783      | 98,449    | 47,888    | 86,072                                       | 101,695   | 53,291    |
| Real estate and rental and leasing             | 51            | 95     | 68    | 6,385       | 12,538    | 10,035    | 7,540                                        | 13,373    | 9,575     |
| Professional and technical services            | 257           | 448    | 298   | 67,400      | 87,501    | 58,797    | 51,115                                       | 81,328    | 63,189    |
| Management of companies and enterprises        | 30            | 54     | 30    | 4,611       | 9,098     | 5,338     | 4,802                                        | 11,578    | 4,815     |
| Administrative and waste services              | 671           | 1,082  | 747   | 140,972     | 246,023   | 150,042   | 150,952                                      | 280,301   | 172,897   |
| Educational services                           | 43            | 77     | 87    | 5,504       | 10,915    | 11,817    | 5,623                                        | 11,368    | 13,284    |
| Health care and social assistance              | 319           | 393    | 384   | 44,230      | 53,861    | 48,501    | 36,250                                       | 51,137    | 49,243    |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation            | 178           | 254    | 228   | 52,142      | 57,874    | 48,590    | 21,996                                       | 39,239    | 34,023    |
| Accommodation and food services                | 458           | 644    | 564   | 101,642     | 154,147   | 134,814   | 91,979                                       | 149,165   | 120,411   |
| Other services, except public administration   | 102           | 148    | 145   | 12,769      | 19,660    | 18,945    | 13,178                                       | 19,699    | 19,418    |
| Unclassified                                   | 4             | 2      | –     | 841         | 265       | –         | 497                                          | 265       | –         |
| <b>Selected industry groupings<sup>2</sup></b> |               |        |       |             |           |           |                                              |           |           |
| Clothing manufacturing and distribution        | 244           | 403    | 210   | 69,329      | 87,373    | 55,440    | 97,486                                       | 112,572   | 81,167    |
| Food processing and distribution               | 672           | 816    | 841   | 152,387     | 185,873   | 186,581   | 132,620                                      | 188,236   | 177,470   |

<sup>1</sup> Data on layoffs were reported by employers in all states and the District of Columbia.<sup>2</sup> See the technical note for descriptions of these industry groupings.

NOTE: Dash represents zero.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics Program

Table 3. Over-the-year change in extended mass layoff separations by industry, private nonfarm sector, 2008–2009 and 2009–2010

| Industry                                       | 2008–2009    |                | 2009–2010    |                |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
|                                                | Level change | Percent change | Level change | Percent change |
| Total, private nonfarm <sup>1</sup>            | 591,224      | 39.0           | -851,596     | -40.4          |
| Mining                                         | 22,697       | 248.7          | -23,885      | -75.1          |
| Utilities                                      | 1,615        | 79.5           | -852         | -23.4          |
| Construction                                   | 40,079       | 19.5           | -48,100      | -19.6          |
| Manufacturing                                  | 184,281      | 38.1           | -444,092     | -66.5          |
| Food                                           | 1,139        | 1.8            | -7,635       | -11.7          |
| Beverage and tobacco products                  | 1,663        | 46.0           | 1,530        | 29.0           |
| Textile mills                                  | -1,578       | -16.6          | -5,898       | -74.6          |
| Textile product mills                          | -430         | -13.0          | -1,223       | -42.3          |
| Apparel                                        | 7,547        | 123.4          | -7,864       | -57.6          |
| Leather and allied products                    | 128          | 18.9           | -573         | -71.1          |
| Wood products                                  | -8,998       | -29.1          | -14,515      | -66.1          |
| Paper                                          | 2,248        | 22.6           | -7,775       | -63.7          |
| Printing and related support activities        | 7,509        | 134.0          | -7,178       | -54.7          |
| Petroleum and coal products                    | 1,228        | 38.0           | -1,269       | -28.5          |
| Chemicals                                      | 2,556        | 27.0           | -4,904       | -40.8          |
| Plastics and rubber products                   | 1,069        | 5.4            | -16,795      | -80.0          |
| Nonmetallic mineral products                   | -535         | -2.2           | -10,955      | -46.0          |
| Primary metal                                  | 22,731       | 115.8          | -32,545      | -76.8          |
| Fabricated metal products                      | 19,443       | 78.3           | -34,829      | -78.6          |
| Machinery                                      | 40,410       | 146.4          | -50,245      | -73.9          |
| Computer and electronic products               | 25,469       | 96.2           | -37,223      | -71.7          |
| Electrical equipment and appliance             | 6,087        | 41.9           | -15,712      | -76.2          |
| Transportation equipment                       | 48,907       | 31.4           | -169,100     | -82.5          |
| Furniture and related products                 | 2,870        | 16.3           | -13,559      | -66.3          |
| Miscellaneous manufacturing                    | 4,818        | 72.3           | -5,825       | -50.7          |
| Wholesale trade                                | 21,174       | 83.8           | -29,157      | -62.8          |
| Retail trade                                   | 54,588       | 44.9           | -53,563      | -30.4          |
| Transportation and warehousing                 | 29,543       | 28.9           | -36,221      | -27.5          |
| Information                                    | 16,195       | 42.6           | -162         | -.3            |
| Finance and insurance                          | 5,666        | 6.1            | -50,561      | -51.4          |
| Real estate and rental and leasing             | 6,153        | 96.4           | -2,503       | -20.0          |
| Professional and technical services            | 20,101       | 29.8           | -28,704      | -32.8          |
| Management of companies and enterprises        | 4,487        | 97.3           | -3,760       | -41.3          |
| Administrative and waste services              | 105,051      | 74.5           | -95,981      | -39.0          |
| Educational services                           | 5,411        | 98.3           | 902          | 8.3            |
| Health care and social assistance              | 9,631        | 21.8           | -5,360       | -10.0          |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation            | 5,732        | 11.0           | -9,284       | -16.0          |
| Accommodation and food services                | 52,505       | 51.7           | -19,333      | -12.5          |
| Other services, except public administration   | 6,891        | 54.0           | -715         | -3.6           |
| Unclassified                                   | -576         | -68.5          | -265         | -100.0         |
| <b>Selected industry groupings<sup>2</sup></b> |              |                |              |                |
| Clothing manufacturing and distribution        | 18,044       | 26.0           | -31,933      | -36.5          |
| Food processing and distribution               | 33,486       | 22.0           | 708          | .4             |

<sup>1</sup> Data on layoffs were reported by employers in all states and the District of Columbia.

<sup>2</sup> See the technical note for descriptions of these industry groupings.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics Program

Table 4. Industry distribution: extended mass layoff events and separations, private nonfarm sector, 50 highest three-digit NAICS

industries, 2009–2010

| Industry                                      | NAICS code | 2009   |             |                   | 2010   |             |                   |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------|--------|-------------|-------------------|--------|-------------|-------------------|
|                                               |            | Events | Separations | Rank <sup>1</sup> | Events | Separations | Rank <sup>1</sup> |
| Total, private nonfarm <sup>2</sup>           | ...        | 11,824 | 2,108,202   | ...               | 7,247  | 1,256,606   | ...               |
| Total, 50 highest industries                  | ...        | 10,940 | 1,985,176   | ...               | 6,769  | 1,194,228   | ...               |
| Administrative and support services           | 561        | 1,061  | 244,167     | 1                 | 736    | 149,052     | 1                 |
| Food services and drinking places             | 722        | 334    | 95,234      | 4                 | 385    | 97,360      | 2                 |
| Heavy and civil engineering construction      | 237        | 677    | 91,305      | 5                 | 650    | 90,218      | 3                 |
| Specialty trade contractors                   | 238        | 1,002  | 110,678     | 3                 | 733    | 77,197      | 4                 |
| Transit and ground passenger transportation   | 485        | 259    | 65,005      | 9                 | 295    | 65,400      | 5                 |
| Professional and technical services           | 541        | 448    | 87,501      | 6                 | 298    | 58,797      | 6                 |
| Food manufacturing                            | 311        | 321    | 65,103      | 8                 | 298    | 57,468      | 7                 |
| General merchandise stores                    | 452        | 184    | 57,946      | 12                | 129    | 46,047      | 8                 |
| Accommodation                                 | 721        | 310    | 58,913      | 11                | 179    | 37,454      | 9                 |
| Transportation equipment manufacturing        | 336        | 711    | 204,909     | 2                 | 188    | 35,809      | 10                |
| Amusements, gambling, and recreation          | 713        | 133    | 40,530      | 17                | 114    | 34,953      | 11                |
| Social assistance                             | 624        | 264    | 32,053      | 18                | 262    | 31,447      | 12                |
| Motion picture and sound recording industries | 512        | 48     | 11,444      | 46                | 82     | 31,006      | 13                |
| Construction of buildings                     | 236        | 341    | 43,553      | 15                | 240    | 30,021      | 14                |
| Credit intermediation and related activities  | 522        | 262    | 60,398      | 10                | 136    | 28,632      | 15                |
| Food and beverage stores                      | 445        | 78     | 14,743      | 34                | 93     | 21,011      | 16                |
| Machinery manufacturing                       | 333        | 378    | 68,018      | 7                 | 105    | 17,773      | 17                |
| Insurance carriers and related activities     | 524        | 137    | 24,453      | 21                | 91     | 16,683      | 18                |
| Building material and garden supply stores    | 444        | 69     | 12,202      | 43                | 49     | 15,206      | 19                |
| Computer and electronic product manufacturing | 334        | 329    | 51,940      | 13                | 99     | 14,717      | 20                |
| Nonstore retailers                            | 454        | 64     | 14,250      | 35                | 49     | 13,255      | 21                |
| Performing arts and spectator sports          | 711        | 111    | 15,936      | 32                | 110    | 13,029      | 22                |
| Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing     | 327        | 205    | 23,798      | 22                | 113    | 12,843      | 23                |
| Telecommunications                            | 517        | 96     | 17,452      | 31                | 63     | 12,769      | 24                |
| Educational services                          | 611        | 77     | 10,915      | 47                | 87     | 11,817      | 25                |
| Hospitals                                     | 622        | 71     | 14,131      | 36                | 62     | 10,396      | 26                |
| Primary metal manufacturing                   | 331        | 270    | 42,366      | 16                | 62     | 9,821       | 27                |
| Fabricated metal product manufacturing        | 332        | 356    | 44,288      | 14                | 76     | 9,459       | 28                |
| Membership associations and organizations     | 813        | 70     | 7,837       | 53                | 80     | 8,881       | 29                |
| Clothing and clothing accessories stores      | 448        | 118    | 17,900      | 28                | 51     | 8,731       | 30                |
| Couriers and messengers                       | 492        | 46     | 15,409      | 33                | 26     | 8,628       | 31                |
| Truck transportation                          | 484        | 164    | 22,535      | 23                | 69     | 8,471       | 32                |
| Merchant wholesalers, durable goods           | 423        | 200    | 27,995      | 20                | 61     | 7,634       | 33                |
| Rental and leasing services                   | 532        | 58     | 7,099       | 54                | 45     | 7,510       | 34                |
| Wood product manufacturing                    | 321        | 187    | 21,975      | 24                | 63     | 7,460       | 35                |
| Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods        | 424        | 103    | 13,015      | 40                | 67     | 7,413       | 36                |
| Chemical manufacturing                        | 325        | 93     | 12,013      | 44                | 53     | 7,109       | 37                |
| Furniture and related product manufacturing   | 337        | 143    | 20,453      | 27                | 40     | 6,894       | 38                |
| Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing    | 312        | 34     | 5,281       | 61                | 26     | 6,811       | 39                |
| Publishing industries, except Internet        | 511        | 118    | 17,507      | 30                | 53     | 6,369       | 40                |
| Printing and related support activities       | 323        | 96     | 13,112      | 39                | 48     | 5,934       | 41                |
| Repair and maintenance                        | 811        | 42     | 7,022       | 55                | 35     | 5,924       | 42                |
| Apparel manufacturing                         | 315        | 83     | 13,664      | 37                | 39     | 5,800       | 43                |
| Miscellaneous manufacturing                   | 339        | 91     | 11,484      | 45                | 39     | 5,659       | 44                |
| Management of companies and enterprises       | 551        | 54     | 9,098       | 49                | 30     | 5,338       | 45                |
| Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores  | 451        | 49     | 8,531       | 50                | 17     | 5,322       | 46                |
| Mining, except oil and gas                    | 212        | 87     | 13,165      | 38                | 42     | 4,942       | 47                |
| Electrical equipment and appliance mfg.       | 335        | 141    | 20,606      | 26                | 35     | 4,894       | 48                |
| Support activities for transportation         | 488        | 59     | 6,352       | 56                | 33     | 4,433       | 49                |
| Paper manufacturing                           | 322        | 99     | 12,206      | 42                | 33     | 4,431       | 50                |

<sup>1</sup> Industries are ranked by number of separations in 2010.

<sup>2</sup> Data on layoffs were reported by employers in all states and the District of Columbia.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics Program

Table 5. Industry distribution: extended mass layoff separations, private nonfarm sector, 50 highest six-digit NAICS industries, 2008–2010

| Industry                                           | NAICS code | 2008        |                   | 2009        |                   | 2010        |                   |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|
|                                                    |            | Separations | Rank <sup>1</sup> | Separations | Rank <sup>1</sup> | Separations | Rank <sup>1</sup> |
| Total, private nonfarm <sup>2</sup> .....          | ...        | 1,516,978   | ...               | 2,108,202   | ...               | 1,256,606   | ...               |
| Total, 50 highest industries .....                 | ...        | 817,364     | ...               | 1,107,001   | ...               | 787,653     | ...               |
| School and employee bus transportation .....       | 485410     | 41,427      | 4                 | 58,057      | 4                 | 61,605      | 1                 |
| Temporary help services .....                      | 561320     | 53,117      | 1                 | 114,884     | 1                 | 58,554      | 2                 |
| Food service contractors .....                     | 722310     | 38,990      | 6                 | 62,893      | 3                 | 57,997      | 3                 |
| Highway, street, and bridge construction .....     | 237310     | 50,788      | 2                 | 50,359      | 6                 | 50,292      | 4                 |
| Professional employer organizations .....          | 561330     | 41,588      | 3                 | 71,552      | 2                 | 33,907      | 5                 |
| Motion picture and video production .....          | 512110     | 8,866       | 36                | 10,626      | 39                | 30,245      | 6                 |
| Hotels and motels, except casino hotels .....      | 721110     | 20,943      | 10                | 38,589      | 7                 | 29,742      | 7                 |
| Discount department stores .....                   | 452112     | 21,142      | 9                 | 24,305      | 12                | 26,823      | 8                 |
| Tax preparation services .....                     | 541213     | 32,613      | 7                 | 29,724      | 9                 | 23,971      | 9                 |
| Fruit and vegetable canning .....                  | 311421     | 18,473      | 13                | 16,855      | 20                | 20,421      | 10                |
| Supermarkets and other grocery stores .....        | 445110     | 9,648       | 33                | 13,227      | 29                | 19,883      | 11                |
| Child day care services .....                      | 624410     | 17,301      | 14                | 20,031      | 16                | 18,983      | 12                |
| Nonresidential electrical contractors .....        | 238212     | 14,249      | 18                | 21,924      | 15                | 17,476      | 13                |
| Skiing facilities .....                            | 713920     | 20,706      | 11                | 12,035      | 33                | 17,154      | 14                |
| Full-service restaurants .....                     | 722110     | 13,133      | 21                | 10,597      | 40                | 14,858      | 15                |
| Commercial building construction .....             | 236220     | 16,928      | 16                | 22,547      | 14                | 14,571      | 16                |
| Home centers .....                                 | 444110     | 7,088       | 48                | 9,840       | 42                | 14,484      | 17                |
| Commercial banking .....                           | 522110     | 13,480      | 19                | 27,067      | 11                | 13,193      | 18                |
| Power and communication system construction .....  | 237130     | 6,673       | 53                | 11,139      | 37                | 12,643      | 19                |
| Nonresidential plumbing and HVAC contractors ..... | 238222     | 10,197      | 31                | 14,772      | 26                | 12,267      | 20                |
| Industrial building construction .....             | 236210     | 12,765      | 24                | 15,954      | 22                | 12,253      | 21                |
| Amusement and theme parks .....                    | 713110     | 12,009      | 27                | 19,481      | 17                | 11,799      | 22                |
| Oil and gas pipeline construction .....            | 237120     | 12,859      | 23                | 16,308      | 21                | 11,568      | 23                |
| Department stores, except discount .....           | 452111     | 20,059      | 12                | 24,151      | 13                | 11,360      | 24                |
| Telemarketing and other contact centers .....      | 561422     | 8,837       | 37                | 13,770      | 28                | 11,358      | 25                |
| Limited-service restaurants .....                  | 722211     | 2,840       | 111               | 4,906       | 86                | 10,489      | 26                |
| Other heavy construction .....                     | 237990     | 7,393       | 44                | 7,406       | 59                | 10,287      | 27                |
| General medical and surgical hospitals .....       | 622110     | 12,535      | 25                | 13,913      | 27                | 10,158      | 28                |
| Mail-order houses .....                            | 454113     | 12,040      | 26                | 12,017      | 34                | 9,726       | 29                |
| Fresh and frozen seafood processing .....          | 311712     | 7,659       | 42                | 8,820       | 49                | 9,507       | 30                |
| Couriers and express delivery services .....       | 492110     | 15,232      | 17                | 15,237      | 24                | 8,628       | 31                |
| Payroll services .....                             | 541214     | 6,569       | 54                | 9,678       | 43                | 8,482       | 32                |
| Casino hotels .....                                | 721120     | 12,957      | 22                | 19,424      | 18                | 7,587       | 33                |
| Security guards and patrol services .....          | 561612     | 4,041       | 92                | 6,115       | 73                | 7,581       | 34                |
| Landscaping services .....                         | 561730     | 7,706       | 41                | 8,318       | 54                | 7,482       | 35                |
| Warehouse clubs and supercenters .....             | 452910     | 2,572       | 120               | 7,076       | 64                | 7,161       | 36                |
| Nonresidential drywall contractors .....           | 238312     | 9,123       | 34                | 12,564      | 31                | 6,852       | 37                |
| Ready-mix concrete manufacturing .....             | 327320     | 10,495      | 30                | 8,767       | 51                | 6,833       | 38                |
| Direct health and medical insurance carriers ..... | 524114     | 2,455       | 124               | 4,980       | 85                | 6,806       | 39                |
| Wired telecommunications carriers .....            | 517110     | 7,112       | 46                | 11,170      | 36                | 6,653       | 40                |
| Other individual and family services .....         | 624190     | 5,002       | 69                | 5,857       | 78                | 6,089       | 41                |
| Video tape and disc rental .....                   | 532230     | 453         | 401               | 1,598       | 247               | 5,918       | 42                |
| Facilities support services .....                  | 561210     | 2,328       | 130               | 3,246       | 127               | 5,836       | 43                |
| Nonresidential site preparation contractors .....  | 238912     | 6,075       | 59                | 8,097       | 55                | 5,730       | 44                |
| Direct life insurance carriers .....               | 524113     | 4,607       | 75                | 7,365       | 60                | 5,561       | 45                |
| Convention and trade show organizers .....         | 561920     | 6,285       | 57                | 6,267       | 71                | 5,490       | 46                |
| Iron and steel mills .....                         | 331111     | 7,513       | 43                | 17,526      | 19                | 5,435       | 47                |
| Water and sewer system construction .....          | 237110     | 4,574       | 77                | 5,433       | 83                | 5,428       | 48                |
| Snack and nonalcoholic beverage bars .....         | 722213     | 5,956       | 61                | 8,880       | 48                | 5,313       | 49                |
| All other nonresidential trade contractors .....   | 238992     | 6,022       | 60                | 8,013       | 56                | 5,214       | 50                |

<sup>1</sup> Industries are ranked by number of separations in 2010.<sup>2</sup> Data on layoffs were reported by employers in all states and the District of Columbia.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics Program

Table 6. Reason for layoff: extended mass layoff events, separations, and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, private nonfarm sector, 2008–2010

| Reason for layoff <sup>1</sup>                                     | Layoff events    |                  |                  | Separations      |                  |                  | Initial claimants for unemployment insurance |                  |                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                                                    | 2008             | 2009             | 2010             | 2008             | 2009             | 2010             | 2008                                         | 2009             | 2010             |
| Total, private nonfarm, all reasons <sup>1</sup> .....             | 8,259            | 11,824           | 7,247            | 1,516,978        | 2,108,202        | 1,256,606        | 1,670,042                                    | 2,442,000        | 1,412,386        |
| Business demand .....                                              | 3,388            | 5,403            | 2,515            | 516,919          | 824,834          | 384,564          | 733,238                                      | 1,142,076        | 509,089          |
| Contract cancellation .....                                        | 141              | 250              | 148              | 24,261           | 39,104           | 23,861           | 25,776                                       | 46,701           | 24,989           |
| Contract completion .....                                          | 946              | 1,210            | 1,146            | 133,905          | 212,535          | 193,450          | 177,084                                      | 274,123          | 262,846          |
| Domestic competition .....                                         | 7                | 12               | 8                | 1,416            | 1,200            | 2,231            | 2,191                                        | 1,620            | 2,458            |
| Excess inventory/saturated market .....                            | 40               | 84               | 13               | 8,111            | 15,942           | 2,055            | 7,835                                        | 32,904           | 3,359            |
| Import competition .....                                           | 54               | 22               | 7                | 9,679            | 3,192            | 1,199            | 10,467                                       | 3,007            | 1,006            |
| Slack work/insufficient demand/nonseasonal business slowdown ..... | 2,200            | 3,825            | 1,193            | 339,547          | 552,861          | 161,768          | 509,885                                      | 783,721          | 214,431          |
| Organizational changes .....                                       | 517              | 573              | 397              | 123,355          | 120,233          | 79,784           | 120,199                                      | 136,646          | 80,192           |
| Business-ownership change .....                                    | 93               | 113              | 96               | 45,375           | 34,875           | 32,543           | 18,190                                       | 21,153           | 13,819           |
| Reorganization or restructuring of company .....                   | 424              | 460              | 301              | 77,980           | 85,358           | 47,241           | 102,009                                      | 115,493          | 66,373           |
| Financial issues .....                                             | 763              | 1,074            | 511              | 165,426          | 228,499          | 86,637           | 148,912                                      | 245,010          | 103,762          |
| Bankruptcy .....                                                   | 136              | 178              | 60               | 40,553           | 69,323           | 15,157           | 24,813                                       | 55,667           | 9,055            |
| Cost control/cost cutting/increase profitability .....             | 352              | 615              | 291              | 53,781           | 92,666           | 39,577           | 64,731                                       | 133,786          | 66,594           |
| Financial difficulty .....                                         | 275              | 281              | 160              | 71,092           | 66,510           | 31,903           | 59,368                                       | 55,557           | 28,113           |
| Production specific .....                                          | 107              | 62               | 54               | 27,181           | 12,866           | 7,830            | 25,519                                       | 10,876           | 8,459            |
| Automation/technological advances .....                            | 12               | 5                | 9                | 1,703            | 744              | 1,002            | 2,059                                        | 956              | 1,246            |
| Energy related .....                                               | 10               | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 1,308            | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 4,847                                        | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Governmental regulations/intervention .....                        | 21               | 15               | 18               | 5,505            | 4,854            | 2,971            | 2,480                                        | 3,227            | 2,079            |
| Labor dispute/contract negotiations/strike .....                   | 19               | 7                | 7                | 9,134            | 1,584            | 1,335            | 6,205                                        | 1,138            | 1,281            |
| Material or supply shortage .....                                  | 15               | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 3,446            | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 3,940                                        | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Model changeover .....                                             | 3                | 5                | 4                | 617              | 1,195            | 795              | 933                                          | 1,065            | 1,214            |
| Plant or machine repair/maintenance .....                          | 16               | 8                | 9                | 3,351            | 1,201            | 1,073            | 2,830                                        | 1,239            | 1,878            |
| Product line discontinued .....                                    | 11               | 16               | 4                | 2,117            | 2,595            | 385              | 2,225                                        | 2,312            | 346              |
| Disaster/safety .....                                              | 58               | 19               | 24               | 9,165            | 3,985            | 3,202            | 8,442                                        | 2,446            | 3,225            |
| Hazardous work environment .....                                   | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 3                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 545              | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> )                             | 484              | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Natural disaster (not weather related) .....                       | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | —                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | —                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> )                             | —                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Nonnatural disaster .....                                          | 4                | —                | 10               | 1,098            | 697              | 1,038            | 813                                          | 754              | 1,209            |
| Extreme weather-related event .....                                | 51               | 10               | 11               | 7,694            | 2,743            | 1,723            | 7,275                                        | 1,208            | 1,496            |
| Seasonal .....                                                     | 1,982            | 2,211            | 2,417            | 393,125          | 409,788          | 429,846          | 348,851                                      | 394,944          | 442,596          |
| Seasonal .....                                                     | 1,589            | 1,714            | 1,932            | 326,608          | 318,120          | 353,374          | 280,600                                      | 306,841          | 356,989          |
| Vacation period—school related or otherwise .....                  | 393              | 497              | 485              | 66,517           | 91,668           | 76,472           | 68,251                                       | 88,103           | 85,607           |
| Other/miscellaneous .....                                          | 1,444            | 2,482            | 1,329            | 281,807          | 507,997          | 264,743          | 284,881                                      | 510,002          | 265,063          |
| Other .....                                                        | 89               | 126              | 66               | 14,828           | 19,539           | 9,434            | 19,120                                       | 21,562           | 9,694            |
| Data not provided: Refusal .....                                   | 299              | 557              | 320              | 79,208           | 142,006          | 79,929           | 78,537                                       | 141,925          | 79,920           |
| Data not provided: Does not know .....                             | 1,056            | 1,799            | 943              | 187,771          | 346,452          | 175,380          | 187,224                                      | 346,515          | 175,449          |

<sup>1</sup> Data on layoffs were reported by employers in all states and the District of Columbia.<sup>2</sup> Data do not meet BLS or state agency disclosure standards.

NOTE: Dash represents zero.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics Program

Table 7. Over-the-year change in separations by reason for layoff, private nonfarm sector, 2008–2009 and 2009–2010

| Reason for layoff                                                     | 2008–2009        |                  | 2009–2010        |                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                                                       | Level change     | Percent change   | Level change     | Percent change   |
| Total, private nonfarm, all reasons <sup>1</sup> .....                | 591,224          | 39.0             | -851,596         | -40.4            |
| Business demand .....                                                 | 307,915          | 59.6             | -440,270         | -53.4            |
| Contract cancellation .....                                           | 14,843           | 61.2             | -15,243          | -39.0            |
| Contract completion .....                                             | 78,630           | 58.7             | -19,085          | -9.0             |
| Domestic competition .....                                            | -216             | -15.3            | 1,031            | 85.9             |
| Excess inventory/saturated market .....                               | 7,831            | 96.5             | -13,887          | -87.1            |
| Import competition .....                                              | -6,487           | -67.0            | -1,993           | -62.4            |
| Slack work/insufficient demand/nonseasonal<br>business slowdown ..... | 213,314          | 62.8             | -391,093         | -70.7            |
| Organizational changes .....                                          | -3,122           | -2.5             | -40,449          | -33.6            |
| Business-ownership change .....                                       | -10,500          | -23.1            | -2,332           | -6.7             |
| Reorganization or restructuring of company .....                      | 7,378            | 9.5              | -38,117          | -44.7            |
| Financial issues .....                                                | 63,073           | 38.1             | -141,862         | -62.1            |
| Bankruptcy .....                                                      | 28,770           | 70.9             | -54,166          | -78.1            |
| Cost control/cost cutting/increase profitability .....                | 38,885           | 72.3             | -53,089          | -57.3            |
| Financial difficulty .....                                            | -4,582           | -6.4             | -34,607          | -52.0            |
| Production specific .....                                             | -14,315          | -52.7            | -5,036           | -39.1            |
| Automation/technological advances .....                               | -959             | -56.3            | 258              | 34.7             |
| Energy related .....                                                  | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Governmental regulations/intervention .....                           | -651             | -11.8            | -1,883           | -38.8            |
| Labor dispute/contract negotiations/strike .....                      | -7,550           | -82.7            | -249             | -15.7            |
| Material or supply shortage .....                                     | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Model changeover .....                                                | 578              | 93.7             | -400             | -33.5            |
| Plant or machine repair/maintenance .....                             | -2,150           | -64.2            | -128             | -10.7            |
| Product line discontinued .....                                       | 478              | 22.6             | -2,210           | -85.2            |
| Disaster/safety .....                                                 | -5,180           | -56.5            | -783             | -19.6            |
| Hazardous work environment .....                                      | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Natural disaster (not weather related) .....                          | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Nonnatural disaster .....                                             | -401             | -36.5            | 341              | 48.9             |
| Extreme weather-related event .....                                   | -4,951           | -64.3            | -1,020           | -37.2            |
| Seasonal .....                                                        | 16,663           | 4.2              | 20,058           | 4.9              |
| Seasonal .....                                                        | -8,488           | -2.6             | 35,254           | 11.1             |
| Vacation period–school related or otherwise .....                     | 25,151           | 37.8             | -15,196          | -16.6            |
| Other/miscellaneous .....                                             | 226,190          | 80.3             | -243,254         | -47.9            |
| Other .....                                                           | 4,711            | 31.8             | -10,105          | -51.7            |
| Data not provided: Refusal .....                                      | 62,798           | 79.3             | -62,077          | -43.7            |
| Data not provided: Does not know .....                                | 158,681          | 84.5             | -171,072         | -49.4            |

<sup>1</sup> Data on layoffs were reported by employers in all states and the District of Columbia.<sup>2</sup> Data do not meet BLS or state agency disclosure standards.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics Program

Table 8. Number of separations in extended mass layoff events by State and by selected higher level category for layoff,<sup>1</sup> private nonfarm sector, 2010

| State                                     | Separations      |                  |                        |                  |                     |                  |                  |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                           | Total            | Business demand  | Organizational changes | Financial issues | Production specific | Disaster/safety  | Seasonal         |
| Total, private nonfarm <sup>2</sup> ..... | 1,256,606        | 384,564          | 79,784                 | 86,637           | 7,830               | 3,202            | 429,846          |
| Alabama .....                             | 10,752           | 1,453            | 399                    | 1,437            | ( <sup>3</sup> )    | —                | 1,173            |
| Alaska .....                              | 13,681           | 1,301            | ( <sup>3</sup> )       | —                | —                   | —                | 11,946           |
| Arizona .....                             | 14,714           | 3,743            | 860                    | 264              | ( <sup>3</sup> )    | —                | 5,053            |
| Arkansas .....                            | 4,122            | 688              | 850                    | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | —                   | —                | 841              |
| California .....                          | 356,179          | 109,454          | 33,148                 | 30,253           | 1,714               | —                | 57,619           |
| Colorado .....                            | 19,052           | 3,268            | 284                    | 1,628            | ( <sup>3</sup> )    | —                | 12,315           |
| Connecticut .....                         | 14,774           | 3,680            | 1,640                  | 2,195            | ( <sup>3</sup> )    | 600              | 3,515            |
| Delaware .....                            | 1,990            | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | —                      | —                | —                   | —                | 1,105            |
| District of Columbia .....                | 1,501            | —                | ( <sup>3</sup> )       | —                | —                   | —                | 1,259            |
| Florida .....                             | 66,590           | 42,538           | 3,812                  | 3,770            | 467                 | —                | 13,726           |
| Georgia .....                             | 8,542            | 3,749            | ( <sup>3</sup> )       | 3,894            | ( <sup>3</sup> )    | —                | ( <sup>3</sup> ) |
| Hawaii .....                              | 1,153            | 470              | ( <sup>3</sup> )       | —                | —                   | —                | ( <sup>3</sup> ) |
| Idaho .....                               | 5,262            | 446              | ( <sup>3</sup> )       | —                | ( <sup>3</sup> )    | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | 4,156            |
| Illinois .....                            | 81,890           | 36,347           | 5,470                  | 3,191            | 762                 | —                | 35,076           |
| Indiana .....                             | 12,835           | 3,526            | 1,365                  | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> )    | —                | 7,103            |
| Iowa .....                                | 5,832            | 3,453            | ( <sup>3</sup> )       | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> )    | —                | 1,595            |
| Kansas .....                              | 6,843            | 2,676            | ( <sup>3</sup> )       | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> )    | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | 1,874            |
| Kentucky .....                            | 15,401           | 8,117            | 1,582                  | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> )    | —                | 5,069            |
| Louisiana .....                           | 18,259           | 6,473            | 1,637                  | 1,299            | —                   | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | 6,057            |
| Maine .....                               | 5,210            | 872              | 329                    | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | —                   | —                | 2,974            |
| Maryland .....                            | 13,785           | 3,344            | ( <sup>3</sup> )       | 1,174            | —                   | —                | 1,088            |
| Massachusetts .....                       | 11,917           | 4,150            | 992                    | 2,519            | ( <sup>3</sup> )    | —                | 4,166            |
| Michigan .....                            | 20,798           | 5,767            | ( <sup>3</sup> )       | 670              | ( <sup>3</sup> )    | —                | 12,879           |
| Minnesota .....                           | 18,609           | 3,527            | ( <sup>3</sup> )       | 1,001            | —                   | —                | 13,831           |
| Mississippi .....                         | 7,077            | 4,214            | ( <sup>3</sup> )       | 2,072            | —                   | —                | 470              |
| Missouri .....                            | 31,561           | 2,791            | 366                    | 952              | ( <sup>3</sup> )    | —                | 19,597           |
| Montana .....                             | 5,411            | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> )       | —                | —                   | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | 3,906            |
| Nebraska .....                            | 5,172            | 736              | —                      | —                | 973                 | —                | 3,386            |
| Nevada .....                              | 13,923           | 8,335            | 1,918                  | —                | —                   | —                | 3,471            |
| New Hampshire .....                       | 3,627            | —                | —                      | 892              | —                   | —                | 2,735            |
| New Jersey .....                          | 51,003           | 5,993            | 5,728                  | 4,369            | ( <sup>3</sup> )    | —                | 32,363           |
| New Mexico .....                          | 8,387            | 2,321            | —                      | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> )    | —                | 3,190            |
| New York .....                            | 93,181           | 10,754           | 1,813                  | 6,399            | ( <sup>3</sup> )    | —                | 35,502           |
| North Carolina .....                      | 12,315           | 4,616            | 1,965                  | 3,843            | ( <sup>3</sup> )    | —                | 1,650            |
| North Dakota .....                        | 2,433            | 1,217            | ( <sup>3</sup> )       | —                | —                   | —                | 1,066            |
| Ohio .....                                | 51,466           | 33,189           | 982                    | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> )    | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | 16,876           |
| Oklahoma .....                            | 2,981            | 731              | ( <sup>3</sup> )       | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> )    | —                | ( <sup>3</sup> ) |
| Oregon .....                              | 20,972           | 2,416            | ( <sup>3</sup> )       | 1,130            | ( <sup>3</sup> )    | —                | 12,524           |
| Pennsylvania .....                        | 51,964           | 13,931           | 1,983                  | 3,693            | ( <sup>3</sup> )    | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | 23,238           |
| Rhode Island .....                        | 4,282            | 741              | 334                    | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | —                   | 790              | 2,205            |
| South Carolina .....                      | 15,974           | 893              | ( <sup>3</sup> )       | 543              | —                   | —                | 591              |
| South Dakota .....                        | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | —                      | —                | —                   | —                | —                |
| Tennessee .....                           | 16,297           | 4,808            | 792                    | 637              | 216                 | 751              | 2,720            |
| Texas .....                               | 29,620           | 12,499           | 3,897                  | 2,550            | ( <sup>3</sup> )    | —                | 5,627            |
| Utah .....                                | 9,352            | 5,428            | ( <sup>3</sup> )       | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | —                   | —                | 3,240            |
| Vermont .....                             | 2,794            | —                | —                      | —                | —                   | —                | 2,794            |
| Virginia .....                            | 17,946           | 3,759            | ( <sup>3</sup> )       | 1,573            | —                   | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | 6,926            |
| Washington .....                          | 15,947           | 3,481            | 824                    | 1,397            | —                   | —                | 8,810            |
| West Virginia .....                       | 4,313            | 1,905            | —                      | —                | —                   | —                | ( <sup>3</sup> ) |
| Wisconsin .....                           | 44,284           | 9,571            | 2,787                  | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | —                   | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | 27,187           |
| Wyoming .....                             | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> )       | —                | —                   | —                | 3,810            |
| Puerto Rico .....                         | 5,353            | 3,967            | 295                    | 411              | 339                 | —                | ( <sup>3</sup> ) |

<sup>1</sup> The higher level category "other/miscellaneous" is not displayed.<sup>2</sup> Data on layoffs were reported by employers in all states and the District of Columbia.<sup>3</sup> Data do not meet BLS or state agency disclosure standards.

NOTE: Dash represents zero.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics Program

Table 9. Movement of work: nonseasonal and nonvacation period extended mass layoff events, separations, and initial claimants for unemployment insurance by major industry, private nonfarm sector, 2010

| Industry                                     | Layoff events    |                           | Separations      |                           | Initial claimants for unemployment insurance |                           |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                                              | Work moved       | Work not moved or unknown | Work moved       | Work not moved or unknown | Work moved                                   | Work not moved or unknown |
| Total, private nonfarm <sup>1</sup>          | 229              | 4,601                     | 39,104           | 787,656                   | 41,235                                       | 928,555                   |
| Mining                                       | —                | 33                        | —                | 5,221                     | —                                            | 4,542                     |
| Utilities                                    | —                | 14                        | —                | 2,135                     | —                                            | 2,425                     |
| Construction                                 | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 1,057                     | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 131,217                   | ( <sup>2</sup> )                             | 170,482                   |
| Manufacturing                                | 123              | 977                       | 20,332           | 147,445                   | 20,287                                       | 172,082                   |
| Food                                         | 17               | 99                        | 3,108            | 14,249                    | 3,502                                        | 16,065                    |
| Beverage and tobacco products                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 15                        | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 4,745                     | ( <sup>2</sup> )                             | 1,783                     |
| Textile mills                                | —                | 10                        | —                | 1,841                     | —                                            | 4,016                     |
| Textile product mills                        | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 10                        | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 1,259                     | ( <sup>2</sup> )                             | 1,900                     |
| Apparel                                      | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 30                        | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 5,150                     | ( <sup>2</sup> )                             | 5,601                     |
| Leather and allied products                  | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> )          | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> )          | ( <sup>2</sup> )                             | ( <sup>2</sup> )          |
| Wood products                                | —                | 56                        | —                | 6,898                     | —                                            | 10,703                    |
| Paper                                        | 5                | 24                        | 805              | 3,228                     | 1,443                                        | 2,624                     |
| Printing and related support activities      | 4                | 36                        | 1,039            | 4,288                     | 1,394                                        | 4,784                     |
| Petroleum and coal products                  | —                | ( <sup>2</sup> )          | —                | ( <sup>2</sup> )          | —                                            | ( <sup>2</sup> )          |
| Chemicals                                    | 8                | 43                        | 1,473            | 5,516                     | 1,367                                        | 5,902                     |
| Plastics and rubber products                 | 9                | 31                        | 899              | 2,852                     | 921                                          | 3,598                     |
| Nonmetallic mineral products                 | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 67                        | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 7,222                     | ( <sup>2</sup> )                             | 7,924                     |
| Primary metal                                | 4                | 58                        | 541              | 9,280                     | 642                                          | 9,032                     |
| Fabricated metal products                    | 8                | 66                        | 830              | 8,379                     | 839                                          | 11,366                    |
| Computer and electronic products             | 16               | 77                        | 2,241            | 13,885                    | 2,122                                        | 17,501                    |
| Electrical equipment and appliance           | 14               | 84                        | 1,703            | 12,961                    | 1,689                                        | 14,511                    |
| Transportation equipment                     | 7                | 27                        | 1,430            | 3,220                     | 898                                          | 4,575                     |
| Furniture and related products               | 13               | 171                       | 2,827            | 32,013                    | 2,697                                        | 38,715                    |
| Miscellaneous manufacturing                  | 4                | 34                        | 767              | 5,919                     | 858                                          | 6,768                     |
| Wholesale trade                              | 6                | 29                        | 1,350            | 3,352                     | 649                                          | 3,372                     |
| Retail trade                                 | 11               | 108                       | 1,554            | 12,543                    | 1,098                                        | 12,016                    |
| Transportation and warehousing               | 19               | 333                       | 3,278            | 86,930                    | 3,963                                        | 110,995                   |
| Information                                  | 9                | 200                       | 1,280            | 40,579                    | 1,214                                        | 45,611                    |
| Finance and insurance                        | 11               | 195                       | 2,086            | 50,607                    | 3,354                                        | 70,897                    |
| Real estate and rental and leasing           | 20               | 231                       | 4,787            | 43,101                    | 5,225                                        | 48,066                    |
| Professional and technical services          | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 59                        | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 8,935                     | ( <sup>2</sup> )                             | 8,489                     |
| Management of companies and enterprises      | 3                | 220                       | 654              | 31,150                    | 446                                          | 38,509                    |
| Administrative and waste services            | 4                | 18                        | 1,090            | 3,301                     | 793                                          | 2,872                     |
| Educational services                         | 11               | 597                       | 1,893            | 124,470                   | 2,149                                        | 143,289                   |
| Health care and social assistance            | —                | 40                        | —                | 6,478                     | —                                            | 6,002                     |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation          | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 146                       | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 20,168                    | ( <sup>2</sup> )                             | 20,433                    |
| Accommodation and food services              | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 55                        | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 6,837                     | ( <sup>2</sup> )                             | 7,125                     |
| Other services, except public administration | 6                | 257                       | 617              | 58,559                    | 1,152                                        | 55,784                    |
| Unclassified                                 | 5                | 61                        | 541              | 7,980                     | 830                                          | 8,936                     |
| Unemployed                                   | —                | —                         | —                | —                         | —                                            | —                         |

<sup>1</sup> Data on layoffs were reported by employers in all states and the District of Columbia.

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

NOTE: Dash represents zero.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics Program

Table 10. Movement of work: nonseasonal and nonvacation period extended mass layoff events, separations, and initial claimants for unemployment insurance by reason for layoff, private nonfarm sector, 2010

| Reason for layoff                                                  | Layoff events    |                           | Separations      |                           | Initial claimants for unemployment insurance |                           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                                                                    | Work moved       | Work not moved or unknown | Work moved       | Work not moved or unknown | Work moved                                   | Work not moved or unknown |
| Total, private nonfarm <sup>1</sup> .....                          | 229              | 4,601                     | 39,104           | 787,656                   | 41,235                                       | 928,555                   |
| Business demand .....                                              | 49               | 2,466                     | 9,898            | 374,666                   | 11,052                                       | 498,037                   |
| Contract cancellation .....                                        | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 145                       | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 23,496                    | ( <sup>2</sup> )                             | 24,265                    |
| Contract completion .....                                          | 6                | 1,140                     | 697              | 192,753                   | 944                                          | 261,902                   |
| Domestic competition .....                                         | —                | ( <sup>2</sup> )          | —                | ( <sup>2</sup> )          | —                                            | ( <sup>2</sup> )          |
| Excess inventory/saturated market .....                            | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 12                        | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 1,127                     | ( <sup>2</sup> )                             | 2,431                     |
| Import competition .....                                           | 6                | ( <sup>2</sup> )          | 988              | ( <sup>2</sup> )          | 908                                          | ( <sup>2</sup> )          |
| Slack work/insufficient demand/nonseasonal business slowdown ..... | 33               | 1,160                     | 6,920            | 154,848                   | 7,548                                        | 206,883                   |
| Organizational changes .....                                       | 105              | 292                       | 18,602           | 61,182                    | 17,869                                       | 62,323                    |
| Business-ownership change .....                                    | 14               | 82                        | 3,522            | 29,021                    | 2,900                                        | 10,919                    |
| Reorganization or restructuring of company .....                   | 91               | 210                       | 15,080           | 32,161                    | 14,969                                       | 51,404                    |
| Financial issues .....                                             | 68               | 443                       | 9,334            | 77,303                    | 11,460                                       | 92,302                    |
| Bankruptcy .....                                                   | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 59                        | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 15,067                    | ( <sup>2</sup> )                             | 8,969                     |
| Cost control/cost cutting/increase profitability .....             | 58               | 233                       | 7,669            | 31,908                    | 9,958                                        | 56,636                    |
| Financial difficulty .....                                         | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 151                       | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 30,328                    | ( <sup>2</sup> )                             | 26,697                    |
| Production specific .....                                          | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 52                        | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 6,961                     | ( <sup>2</sup> )                             | 8,245                     |
| Automation/technological advances .....                            | —                | 9                         | —                | 1,002                     | —                                            | 1,246                     |
| Energy related .....                                               | —                | ( <sup>2</sup> )          | —                | ( <sup>2</sup> )          | —                                            | ( <sup>2</sup> )          |
| Governmental regulations/intervention .....                        | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 17                        | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 2,207                     | ( <sup>2</sup> )                             | 1,952                     |
| Labor dispute/contract negotiations/strike .....                   | —                | 7                         | —                | 1,335                     | —                                            | 1,281                     |
| Material or supply shortage .....                                  | —                | ( <sup>2</sup> )          | —                | ( <sup>2</sup> )          | —                                            | ( <sup>2</sup> )          |
| Model changeover .....                                             | —                | 4                         | —                | 795                       | —                                            | 1,214                     |
| Plant or machine repair/maintenance .....                          | —                | 9                         | —                | 1,073                     | —                                            | 1,878                     |
| Product line discontinued .....                                    | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 3                         | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 280                       | ( <sup>2</sup> )                             | 259                       |
| Disaster/safety .....                                              | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 23                        | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 3,132                     | ( <sup>2</sup> )                             | 3,105                     |
| Hazardous work environment .....                                   | —                | ( <sup>2</sup> )          | —                | ( <sup>2</sup> )          | —                                            | ( <sup>2</sup> )          |
| Natural disaster (not weather related) .....                       | —                | ( <sup>2</sup> )          | —                | ( <sup>2</sup> )          | —                                            | ( <sup>2</sup> )          |
| Nonnatural disaster .....                                          | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 9                         | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 968                       | ( <sup>2</sup> )                             | 1,089                     |
| Extreme weather-related event .....                                | —                | 11                        | —                | 1,723                     | —                                            | 1,496                     |
| Other/miscellaneous .....                                          | 4                | 1,325                     | 331              | 264,412                   | 520                                          | 264,543                   |
| Other .....                                                        | 4                | 62                        | 331              | 9,103                     | 520                                          | 9,174                     |
| Data not provided: Refusal .....                                   | —                | 320                       | —                | 79,929                    | —                                            | 79,920                    |
| Data not provided: Does not know .....                             | —                | 943                       | —                | 175,380                   | —                                            | 175,449                   |

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

NOTE: Dash represents zero.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics Program

Table 11. Movement of work: nonseasonal and nonvacation period extended mass layoff events, separations, and initial claimants for unemployment insurance by Census region and division, private nonfarm sector, 2010

| Census region and division       | Layoff events |                           | Separations |                           | Initial claimants for unemployment insurance |                           |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                                  | Work moved    | Work not moved or unknown | Work moved  | Work not moved or unknown | Work moved                                   | Work not moved or unknown |
| United States <sup>1</sup> ..... | 229           | 4,601                     | 39,104      | 787,656                   | 41,235                                       | 928,555                   |
| Northeast .....                  | 48            | 800                       | 8,090       | 121,170                   | 8,976                                        | 146,846                   |
| New England .....                | 25            | 118                       | 4,507       | 19,708                    | 4,124                                        | 18,129                    |
| Middle Atlantic .....            | 23            | 682                       | 3,583       | 101,462                   | 4,852                                        | 128,717                   |
| South .....                      | 83            | 1,004                     | 12,225      | 185,526                   | 13,652                                       | 219,099                   |
| South Atlantic .....             | 41            | 588                       | 5,604       | 109,832                   | 7,110                                        | 129,686                   |
| East South Central .....         | 27            | 182                       | 3,973       | 36,122                    | 4,276                                        | 33,903                    |
| West South Central .....         | 15            | 234                       | 2,648       | 39,572                    | 2,266                                        | 55,510                    |
| Midwest .....                    | 50            | 801                       | 11,172      | 130,231                   | 8,719                                        | 145,500                   |
| East North Central .....         | 31            | 620                       | 6,525       | 105,627                   | 4,689                                        | 114,453                   |
| West North Central .....         | 19            | 181                       | 4,647       | 24,604                    | 4,030                                        | 31,047                    |
| West .....                       | 48            | 1,996                     | 7,617       | 350,729                   | 9,888                                        | 417,110                   |
| Mountain .....                   | 10            | 226                       | 1,699       | 39,744                    | 1,100                                        | 36,454                    |
| Pacific .....                    | 38            | 1,770                     | 5,918       | 310,985                   | 8,788                                        | 380,656                   |

<sup>1</sup> Data on layoffs were reported by employers in all states and the District of Columbia.

NOTE: The states (including the District of Columbia) that comprise the census divisions are as follows: 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.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics Program

Table 12. Movement of work: nonseasonal and nonvacation period unemployment insurance benefit exhaustion rates by selected claimant characteristics, private nonfarm sector, 2010

| Characteristic                            | Initial claims for unemployment insurance |                           | Final payments for unemployment insurance |                           | Percentage of initial claimants receiving final payments |                           |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                                           | Work moved                                | Work not moved or unknown | Work moved                                | Work not moved or unknown | Work moved                                               | Work not moved or unknown |
| Total, private nonfarm <sup>1</sup> ..... | 41,235                                    | 928,555                   | 12,906                                    | 194,072                   | 31.3                                                     | 20.9                      |
| <b>Age</b>                                |                                           |                           |                                           |                           |                                                          |                           |
| Under 30 years of age .....               | 7,497                                     | 214,908                   | 2,169                                     | 44,260                    | 28.9                                                     | 20.6                      |
| 30–44 .....                               | 13,114                                    | 316,245                   | 4,024                                     | 64,544                    | 30.7                                                     | 20.4                      |
| 45–54 .....                               | 11,177                                    | 225,425                   | 3,516                                     | 45,746                    | 31.5                                                     | 20.3                      |
| 55 years of age or over .....             | 9,382                                     | 165,583                   | 3,168                                     | 39,042                    | 33.8                                                     | 23.6                      |
| Not available .....                       | 65                                        | 6,394                     | 29                                        | 480                       | 44.6                                                     | 7.5                       |
| <b>Gender</b>                             |                                           |                           |                                           |                           |                                                          |                           |
| Male .....                                | 21,072                                    | 587,140                   | 6,150                                     | 112,302                   | 29.2                                                     | 19.1                      |
| Female .....                              | 19,890                                    | 338,963                   | 6,633                                     | 81,241                    | 33.3                                                     | 24.0                      |
| Not available .....                       | 273                                       | 2,452                     | 123                                       | 529                       | 45.1                                                     | 21.6                      |
| <b>Race/ethnicity</b>                     |                                           |                           |                                           |                           |                                                          |                           |
| White .....                               | 21,752                                    | 484,374                   | 6,498                                     | 91,758                    | 29.9                                                     | 18.9                      |
| Black .....                               | 8,706                                     | 142,426                   | 3,333                                     | 38,094                    | 38.3                                                     | 26.7                      |
| Hispanic origin .....                     | 4,928                                     | 189,688                   | 1,512                                     | 39,713                    | 30.7                                                     | 20.9                      |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....    | 185                                       | 7,517                     | 62                                        | 1,661                     | 33.5                                                     | 22.1                      |
| Asian or Pacific Islander .....           | 1,873                                     | 33,834                    | 564                                       | 7,840                     | 30.1                                                     | 23.2                      |
| Not available .....                       | 3,791                                     | 70,716                    | 937                                       | 15,006                    | 24.7                                                     | 21.2                      |

<sup>1</sup> Data on layoffs were reported by employers in all states and the District of Columbia.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics Program

Table 13. Extended mass layoff events and separations, selected measures, 2008–2010

| Action                                                           | Layoff events |        |       | Separations      |                  |                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------|-------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                                                  | 2008          | 2009   | 2010  | 2008             | 2009             | 2010             |
| Total private nonfarm <sup>1</sup> .....                         | 8,259         | 11,824 | 7,247 | 1,516,978        | 2,108,202        | 1,256,606        |
| Total, excluding seasonal and vacation events <sup>2</sup> ..... | 6,277         | 9,613  | 4,830 | 1,123,853        | 1,698,414        | 826,760          |
| Total, movement of work <sup>3</sup> .....                       | 332           | 351    | 229   | 60,956           | 61,694           | 39,104           |
| Movement of work actions .....                                   | 443           | 491    | 318   | ( <sup>4</sup> ) | ( <sup>4</sup> ) | ( <sup>4</sup> ) |
| With separations reported .....                                  | 319           | 317    | 201   | 35,076           | 32,228           | 18,622           |
| With separations unknown .....                                   | 124           | 174    | 117   | ( <sup>4</sup> ) | ( <sup>4</sup> ) | ( <sup>4</sup> ) |

<sup>1</sup> Data on layoffs were reported by employers in all states and the District of Columbia.

<sup>2</sup> The questions on movement of work were not asked of employers when the reason for layoff was either "seasonal work" or "vacation period."

<sup>3</sup> Movement of work can involve more than one action.

<sup>4</sup> Data are not available.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics Program

Table 14. Movement of work actions by type of separation where number of separations is known by employers, 2008–2010

| Activities                                   | Actions <sup>1</sup> |      |      | Separations |        |        |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------|------|------|-------------|--------|--------|
|                                              | 2008                 | 2009 | 2010 | 2008        | 2009   | 2010   |
| With separations reported <sup>2</sup> ..... | 319                  | 317  | 201  | 35,076      | 32,228 | 18,622 |
| <b>By location</b>                           |                      |      |      |             |        |        |
| Out-of-country relocations .....             | 95                   | 81   | 46   | 11,431      | 10,378 | 5,336  |
| Within company .....                         | 83                   | 72   | 36   | 10,392      | 9,630  | 3,548  |
| Different company .....                      | 12                   | 9    | 10   | 1,039       | 748    | 1,788  |
| Domestic relocations .....                   | 223                  | 234  | 155  | 23,370      | 21,555 | 13,286 |
| Within company .....                         | 200                  | 206  | 137  | 20,943      | 18,184 | 11,128 |
| Different company .....                      | 23                   | 28   | 18   | 2,427       | 3,371  | 2,158  |
| Unable to assign place of relocation .....   | 1                    | 2    | –    | 275         | 295    | –      |
| <b>By company</b>                            |                      |      |      |             |        |        |
| Within company .....                         | 283                  | 280  | 173  | 31,335      | 28,109 | 14,676 |
| Domestic .....                               | 200                  | 206  | 137  | 20,943      | 18,184 | 11,128 |
| Out of country .....                         | 83                   | 72   | 36   | 10,392      | 9,630  | 3,548  |
| Unable to assign .....                       | –                    | 2    | –    | –           | 295    | –      |
| Different company .....                      | 36                   | 37   | 28   | 3,741       | 4,119  | 3,946  |
| Domestic .....                               | 23                   | 28   | 18   | 2,427       | 3,371  | 2,158  |
| Out of country .....                         | 12                   | 9    | 10   | 1,039       | 748    | 1,788  |
| Unable to assign .....                       | 1                    | –    | –    | 275         | –      | –      |

<sup>1</sup> Only actions for which separations associated with the movement of work were reported are shown.

<sup>2</sup> Data on layoffs were reported by employers in all states and the District of Columbia.

NOTE: Dash represents zero.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics Program

Table 15. Distribution of extended mass layoff events and separations by size of layoff, private nonfarm sector, 2008–2010

| Number of workers                         | Layoff events |        |       |                      |       |       | Separations |           |           |                      |       |       |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------|--------|-------|----------------------|-------|-------|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|-------|-------|
|                                           | Number        |        |       | Percent <sup>1</sup> |       |       | Number      |           |           | Percent <sup>1</sup> |       |       |
|                                           | 2008          | 2009   | 2010  | 2008                 | 2009  | 2010  | 2008        | 2009      | 2010      | 2008                 | 2009  | 2010  |
| Total, private nonfarm <sup>2</sup> ..... | 8,259         | 11,824 | 7,247 | 100.0                | 100.0 | 100.0 | 1,516,978   | 2,108,202 | 1,256,606 | 100.0                | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 50–99 .....                               | 3,442         | 5,141  | 3,280 | 41.7                 | 43.5  | 45.3  | 244,352     | 364,793   | 229,536   | 16.1                 | 17.3  | 18.3  |
| 100–149 .....                             | 1,952         | 2,688  | 1,612 | 23.6                 | 22.7  | 22.2  | 229,536     | 315,984   | 188,650   | 15.1                 | 15.0  | 15.0  |
| 150–199 .....                             | 887           | 1,315  | 797   | 10.7                 | 11.1  | 11.0  | 148,852     | 219,986   | 134,026   | 9.8                  | 10.4  | 10.7  |
| 200–299 .....                             | 979           | 1,332  | 728   | 11.9                 | 11.3  | 10.0  | 227,603     | 311,322   | 169,715   | 15.0                 | 14.8  | 13.5  |
| 300–499 .....                             | 577           | 782    | 467   | 7.0                  | 6.6   | 6.4   | 211,519     | 286,340   | 172,286   | 13.9                 | 13.6  | 13.7  |
| 500–999 .....                             | 291           | 377    | 247   | 3.5                  | 3.2   | 3.4   | 194,373     | 250,354   | 168,248   | 12.8                 | 11.9  | 13.4  |
| 1,000 or more .....                       | 131           | 189    | 116   | 1.6                  | 1.6   | 1.6   | 260,743     | 359,423   | 194,145   | 17.2                 | 17.0  | 15.4  |

<sup>1</sup> Due to rounding, sums of individual percentages may not equal 100.0 percent.

<sup>2</sup> Data on layoffs were reported by employers in all states and the District of Columbia.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics Program

Table 16. Average number of separations in extended mass layoff events by selected measures, private nonfarm sector, 2002–2010

| Measure                                                      | Average number of separations |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                                              | 2002                          | 2003             | 2004             | 2005             | 2006             | 2007             | 2008             | 2009             | 2010             |
| Total, private nonfarm <sup>1</sup>                          | 201                           | 197              | 198              | 181              | 192              | 180              | 184              | 178              | 173              |
| <b>Industry</b>                                              |                               |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Mining                                                       | 149                           | 158              | 153              | 134              | 173              | 138              | 166              | 162              | 135              |
| Utilities                                                    | 178                           | 135              | 228              | 140              | 154              | 131              | 185              | 174              | 164              |
| Construction                                                 | 140                           | 140              | 137              | 127              | 119              | 114              | 119              | 122              | 122              |
| Manufacturing                                                | 191                           | 183              | 173              | 173              | 200              | 177              | 187              | 174              | 159              |
| Wholesale trade                                              | 161                           | 181              | 169              | 131              | 166              | 132              | 133              | 137              | 116              |
| Retail trade                                                 | 329                           | 308              | 418              | 237              | 320              | 415              | 252              | 229              | 256              |
| Transportation and warehousing                               | 243                           | 250              | 213              | 225              | 223              | 212              | 209              | 201              | 197              |
| Information                                                  | 196                           | 259              | 215              | 202              | 168              | 144              | 187              | 172              | 246              |
| Finance and insurance                                        | 193                           | 193              | 216              | 172              | 193              | 177              | 229              | 206              | 191              |
| Real estate and rental and leasing                           | 173                           | 166              | 299              | 140              | 102              | 137              | 125              | 132              | 148              |
| Professional and technical services                          | 224                           | 194              | 220              | 268              | 286              | 288              | 262              | 195              | 197              |
| Management of companies and enterprises                      | 248                           | 195              | 176              | 156              | 143              | 146              | 154              | 168              | 178              |
| Administrative and waste services                            | 221                           | 222              | 208              | 185              | 192              | 162              | 210              | 227              | 201              |
| Educational services                                         | 114                           | 182              | 89               | 238              | 102              | 130              | 128              | 142              | 136              |
| Health care and social assistance                            | 136                           | 137              | 156              | 140              | 130              | 155              | 139              | 137              | 126              |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation                          | 372                           | 275              | 273              | 386              | 331              | 325              | 293              | 228              | 213              |
| Accommodation and food services                              | 206                           | 215              | 219              | 210              | 235              | 211              | 222              | 239              | 239              |
| Other services, except public administration                 | 159                           | 132              | 169              | 145              | 132              | 141              | 125              | 133              | 131              |
| Unclassified establishments                                  | 163                           | 161              | 125              | 200              | –                | 212              | 210              | 133              | –                |
| <b>Reason for layoff</b>                                     |                               |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Business demand                                              | 172                           | 168              | 181              | 154              | 144              | 131              | 153              | 153              | 153              |
| Contract cancellation                                        | 190                           | 297              | 166              | 161              | 152              | 153              | 172              | 156              | 161              |
| Contract completion                                          | 180                           | 170              | 220              | 168              | 138              | 120              | 142              | 176              | 169              |
| Domestic competition                                         | ( <sup>2</sup> )              | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 118              | 202              | 100              | 279              |
| Excess inventory/saturated market                            | ( <sup>2</sup> )              | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 195              | 203              | 190              | 158              |
| Import competition                                           | 207                           | 214              | 158              | 198              | 163              | 159              | 179              | 145              | 171              |
| Slack work/insufficient demand/nonseasonal business slowdown | 163                           | 143              | 132              | 131              | 152              | 137              | 154              | 145              | 136              |
| Organizational changes                                       | 204                           | 209              | 200              | 188              | 251              | 313              | 239              | 210              | 201              |
| Business-ownership change                                    | 230                           | 271              | 238              | 222              | 336              | 722              | 488              | 309              | 339              |
| Reorganization or restructuring of company                   | 198                           | 198              | 191              | 179              | 229              | 173              | 184              | 186              | 157              |
| Financial issues                                             | 270                           | 261              | 205              | 207              | 228              | 223              | 217              | 213              | 170              |
| Bankruptcy                                                   | 359                           | 341              | 224              | 238              | 283              | 267              | 298              | 389              | 253              |
| Cost control/cost cutting/increase profitability             | ( <sup>2</sup> )              | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 196              | 153              | 151              | 136              |
| Financial difficulty                                         | 226                           | 217              | 197              | 187              | 209              | 232              | 259              | 237              | 199              |
| Production specific                                          | 163                           | 308              | 425              | 237              | 321              | 234              | 254              | 208              | 145              |
| Automation/technological advances                            | 171                           | 203              | 220              | 181              | 134              | 231              | 142              | 149              | 111              |
| Energy related                                               | 353                           | 172              | –                | 246              | 150              | 392              | 131              | 110              | 53               |
| Governmental regulations/intervention                        | ( <sup>2</sup> )              | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 188              | 262              | 324              | 165              |
| Labor dispute/contract negotiations/strike                   | 192                           | 861              | 966              | 344              | 629              | 274              | 481              | 226              | 191              |
| Material or supply shortage                                  | 159                           | 121              | 77               | 138              | 149              | 89               | 230              | 117              | 108              |
| Model changeover                                             | 283                           | 368              | 269              | 362              | 475              | 723              | 206              | 239              | 199              |
| Plant or machine repair/maintenance                          | 157                           | 138              | 148              | 133              | 183              | 185              | 209              | 150              | 119              |
| Product line discontinued                                    | 123                           | 177              | 204              | 186              | 269              | 177              | 192              | 162              | 96               |
| Disaster/safety                                              | 131                           | 175              | 134              | 155              | 123              | 106              | 158              | 210              | 133              |
| Hazardous work environment                                   | 239                           | 209              | 459              | 255              | 172              | 120              | 120              | 182              | 107              |
| Natural disaster (not weather related)                       | 135                           | 252              | 138              | 254              | 168              | 202              | 127              | –                | 228              |
| Nonnatural disaster                                          | 139                           | 168              | 130              | 165              | 309              | 95               | 275              | 116              | 104              |
| Extreme weather-related event                                | 120                           | 162              | 123              | 154              | 95               | 94               | 151              | 274              | 157              |
| Seasonal                                                     | 211                           | 201              | 197              | 195              | 206              | 194              | 198              | 185              | 178              |
| Seasonal                                                     | 212                           | 202              | 199              | 197              | 209              | 196              | 206              | 186              | 183              |
| Vacation period—school related or otherwise                  | 178                           | 193              | 160              | 156              | 157              | 184              | 169              | 184              | 158              |
| Other/miscellaneous                                          | 214                           | 201              | 213              | 208              | 213              | 167              | 195              | 205              | 199              |
| Other                                                        | 187                           | 175              | 218              | 178              | 195              | 163              | 167              | 155              | 143              |
| Data not provided: Refusal                                   | 276                           | 218              | 227              | 238              | 244              | 186              | 265              | 255              | 250              |
| Data not provided: Does not know                             | 190                           | 174              | 178              | 184              | 177              | 158              | 178              | 193              | 186              |
| Domestic relocation                                          | 195                           | 161              | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) |
| Overseas relocation                                          | 251                           | 213              | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) |
| <b>Other selected measures</b>                               |                               |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Worksite closures                                            | 259                           | 229              | 214              | 192              | 248              | 212              | 240              | 216              | 198              |
| Recall expected                                              | 189                           | 183              | 181              | 178              | 185              | 180              | 179              | 172              | 162              |
| No recall expected                                           | 213                           | 201              | 222              | 187              | 200              | 167              | 186              | 175              | 181              |

<sup>1</sup> Data on layoffs were reported by employers in all states and the District of Columbia.<sup>2</sup> Use of this reason began with first-quarter 2007 data.<sup>3</sup> Beginning with data for 2004, these reasons for layoff are no longer used. For additional information, see the technical note.

NOTE: Dash represents zero.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics Program

Table 17. State and selected claimant characteristics: extended mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, private nonfarm sector, 2009–2010

| State                                     | Layoff events |                  | Total initial claimants for unemployment insurance |                  | Percent of total |      |                 |      |       |      |                         |      |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------|-----------------|------|-------|------|-------------------------|------|
|                                           |               |                  |                                                    |                  | Black            |      | Hispanic origin |      | Women |      | People age 55 and older |      |
|                                           | 2009          | 2010             | 2009                                               | 2010             | 2009             | 2010 | 2009            | 2010 | 2009  | 2010 | 2009                    | 2010 |
| Total, private nonfarm <sup>1</sup> ..... | 11,824        | 7,247            | 2,442,000                                          | 1,412,386        | 13.7             | 15.1 | 16.3            | 19.6 | 35.7  | 40.2 | 18.9                    | 20.0 |
| Alabama .....                             | 79            | 47               | 24,501                                             | 12,741           | 42.8             | 50.1 | 2.4             | 1.9  | 42.2  | 50.8 | 15.1                    | 16.1 |
| Alaska .....                              | 46            | 48               | 10,653                                             | 11,055           | 4.8              | 6.8  | 13.3            | 15.4 | 29.2  | 30.0 | 23.1                    | 24.0 |
| Arizona .....                             | 129           | 73               | 21,441                                             | 12,844           | 5.6              | 8.3  | 38.8            | 37.3 | 44.3  | 49.6 | 16.7                    | 16.7 |
| Arkansas .....                            | 49            | 31               | 9,845                                              | 7,169            | 28.6             | 23.0 | 4.8             | 3.9  | 38.8  | 45.4 | 16.9                    | 19.8 |
| California .....                          | 2,944         | 1,984            | 568,650                                            | 430,859          | 8.8              | 8.8  | 35.8            | 36.0 | 39.0  | 40.4 | 15.9                    | 16.6 |
| Colorado .....                            | 129           | 73               | 17,772                                             | 9,806            | 4.9              | 5.1  | 22.0            | 25.8 | 32.7  | 40.7 | 18.9                    | 19.1 |
| Connecticut .....                         | 84            | 64               | 14,246                                             | 11,611           | 13.9             | 16.6 | 14.4            | 13.5 | 48.4  | 49.8 | 23.8                    | 23.2 |
| Delaware .....                            | 25            | 15               | 3,426                                              | 1,717            | 23.2             | 38.1 | 3.8             | 9.1  | 32.9  | 45.2 | 21.0                    | 27.7 |
| District of Columbia .....                | 12            | 12               | 1,464                                              | 1,501            | 57.1             | 69.4 | 12.5            | 7.2  | 49.5  | 60.5 | 18.6                    | 20.9 |
| Florida .....                             | 629           | 264              | 133,430                                            | 64,522           | 16.4             | 18.1 | 28.1            | 29.3 | 40.5  | 44.2 | 19.5                    | 20.7 |
| Georgia .....                             | 136           | 76               | 39,458                                             | 14,096           | 43.0             | 51.7 | 4.7             | 3.9  | 43.6  | 49.3 | 17.0                    | 19.3 |
| Hawaii .....                              | 34            | 10               | 4,216                                              | 1,143            | 1.7              | 1.7  | 11.1            | 7.3  | 31.7  | 37.2 | 14.3                    | 23.5 |
| Idaho .....                               | 54            | 31               | 8,831                                              | 3,986            | .3               | .1   | 10.9            | 9.9  | 34.6  | 35.0 | 18.6                    | 20.5 |
| Illinois .....                            | 745           | 460              | 159,241                                            | 86,384           | 15.9             | 17.9 | 13.3            | 15.5 | 33.2  | 37.3 | 17.9                    | 17.9 |
| Indiana .....                             | 277           | 114              | 54,396                                             | 20,314           | 7.4              | 11.9 | 2.6             | 2.9  | 29.4  | 28.9 | 18.9                    | 19.7 |
| Iowa .....                                | 87            | 33               | 24,057                                             | 8,545            | 2.6              | 2.9  | 2.0             | 5.5  | 26.2  | 36.4 | 18.9                    | 22.1 |
| Kansas .....                              | 89            | 49               | 25,611                                             | 8,996            | 9.1              | 10.6 | 5.8             | 5.7  | 30.7  | 43.3 | 17.1                    | 21.9 |
| Kentucky .....                            | 198           | 92               | 33,871                                             | 11,500           | 5.5              | 11.0 | .3              | .1   | 17.1  | 29.8 | 16.4                    | 18.6 |
| Louisiana .....                           | 128           | 89               | 19,124                                             | 14,075           | 52.0             | 55.4 | 3.2             | 4.0  | 37.4  | 46.0 | 20.1                    | 17.6 |
| Maine .....                               | 33            | 31               | 5,572                                              | 4,576            | 1.4              | 2.1  | .3              | .3   | 29.6  | 42.4 | 23.0                    | 23.6 |
| Maryland .....                            | 84            | 79               | 10,217                                             | 11,277           | 41.9             | 47.4 | 3.1             | 2.3  | 41.9  | 44.6 | 20.8                    | 23.0 |
| Massachusetts .....                       | 133           | 82               | 23,113                                             | 11,827           | 9.4              | 12.1 | 1.5             | 1.7  | 46.4  | 44.2 | 23.4                    | 23.7 |
| Michigan .....                            | 442           | 162              | 164,130                                            | 23,269           | 20.0             | 12.2 | 3.1             | 5.8  | 29.3  | 39.6 | 18.0                    | 19.1 |
| Minnesota .....                           | 274           | 128              | 44,512                                             | 18,515           | 4.3              | 5.5  | 4.8             | 7.0  | 25.1  | 22.2 | 19.6                    | 20.0 |
| Mississippi .....                         | 54            | 41               | 5,241                                              | 4,979            | 63.1             | 60.5 | 1.6             | 2.3  | 40.6  | 40.5 | 18.3                    | 16.4 |
| Missouri .....                            | 245           | 156              | 43,484                                             | 23,823           | 16.0             | 18.8 | 1.0             | 1.4  | 42.3  | 48.6 | 23.5                    | 26.4 |
| Montana .....                             | 35            | 31               | 4,441                                              | 3,336            | .1               | .4   | 3.1             | 3.4  | 22.1  | 30.8 | 22.5                    | 26.2 |
| Nebraska .....                            | 24            | 24               | 3,399                                              | 2,827            | 2.3              | 7.1  | 7.7             | 5.7  | 38.0  | 44.7 | 28.8                    | 28.8 |
| Nevada .....                              | 195           | 80               | 44,547                                             | 16,845           | 8.4              | 8.6  | 31.1            | 28.0 | 34.0  | 35.3 | 18.1                    | 19.8 |
| New Hampshire .....                       | 26            | 18               | 3,957                                              | 2,789            | .7               | .7   | 3.0             | 1.5  | 41.7  | 51.1 | 25.7                    | 30.9 |
| New Jersey .....                          | 340           | 224              | 60,114                                             | 44,874           | 20.3             | 20.4 | 8.9             | 8.0  | 52.9  | 55.3 | 25.9                    | 28.3 |
| New Mexico .....                          | 65            | 45               | 9,168                                              | 6,000            | 2.1              | 2.5  | 44.5            | 45.1 | 33.1  | 36.1 | 17.4                    | 19.1 |
| New York .....                            | 695           | 642              | 130,062                                            | 118,151          | 13.9             | 15.8 | 12.6            | 15.9 | 42.0  | 41.2 | 23.2                    | 25.2 |
| North Carolina .....                      | 206           | 126              | 62,723                                             | 32,395           | 39.3             | 46.0 | 6.3             | 7.8  | 42.3  | 43.7 | 16.9                    | 16.4 |
| North Dakota .....                        | 31            | 21               | 4,942                                              | 3,005            | 1.5              | 1.4  | 2.0             | 2.6  | 16.7  | 15.6 | 18.0                    | 21.6 |
| Ohio .....                                | 562           | 318              | 135,786                                            | 54,566           | 11.3             | 11.7 | 3.3             | 3.2  | 27.6  | 30.6 | 21.9                    | 21.8 |
| Oklahoma .....                            | 64            | 13               | 11,927                                             | 3,156            | 9.6              | 14.2 | 6.9             | 4.3  | 24.5  | 44.2 | 16.2                    | 15.0 |
| Oregon .....                              | 189           | 94               | 46,505                                             | 22,378           | 1.6              | 1.7  | 16.1            | 20.4 | 37.8  | 45.9 | 20.4                    | 21.9 |
| Pennsylvania .....                        | 769           | 444              | 160,337                                            | 85,827           | 5.3              | 8.6  | 3.2             | 3.6  | 29.9  | 37.0 | 24.8                    | 26.7 |
| Rhode Island .....                        | 30            | 25               | 2,898                                              | 4,126            | 4.5              | 3.4  | 17.1            | 16.2 | 55.3  | 70.0 | 30.1                    | 34.9 |
| South Carolina .....                      | 136           | 87               | 23,029                                             | 16,608           | 50.9             | 60.4 | 1.2             | 1.5  | 45.9  | 49.6 | 10.5                    | 11.5 |
| South Dakota .....                        | 9             | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 869                                                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 4.3              | 4.8  | 2.3             | 12.4 | 28.4  | 69.7 | 18.5                    | 16.6 |
| Tennessee .....                           | 175           | 95               | 32,130                                             | 19,020           | 22.1             | 28.7 | —               | .1   | 39.2  | 47.5 | 21.8                    | 25.6 |
| Texas .....                               | 308           | 180              | 65,393                                             | 43,421           | 16.1             | 17.7 | 40.1            | 43.7 | 28.4  | 33.4 | 14.6                    | 14.6 |
| Utah .....                                | 63            | 39               | 11,412                                             | 6,482            | 1.4              | .7   | 12.0            | 11.2 | 29.1  | 23.1 | 12.7                    | 16.8 |
| Vermont .....                             | 35            | 15               | 5,560                                              | 2,216            | .6               | .6   | .3              | .4   | 33.2  | 45.6 | 25.2                    | 24.7 |
| Virginia .....                            | 106           | 109              | 22,909                                             | 21,838           | 38.3             | 40.5 | 3.8             | 4.6  | 42.3  | 43.8 | 20.2                    | 21.8 |
| Washington .....                          | 219           | 139              | 45,204                                             | 24,967           | 5.7              | 5.8  | 12.7            | 17.4 | 37.3  | 35.5 | 15.8                    | 16.4 |
| West Virginia .....                       | 49            | 21               | 6,768                                              | 3,347            | .2               | .1   | .1              | .1   | 16.9  | 12.9 | 16.2                    | 13.8 |
| Wisconsin .....                           | 344           | 205              | 76,089                                             | 41,784           | 6.2              | 8.1  | 6.3             | 8.4  | 30.5  | 36.9 | 20.0                    | 21.8 |
| Wyoming .....                             | 10            | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 1,329                                              | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 1.8              | 1.3  | 7.0             | 6.8  | 25.6  | 35.6 | 15.9                    | 20.3 |
| Puerto Rico .....                         | 51            | 48               | 11,201                                             | 14,153           | .1               | .1   | 99.3            | 99.4 | 52.2  | 51.8 | 10.7                    | 7.4  |

<sup>1</sup> Data on layoffs were reported by employers in all states and the District of Columbia.

NOTE: Dash represents zero.

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

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics Program

Table 18. Claimant race and ethnicity: percent of initial claimants for unemployment insurance, by industry and reason for layoff, private nonfarm sector, 2009–2010

| Measure                                                            | Percent of total race/ethnicity <sup>1</sup> |      |       |      |                 |      |                                  |      |                           |      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------|-------|------|-----------------|------|----------------------------------|------|---------------------------|------|
|                                                                    | White                                        |      | Black |      | Hispanic origin |      | American Indian or Alaska Native |      | Asian or Pacific Islander |      |
|                                                                    | 2009                                         | 2010 | 2009  | 2010 | 2009            | 2010 | 2009                             | 2010 | 2009                      | 2010 |
| Total, private nonfarm <sup>2</sup> .....                          | 57.9                                         | 54.1 | 13.7  | 15.1 | 16.3            | 19.6 | .7                               | .8   | 3.7                       | 3.5  |
| <b>Industry</b>                                                    |                                              |      |       |      |                 |      |                                  |      |                           |      |
| Mining .....                                                       | 65.3                                         | 74.0 | 4.5   | 2.9  | 16.7            | 9.3  | 2.7                              | 4.5  | .8                        | 1.3  |
| Utilities .....                                                    | 85.2                                         | 78.0 | 5.7   | 7.5  | 4.1             | 8.5  | .5                               | .5   | 2.1                       | 2.0  |
| Construction .....                                                 | 63.4                                         | 67.1 | 5.7   | 5.9  | 23.1            | 20.4 | 1.3                              | 1.2  | 1.3                       | .9   |
| Manufacturing .....                                                | 66.9                                         | 55.4 | 12.5  | 13.6 | 9.5             | 18.5 | .5                               | .6   | 3.6                       | 5.7  |
| Wholesale trade .....                                              | 57.2                                         | 48.1 | 12.6  | 11.2 | 18.2            | 28.2 | .6                               | .4   | 4.3                       | 4.4  |
| Retail trade .....                                                 | 50.8                                         | 48.5 | 16.9  | 18.7 | 19.2            | 21.3 | .7                               | .8   | 3.2                       | 3.0  |
| Transportation and warehousing .....                               | 51.8                                         | 50.2 | 20.4  | 23.0 | 17.0            | 17.4 | .6                               | .5   | 2.7                       | 2.4  |
| Information .....                                                  | 58.8                                         | 65.4 | 13.4  | 10.8 | 11.9            | 10.9 | .5                               | .6   | 5.3                       | 3.9  |
| Finance and insurance .....                                        | 48.3                                         | 45.5 | 15.1  | 17.1 | 16.2            | 18.9 | .4                               | .5   | 8.3                       | 7.3  |
| Real estate and rental and leasing .....                           | 49.9                                         | 58.3 | 12.2  | 10.9 | 21.1            | 16.8 | .7                               | .8   | 5.4                       | 2.8  |
| Professional and technical services .....                          | 57.5                                         | 59.9 | 13.8  | 11.7 | 13.8            | 14.4 | .6                               | .6   | 5.7                       | 5.0  |
| Management of companies and enterprises .....                      | 59.0                                         | 58.3 | 20.3  | 15.9 | 8.9             | 14.1 | .4                               | .4   | 4.1                       | 7.5  |
| Administrative and waste services .....                            | 44.8                                         | 43.8 | 17.9  | 20.1 | 25.0            | 25.1 | .8                               | .7   | 3.3                       | 3.1  |
| Educational services .....                                         | 46.1                                         | 42.4 | 21.6  | 22.2 | 17.2            | 21.6 | .4                               | .7   | 4.7                       | 3.8  |
| Health care and social assistance .....                            | 41.3                                         | 40.0 | 21.6  | 22.6 | 23.8            | 25.7 | .9                               | .9   | 3.7                       | 2.8  |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation .....                          | 58.4                                         | 62.2 | 12.0  | 13.0 | 17.4            | 14.6 | .7                               | .5   | 2.3                       | 2.2  |
| Accommodation and food services .....                              | 45.2                                         | 48.9 | 17.2  | 19.4 | 22.1            | 20.0 | .8                               | .7   | 6.3                       | 4.0  |
| Other services, except public administration .....                 | 44.3                                         | 39.7 | 23.8  | 28.4 | 17.8            | 19.8 | 1.3                              | 1.3  | 3.1                       | 2.8  |
| Unclassified establishments .....                                  | 64.2                                         | —    | 9.4   | —    | 12.8            | —    | 1.1                              | —    | 3.4                       | —    |
| <b>Reason for layoff</b>                                           |                                              |      |       |      |                 |      |                                  |      |                           |      |
| Business demand .....                                              | 61.7                                         | 57.6 | 12.3  | 12.5 | 15.4            | 19.6 | .8                               | .9   | 2.9                       | 3.0  |
| Contract cancellation .....                                        | 50.8                                         | 46.3 | 18.7  | 22.6 | 17.4            | 18.5 | .9                               | .7   | 4.7                       | 3.8  |
| Contract completion .....                                          | 55.8                                         | 59.0 | 11.1  | 10.9 | 23.9            | 20.8 | 1.1                              | 1.1  | 2.0                       | 2.4  |
| Domestic competition .....                                         | 63.8                                         | 72.5 | 8.2   | 12.9 | 1.5             | 8.7  | .2                               | .3   | .4                        | 2.1  |
| Excess inventory/saturated market .....                            | 79.2                                         | 58.2 | 10.4  | 17.4 | 3.4             | 16.5 | .6                               | .4   | 1.5                       | .9   |
| Import competition .....                                           | 56.3                                         | 71.7 | 29.1  | 13.2 | 6.1             | 1.7  | .4                               | .1   | 1.9                       | 5.2  |
| Slack work/insufficient demand/nonseasonal business slowdown ..... | 63.7                                         | 57.0 | 12.4  | 13.2 | 12.9            | 18.5 | .7                               | .6   | 3.2                       | 3.6  |
| Organizational changes .....                                       | 57.0                                         | 49.8 | 16.0  | 17.4 | 11.7            | 18.8 | .4                               | .6   | 5.0                       | 5.3  |
| Business-ownership change .....                                    | 48.3                                         | 49.3 | 13.2  | 14.0 | 19.1            | 22.7 | .5                               | .6   | 6.7                       | 4.6  |
| Reorganization or restructuring of company .....                   | 58.6                                         | 49.9 | 16.5  | 18.1 | 10.4            | 18.0 | .4                               | .5   | 4.6                       | 5.4  |
| Financial issues .....                                             | 54.8                                         | 47.4 | 17.9  | 20.1 | 13.0            | 17.8 | .6                               | .7   | 5.4                       | 5.0  |
| Bankruptcy .....                                                   | 61.5                                         | 60.5 | 20.1  | 12.5 | 9.2             | 14.2 | .4                               | .6   | 2.4                       | 2.7  |
| Cost control/cost cutting/increase profitability .....             | 52.1                                         | 47.3 | 18.7  | 22.3 | 13.2            | 17.5 | .7                               | .8   | 6.4                       | 5.1  |
| Financial difficulty .....                                         | 54.7                                         | 43.4 | 13.7  | 17.4 | 16.4            | 19.6 | .6                               | .6   | 5.7                       | 5.5  |
| Production specific .....                                          | 49.4                                         | 55.2 | 14.1  | 16.6 | 17.2            | 14.6 | .4                               | 1.3  | 4.0                       | 2.7  |
| Automation/technological advances .....                            | 46.2                                         | 58.3 | 29.4  | 9.6  | 6.7             | 13.2 | .2                               | .8   | 5.8                       | 3.9  |
| Energy related .....                                               | 94.5                                         | 88.7 | —     | 3.0  | 1.8             | .6   | 2.7                              | .6   | —                         | —    |
| Governmental regulations/intervention .....                        | 52.2                                         | 51.1 | 19.8  | 35.1 | 16.3            | 7.7  | .3                               | .2   | 4.3                       | 1.9  |
| Labor dispute/contract negotiations/strike .....                   | 65.0                                         | 58.1 | 9.0   | 8.7  | 13.8            | 10.8 | .1                               | .5   | 4.5                       | 1.2  |
| Material or supply shortage .....                                  | 30.3                                         | 91.5 | 3.0   | 2.4  | 50.3            | .8   | 1.2                              | .4   | 6.3                       | —    |
| Model changeover .....                                             | 48.2                                         | 52.2 | 2.1   | 11.6 | 46.6            | 22.9 | .2                               | .6   | 1.5                       | 5.3  |
| Plant or machine repair/maintenance .....                          | 77.0                                         | 48.9 | 8.1   | 14.2 | 5.5             | 21.5 | .6                               | 4.0  | 4.0                       | 2.2  |
| Product line discontinued .....                                    | 29.5                                         | 59.5 | 15.7  | 6.9  | 6.1             | 26.6 | .1                               | —    | 3.3                       | 4.6  |
| Disaster/safety .....                                              | 38.6                                         | 69.5 | 16.9  | 14.4 | 16.4            | 5.6  | .7                               | .5   | 1.6                       | 3.2  |
| Hazardous work environment .....                                   | 18.8                                         | 63.1 | .6    | —    | —               | 6.3  | —                                | 1.1  | —                         | .4   |
| Natural disaster (not weather related) .....                       | —                                            | 26.2 | —     | 67.1 | —               | 2.8  | —                                | .4   | —                         | 2.0  |
| Nonnatural disaster .....                                          | 27.3                                         | 77.3 | 39.4  | 13.8 | 19.6            | 4.5  | .5                               | .7   | 4.5                       | .7   |
| Extreme weather-related event .....                                | 53.6                                         | 71.6 | 9.4   | 8.7  | 21.0            | 6.7  | 1.2                              | .3   | .3                        | 5.9  |
| Seasonal .....                                                     | 60.7                                         | 58.4 | 13.8  | 14.1 | 16.8            | 18.7 | .8                               | .7   | 2.6                       | 3.0  |
| Seasonal .....                                                     | 62.1                                         | 59.4 | 11.2  | 12.5 | 17.8            | 18.9 | .8                               | .7   | 2.9                       | 3.3  |
| Vacation period—school related or otherwise .....                  | 55.8                                         | 53.9 | 22.6  | 21.2 | 13.3            | 17.6 | .8                               | .8   | 1.6                       | 1.5  |
| Other/miscellaneous .....                                          | 49.3                                         | 44.1 | 14.1  | 19.1 | 20.6            | 22.6 | .8                               | .7   | 4.9                       | 4.1  |
| Other .....                                                        | 49.6                                         | 51.7 | 13.5  | 9.1  | 16.3            | 19.8 | .9                               | 2.1  | 5.8                       | 3.2  |
| Data not provided: Refusal .....                                   | 45.3                                         | 41.4 | 15.3  | 22.4 | 23.9            | 23.2 | .7                               | .7   | 4.4                       | 4.0  |
| Data not provided: Does not know .....                             | 50.9                                         | 44.9 | 13.7  | 18.2 | 19.6            | 22.5 | .7                               | .6   | 5.1                       | 4.2  |

<sup>1</sup> Due to some nonreporting, sums of percentages within age and gender may not equal 100.0 percent.<sup>2</sup> Data on layoffs were reported by employers in all states and the District of Columbia.

NOTE: Dash represents zero.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics Program

Table 19. Claimant age and gender: percent of initial claimants for unemployment insurance, by industry and reason for layoff, private nonfarm sector, 2009–2010

| Measure                                                      | Percent of total by age <sup>1</sup> |      |       |      |       |      |             |      | Percent of total by gender <sup>1</sup> |      |       |      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------------|------|-----------------------------------------|------|-------|------|
|                                                              | Less than 30 years                   |      | 30–44 |      | 45–54 |      | 55 or older |      | Men                                     |      | Women |      |
|                                                              | 2009                                 | 2010 | 2009  | 2010 | 2009  | 2010 | 2009        | 2010 | 2009                                    | 2010 | 2009  | 2010 |
| Total, private nonfarm <sup>2</sup>                          | 19.7                                 | 21.8 | 34.2  | 32.8 | 26.6  | 24.8 | 18.9        | 20.0 | 63.4                                    | 59.5 | 35.7  | 40.2 |
| <b>Industry</b>                                              |                                      |      |       |      |       |      |             |      |                                         |      |       |      |
| Mining                                                       | 25.5                                 | 14.8 | 35.2  | 33.9 | 23.6  | 28.7 | 15.5        | 22.4 | 90.5                                    | 91.7 | 6.8   | 6.6  |
| Utilities                                                    | 14.0                                 | 13.8 | 34.4  | 32.9 | 30.5  | 25.4 | 20.9        | 27.6 | 82.7                                    | 80.6 | 17.3  | 19.2 |
| Construction                                                 | 19.5                                 | 17.3 | 40.0  | 40.1 | 26.9  | 28.1 | 13.4        | 14.3 | 93.5                                    | 94.4 | 6.0   | 5.4  |
| Manufacturing                                                | 11.5                                 | 12.3 | 34.4  | 30.9 | 31.8  | 30.5 | 21.4        | 24.8 | 70.4                                    | 66.4 | 28.4  | 33.3 |
| Wholesale trade                                              | 16.4                                 | 16.0 | 35.4  | 33.5 | 27.5  | 28.4 | 19.9        | 21.5 | 61.9                                    | 58.9 | 37.7  | 40.6 |
| Retail trade                                                 | 42.8                                 | 42.1 | 26.0  | 26.3 | 16.7  | 16.6 | 14.3        | 14.9 | 44.7                                    | 43.8 | 54.9  | 56.0 |
| Transportation and warehousing                               | 14.8                                 | 12.3 | 31.9  | 28.8 | 27.0  | 26.6 | 25.9        | 32.0 | 56.2                                    | 49.5 | 43.1  | 50.3 |
| Information                                                  | 16.9                                 | 16.6 | 37.8  | 40.1 | 26.1  | 24.9 | 19.0        | 18.1 | 58.8                                    | 62.2 | 40.9  | 37.7 |
| Finance and insurance                                        | 21.5                                 | 24.5 | 38.6  | 36.0 | 22.4  | 21.0 | 17.1        | 18.3 | 39.0                                    | 36.9 | 60.8  | 62.9 |
| Real estate and rental and leasing                           | 26.6                                 | 40.9 | 34.4  | 32.7 | 22.0  | 15.7 | 16.8        | 10.5 | 62.7                                    | 57.5 | 37.1  | 42.3 |
| Professional and technical services                          | 19.2                                 | 18.1 | 32.8  | 31.1 | 22.0  | 21.8 | 25.8        | 28.8 | 47.5                                    | 46.9 | 52.2  | 52.8 |
| Management of companies and enterprises                      | 13.1                                 | 14.6 | 30.5  | 32.9 | 27.4  | 27.7 | 29.0        | 24.8 | 46.8                                    | 52.6 | 52.2  | 47.2 |
| Administrative and waste services                            | 29.1                                 | 29.8 | 34.5  | 33.6 | 21.7  | 21.6 | 14.1        | 14.7 | 59.6                                    | 59.6 | 39.5  | 39.9 |
| Educational services                                         | 21.5                                 | 23.2 | 32.9  | 34.5 | 22.5  | 20.6 | 22.9        | 21.6 | 32.2                                    | 31.9 | 67.7  | 68.0 |
| Health care and social assistance                            | 18.7                                 | 19.9 | 36.9  | 36.5 | 24.6  | 24.2 | 19.3        | 19.4 | 16.8                                    | 15.1 | 82.9  | 84.7 |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation                          | 32.2                                 | 31.6 | 25.8  | 24.9 | 18.4  | 18.3 | 23.3        | 25.0 | 54.3                                    | 56.6 | 45.2  | 43.3 |
| Accommodation and food services                              | 24.1                                 | 25.1 | 30.3  | 27.7 | 25.4  | 25.1 | 19.9        | 21.3 | 41.9                                    | 38.2 | 57.5  | 61.7 |
| Other services, except public administration                 | 21.7                                 | 21.2 | 33.9  | 33.3 | 24.3  | 23.8 | 18.5        | 20.1 | 46.4                                    | 39.9 | 51.4  | 59.8 |
| Unclassified establishments                                  | 6.8                                  | –    | 27.2  | –    | 32.1  | –    | 34.0        | –    | 79.6                                    | –    | 20.4  | –    |
| <b>Reason for layoff</b>                                     |                                      |      |       |      |       |      |             |      |                                         |      |       |      |
| Business demand                                              | 18.1                                 | 20.2 | 35.6  | 36.2 | 27.6  | 25.9 | 18.0        | 17.5 | 71.9                                    | 71.9 | 27.3  | 27.8 |
| Contract cancellation                                        | 23.7                                 | 21.3 | 33.5  | 29.7 | 24.8  | 24.8 | 17.9        | 22.4 | 57.9                                    | 56.7 | 41.4  | 42.7 |
| Contract completion                                          | 21.6                                 | 20.8 | 37.5  | 38.1 | 25.3  | 25.4 | 15.2        | 15.5 | 78.5                                    | 77.7 | 20.8  | 21.9 |
| Domestic competition                                         | 25.7                                 | 33.1 | 34.3  | 32.6 | 25.0  | 18.9 | 14.9        | 15.3 | 55.9                                    | 61.2 | 21.0  | 38.6 |
| Excess inventory/saturated market                            | 14.6                                 | 23.6 | 32.3  | 28.8 | 26.3  | 23.5 | 21.9        | 24.0 | 77.1                                    | 65.8 | 22.6  | 34.2 |
| Import competition                                           | 8.8                                  | 15.2 | 29.7  | 32.7 | 29.1  | 26.1 | 25.8        | 25.9 | 56.2                                    | 50.9 | 43.3  | 49.1 |
| Slack work/insufficient demand/nonseasonal business slowdown | 16.7                                 | 19.1 | 35.3  | 34.7 | 28.7  | 26.7 | 18.8        | 19.2 | 70.3                                    | 66.9 | 28.9  | 32.9 |
| Organizational changes                                       | 15.3                                 | 25.2 | 36.4  | 31.6 | 28.7  | 23.4 | 19.4        | 19.5 | 57.2                                    | 48.5 | 42.0  | 51.1 |
| Business-ownership change                                    | 16.1                                 | 22.7 | 37.4  | 34.2 | 27.9  | 23.7 | 18.3        | 19.0 | 52.0                                    | 45.1 | 47.5  | 54.2 |
| Reorganization or restructuring of company                   | 15.2                                 | 25.8 | 36.2  | 31.0 | 28.8  | 23.3 | 19.6        | 19.6 | 58.1                                    | 49.2 | 41.0  | 50.4 |
| Financial issues                                             | 21.0                                 | 24.8 | 33.6  | 31.8 | 26.2  | 23.7 | 19.1        | 19.4 | 56.2                                    | 51.8 | 43.3  | 48.0 |
| Bankruptcy                                                   | 19.1                                 | 34.7 | 33.4  | 28.5 | 27.8  | 19.6 | 19.6        | 16.8 | 63.0                                    | 53.8 | 35.4  | 45.9 |
| Cost control/cost cutting/increase profitability             | 20.5                                 | 26.4 | 34.4  | 31.6 | 25.7  | 22.9 | 19.2        | 18.9 | 54.0                                    | 50.2 | 45.9  | 49.5 |
| Financial difficulty                                         | 24.2                                 | 17.8 | 31.8  | 33.2 | 25.5  | 27.1 | 18.1        | 21.7 | 54.5                                    | 54.9 | 45.2  | 45.0 |
| Production specific                                          | 15.2                                 | 26.1 | 34.9  | 32.4 | 28.2  | 23.6 | 21.4        | 17.7 | 50.7                                    | 57.4 | 39.6  | 42.1 |
| Automation/technological advances                            | 15.6                                 | 19.1 | 34.9  | 29.9 | 27.5  | 22.8 | 21.7        | 27.9 | 42.8                                    | 50.5 | 48.3  | 46.6 |
| Energy related                                               | 40.9                                 | 10.7 | 40.0  | 26.2 | 13.6  | 39.9 | 5.5         | 23.2 | 98.2                                    | 95.8 | 1.8   | 4.2  |
| Governmental regulations/intervention                        | 21.6                                 | 21.9 | 35.7  | 35.3 | 23.1  | 24.4 | 19.4        | 18.4 | 38.7                                    | 37.6 | 59.7  | 62.4 |
| Labor dispute/contract negotiations/strike                   | 14.9                                 | 9.4  | 35.8  | 33.9 | 32.2  | 34.1 | 17.0        | 22.1 | 76.1                                    | 79.8 | 23.9  | 20.2 |
| Material or supply shortage                                  | 19.9                                 | 21.5 | 32.2  | 37.7 | 25.8  | 28.7 | 22.1        | 12.1 | 50.1                                    | 68.4 | 49.9  | 31.6 |
| Model changeover                                             | 8.2                                  | 63.3 | 39.1  | 21.6 | 31.7  | 8.6  | 20.9        | 6.3  | 47.3                                    | 43.2 | 52.6  | 56.5 |
| Plant or machine repair/maintenance                          | 14.3                                 | 28.0 | 33.4  | 37.6 | 26.8  | 21.7 | 25.5        | 12.7 | 79.9                                    | 71.7 | 19.9  | 28.1 |
| Product line discontinued                                    | 7.2                                  | 8.7  | 33.1  | 28.0 | 34.2  | 35.5 | 24.9        | 27.7 | 42.3                                    | 63.0 | 18.3  | 37.0 |
| Disaster/safety                                              | 18.2                                 | 20.9 | 34.8  | 31.5 | 26.0  | 25.9 | 17.0        | 21.7 | 64.6                                    | 72.5 | 16.0  | 27.5 |
| Hazardous work environment                                   | 22.1                                 | 26.5 | 38.2  | 40.7 | 20.7  | 18.7 | 19.0        | 14.2 | 19.4                                    | 85.1 | –     | 14.9 |
| Natural disaster (not weather related)                       | –                                    | 15.1 | –     | 35.3 | –     | 31.3 | –           | 18.3 | –                                       | 89.7 | –     | 10.3 |
| Nonnatural disaster                                          | 23.7                                 | 17.3 | 35.0  | 32.5 | 27.6  | 31.2 | 13.5        | 19.0 | 61.8                                    | 87.5 | 38.2  | 12.5 |
| Extreme weather-related event                                | 13.2                                 | 23.7 | 33.4  | 28.5 | 27.2  | 22.1 | 18.4        | 25.7 | 84.4                                    | 55.1 | 8.5   | 44.9 |
| Seasonal                                                     | 18.8                                 | 19.4 | 31.0  | 30.4 | 26.2  | 25.7 | 23.8        | 24.3 | 52.8                                    | 52.4 | 46.6  | 47.4 |
| Seasonal                                                     | 20.8                                 | 21.3 | 31.6  | 30.9 | 25.9  | 25.3 | 21.6        | 22.4 | 60.9                                    | 58.8 | 38.5  | 41.0 |
| Vacation period–school related or otherwise                  | 11.8                                 | 11.9 | 28.9  | 28.3 | 27.2  | 27.2 | 31.5        | 32.4 | 24.7                                    | 26.1 | 74.8  | 73.9 |
| Other/miscellaneous                                          | 24.7                                 | 26.8 | 33.3  | 31.4 | 24.1  | 22.1 | 16.9        | 18.1 | 58.1                                    | 53.7 | 40.9  | 46.2 |
| Other                                                        | 22.3                                 | 25.6 | 34.3  | 35.4 | 24.7  | 22.1 | 16.6        | 15.4 | 61.1                                    | 62.6 | 38.1  | 37.1 |
| Data not provided: Refusal                                   | 31.7                                 | 31.5 | 31.9  | 29.7 | 21.3  | 20.1 | 14.5        | 15.8 | 57.2                                    | 50.6 | 42.4  | 49.3 |
| Data not provided: Does not know                             | 22.0                                 | 24.6 | 33.9  | 32.0 | 25.3  | 23.0 | 17.8        | 19.3 | 58.2                                    | 54.6 | 40.5  | 45.2 |

<sup>1</sup> Due to some nonreporting, sums of percentages within age and gender may not equal 100.0 percent.<sup>2</sup> Data on layoffs were reported by employers in all states and the District of Columbia.

NOTE: Dash represents zero.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics Program

Table 20. Claimants for unemployment insurance associated with extended mass layoff events, by state, private nonfarm sector, 2010

| State                               | Initial claims for unemployment insurance | Continued claims without earnings <sup>1</sup> |                                           | Final payments for unemployment insurance <sup>1</sup> |                                                          |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
|                                     |                                           | Number                                         | Average number filed per initial claimant | Number                                                 | Percentage of initial claimants receiving final payments |
| Total, private nonfarm <sup>2</sup> | 1,412,386                                 | 2,891,061                                      | 2.0                                       | 267,793                                                | 19.0                                                     |
| Alabama                             | 12,741                                    | 29,061                                         | 2.3                                       | 2,458                                                  | 19.3                                                     |
| Alaska                              | 11,055                                    | 20,364                                         | 1.8                                       | 2,305                                                  | 20.9                                                     |
| Arizona                             | 12,844                                    | 28,264                                         | 2.2                                       | 3,102                                                  | 24.2                                                     |
| Arkansas                            | 7,169                                     | 16,306                                         | 2.3                                       | 1,834                                                  | 25.6                                                     |
| California                          | 430,859                                   | 791,634                                        | 1.8                                       | 80,654                                                 | 18.7                                                     |
| Colorado                            | 9,806                                     | 30,846                                         | 3.1                                       | 465                                                    | 4.7                                                      |
| Connecticut                         | 11,611                                    | 35,132                                         | 3.0                                       | 3,135                                                  | 27.0                                                     |
| Delaware                            | 1,717                                     | 2,768                                          | 1.6                                       | 128                                                    | 7.5                                                      |
| District of Columbia                | 1,501                                     | 5,034                                          | 3.4                                       | 222                                                    | 14.8                                                     |
| Florida                             | 64,522                                    | 175,612                                        | 2.7                                       | 23,252                                                 | 36.0                                                     |
| Georgia                             | 14,096                                    | 27,128                                         | 1.9                                       | 4,637                                                  | 32.9                                                     |
| Hawaii                              | 1,143                                     | 2,821                                          | 2.5                                       | 230                                                    | 20.1                                                     |
| Idaho                               | 3,986                                     | 6,107                                          | 1.5                                       | 853                                                    | 21.4                                                     |
| Illinois                            | 86,384                                    | 197,149                                        | 2.3                                       | 14,416                                                 | 16.7                                                     |
| Indiana                             | 20,314                                    | 42,371                                         | 2.1                                       | 4,287                                                  | 21.1                                                     |
| Iowa                                | 8,545                                     | 19,607                                         | 2.3                                       | 764                                                    | 8.9                                                      |
| Kansas                              | 8,996                                     | 16,642                                         | 1.8                                       | 1,445                                                  | 16.1                                                     |
| Kentucky                            | 11,500                                    | 3,575                                          | .3                                        | 2,601                                                  | 22.6                                                     |
| Louisiana                           | 14,075                                    | 30,293                                         | 2.2                                       | 2,689                                                  | 19.1                                                     |
| Maine                               | 4,576                                     | 9,363                                          | 2.0                                       | 807                                                    | 17.6                                                     |
| Maryland                            | 11,277                                    | 32,723                                         | 2.9                                       | 2,264                                                  | 20.1                                                     |
| Massachusetts                       | 11,827                                    | 27,104                                         | 2.3                                       | 2,880                                                  | 24.4                                                     |
| Michigan                            | 23,269                                    | 56,545                                         | 2.4                                       | 4,640                                                  | 19.9                                                     |
| Minnesota                           | 18,515                                    | 41,227                                         | 2.2                                       | 2,171                                                  | 11.7                                                     |
| Mississippi                         | 4,979                                     | 11,578                                         | 2.3                                       | 1,075                                                  | 21.6                                                     |
| Missouri                            | 23,823                                    | 49,525                                         | 2.1                                       | 2,069                                                  | 8.7                                                      |
| Montana                             | 3,336                                     | 5,999                                          | 1.8                                       | 632                                                    | 18.9                                                     |
| Nebraska                            | 2,827                                     | 4,927                                          | 1.7                                       | 173                                                    | 6.1                                                      |
| Nevada                              | 16,845                                    | 30,216                                         | 1.8                                       | 3,752                                                  | 22.3                                                     |
| New Hampshire                       | 2,789                                     | 5,130                                          | 1.8                                       | 203                                                    | 7.3                                                      |
| New Jersey                          | 44,874                                    | 106,422                                        | 2.4                                       | 9,417                                                  | 21.0                                                     |
| New Mexico                          | 6,000                                     | 15,827                                         | 2.6                                       | 1,308                                                  | 21.8                                                     |
| New York                            | 118,151                                   | 248,886                                        | 2.1                                       | 18,905                                                 | 16.0                                                     |
| North Carolina                      | 32,395                                    | 78,199                                         | 2.4                                       | 9,301                                                  | 28.7                                                     |
| North Dakota                        | 3,005                                     | 5,159                                          | 1.7                                       | 777                                                    | 25.9                                                     |
| Ohio                                | 54,566                                    | 112,851                                        | 2.1                                       | 8,862                                                  | 16.2                                                     |
| Oklahoma                            | 3,156                                     | 7,048                                          | 2.2                                       | 677                                                    | 21.5                                                     |
| Oregon                              | 22,378                                    | 34,333                                         | 1.5                                       | 3,338                                                  | 14.9                                                     |
| Pennsylvania                        | 85,827                                    | 158,887                                        | 1.9                                       | 10,192                                                 | 11.9                                                     |
| Rhode Island                        | 4,126                                     | 8,146                                          | 2.0                                       | 493                                                    | 11.9                                                     |
| South Carolina                      | 16,608                                    | 34,113                                         | 2.1                                       | 3,321                                                  | 20.0                                                     |
| South Dakota                        | 145                                       | 87                                             | .6                                        | 1                                                      | .7                                                       |
| Tennessee                           | 19,020                                    | 50,302                                         | 2.6                                       | 5,175                                                  | 27.2                                                     |
| Texas                               | 43,421                                    | 94,969                                         | 2.2                                       | 11,239                                                 | 25.9                                                     |
| Utah                                | 6,482                                     | 11,904                                         | 1.8                                       | 951                                                    | 14.7                                                     |
| Vermont                             | 2,216                                     | 3,682                                          | 1.7                                       | 438                                                    | 19.8                                                     |
| Virginia                            | 21,838                                    | 40,137                                         | 1.8                                       | 3,761                                                  | 17.2                                                     |
| Washington                          | 24,967                                    | 48,524                                         | 1.9                                       | 4,082                                                  | 16.3                                                     |
| West Virginia                       | 3,347                                     | 7,622                                          | 2.3                                       | 130                                                    | 3.9                                                      |
| Wisconsin                           | 41,784                                    | 66,400                                         | 1.6                                       | 4,937                                                  | 11.8                                                     |
| Wyoming                             | 1,153                                     | 2,512                                          | 2.2                                       | 345                                                    | 29.9                                                     |
| Puerto Rico                         | 14,153                                    | 32,384                                         | 2.3                                       | 716                                                    | 5.1                                                      |

<sup>1</sup> The Mass Layoff Statistics (MLS) program tracks continued claim activity for initial claimants associated with extended mass layoffs once a month during the Current Population Survey (CPS) reference week, which is usually the week including the 12th day of the month. Continued claims with earnings are excluded because individuals who make such claims are classified as employed in the CPS. Final payment information for MLS claimants is collected weekly. (See the technical note for additional information.)

<sup>2</sup> Data on layoffs were reported by employers in all states and the District of Columbia.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics Program

Table 21. Claimants for unemployment insurance associated with extended mass layoff events, by industry and reason for layoff, private nonfarm sector, 2010

| Measure                                                            | Initial claims for unemployment insurance | Continued claims without earnings <sup>1</sup> |                                           | Final payments for unemployment insurance <sup>1</sup> |                                                          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                    |                                           | Number                                         | Average number filed per initial claimant | Number                                                 | Percentage of initial claimants receiving final payments |
| Total, private nonfarm <sup>2</sup>                                | 1,412,386                                 | 2,891,061                                      | 2.0                                       | 267,793                                                | 19.0                                                     |
| <b>Industry</b>                                                    |                                           |                                                |                                           |                                                        |                                                          |
| Mining .....                                                       | 8,246                                     | 16,727                                         | 2.0                                       | 969                                                    | 11.8                                                     |
| Utilities .....                                                    | 3,266                                     | 7,120                                          | 2.2                                       | 722                                                    | 22.1                                                     |
| Construction .....                                                 | 251,417                                   | 481,941                                        | 1.9                                       | 36,684                                                 | 14.6                                                     |
| Manufacturing .....                                                | 257,712                                   | 543,492                                        | 2.1                                       | 51,672                                                 | 20.1                                                     |
| Wholesale trade .....                                              | 17,319                                    | 47,477                                         | 2.7                                       | 4,604                                                  | 26.6                                                     |
| Retail trade .....                                                 | 152,959                                   | 313,115                                        | 2.0                                       | 35,693                                                 | 23.3                                                     |
| Transportation and warehousing .....                               | 105,099                                   | 166,793                                        | 1.6                                       | 10,210                                                 | 9.7                                                      |
| Information .....                                                  | 76,222                                    | 130,793                                        | 1.7                                       | 12,256                                                 | 16.1                                                     |
| Finance and insurance .....                                        | 53,291                                    | 156,740                                        | 2.9                                       | 16,251                                                 | 30.5                                                     |
| Real estate and rental and leasing .....                           | 9,575                                     | 23,753                                         | 2.5                                       | 2,770                                                  | 28.9                                                     |
| Professional and technical services .....                          | 63,189                                    | 145,337                                        | 2.3                                       | 19,684                                                 | 31.2                                                     |
| Management of companies and enterprises .....                      | 4,815                                     | 13,942                                         | 2.9                                       | 1,143                                                  | 23.7                                                     |
| Administrative and waste services .....                            | 172,897                                   | 380,110                                        | 2.2                                       | 42,120                                                 | 24.4                                                     |
| Educational services .....                                         | 13,284                                    | 27,681                                         | 2.1                                       | 2,656                                                  | 20.0                                                     |
| Health care and social assistance .....                            | 49,243                                    | 120,980                                        | 2.5                                       | 8,537                                                  | 17.3                                                     |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation .....                          | 34,023                                    | 70,706                                         | 2.1                                       | 5,414                                                  | 15.9                                                     |
| Accommodation and food services .....                              | 120,411                                   | 203,332                                        | 1.7                                       | 13,015                                                 | 10.8                                                     |
| Other services, except public administration .....                 | 19,418                                    | 41,022                                         | 2.1                                       | 3,393                                                  | 17.5                                                     |
| Unclassified establishments .....                                  | —                                         | —                                              | —                                         | —                                                      | —                                                        |
| <b>Reason for layoff</b>                                           |                                           |                                                |                                           |                                                        |                                                          |
| Business demand .....                                              | 509,089                                   | 1,000,266                                      | 2.0                                       | 99,341                                                 | 19.5                                                     |
| Contract cancellation .....                                        | 24,989                                    | 59,368                                         | 2.4                                       | 6,596                                                  | 26.4                                                     |
| Contract completion .....                                          | 262,846                                   | 484,828                                        | 1.8                                       | 49,738                                                 | 18.9                                                     |
| Domestic competition .....                                         | 2,458                                     | 7,442                                          | 3.0                                       | 749                                                    | 30.5                                                     |
| Excess inventory/saturated market .....                            | 3,359                                     | 7,764                                          | 2.3                                       | 902                                                    | 26.9                                                     |
| Import competition .....                                           | 1,006                                     | 3,328                                          | 3.3                                       | 314                                                    | 31.2                                                     |
| Slack work/insufficient demand/nonseasonal business slowdown ..... | 214,431                                   | 437,536                                        | 2.0                                       | 41,042                                                 | 19.1                                                     |
| Organizational changes .....                                       | 80,192                                    | 221,843                                        | 2.8                                       | 24,358                                                 | 30.4                                                     |
| Business-ownership change .....                                    | 13,819                                    | 43,870                                         | 3.2                                       | 4,391                                                  | 31.8                                                     |
| Reorganization or restructuring of company .....                   | 66,373                                    | 177,973                                        | 2.7                                       | 19,967                                                 | 30.1                                                     |
| Financial issues .....                                             | 103,762                                   | 298,245                                        | 2.9                                       | 32,228                                                 | 31.1                                                     |
| Bankruptcy .....                                                   | 9,055                                     | 27,967                                         | 3.1                                       | 2,895                                                  | 32.0                                                     |
| Cost control/cost cutting/increase profitability .....             | 66,594                                    | 172,002                                        | 2.6                                       | 19,180                                                 | 28.8                                                     |
| Financial difficulty .....                                         | 28,113                                    | 98,276                                         | 3.5                                       | 10,153                                                 | 36.1                                                     |
| Production specific .....                                          | 8,459                                     | 20,820                                         | 2.5                                       | 1,665                                                  | 19.7                                                     |
| Automation/technological advances .....                            | 1,246                                     | 2,825                                          | 2.3                                       | 169                                                    | 13.6                                                     |
| Energy related .....                                               | 168                                       | 308                                            | 1.8                                       | 22                                                     | 13.1                                                     |
| Governmental regulations/intervention .....                        | 2,079                                     | 7,542                                          | 3.6                                       | 689                                                    | 33.1                                                     |
| Labor dispute/contract negotiations/strike .....                   | 1,281                                     | 5,261                                          | 4.1                                       | 199                                                    | 15.5                                                     |
| Material or supply shortage .....                                  | 247                                       | 371                                            | 1.5                                       | 16                                                     | 6.5                                                      |
| Model changeover .....                                             | 1,214                                     | 2,209                                          | 1.8                                       | 280                                                    | 23.1                                                     |
| Plant or machine repair/maintenance .....                          | 1,878                                     | 1,736                                          | .9                                        | 145                                                    | 7.7                                                      |
| Product line discontinued .....                                    | 346                                       | 568                                            | 1.6                                       | 145                                                    | 41.9                                                     |
| Disaster/safety .....                                              | 3,225                                     | 7,067                                          | 2.2                                       | 624                                                    | 19.3                                                     |
| Hazardous work environment .....                                   | 268                                       | 389                                            | 1.5                                       | 74                                                     | 27.6                                                     |
| Natural disaster (not weather related) .....                       | 252                                       | 535                                            | 2.1                                       | 22                                                     | 8.7                                                      |
| Nonnatural disaster .....                                          | 1,209                                     | 2,842                                          | 2.4                                       | 223                                                    | 18.4                                                     |
| Extreme weather-related event .....                                | 1,496                                     | 3,301                                          | 2.2                                       | 305                                                    | 20.4                                                     |
| Seasonal .....                                                     | 442,596                                   | 833,388                                        | 1.9                                       | 60,815                                                 | 13.7                                                     |
| Seasonal .....                                                     | 356,989                                   | 687,719                                        | 1.9                                       | 55,459                                                 | 15.5                                                     |
| Vacation period—school related or otherwise .....                  | 85,607                                    | 145,669                                        | 1.7                                       | 5,356                                                  | 6.3                                                      |
| Other/miscellaneous .....                                          | 265,063                                   | 509,432                                        | 1.9                                       | 48,762                                                 | 18.4                                                     |
| Other .....                                                        | 9,694                                     | 21,401                                         | 2.2                                       | 2,075                                                  | 21.4                                                     |
| Data not provided: Refusal .....                                   | 79,920                                    | 144,608                                        | 1.8                                       | 14,277                                                 | 17.9                                                     |
| Data not provided: Does not know .....                             | 175,449                                   | 343,423                                        | 2.0                                       | 32,410                                                 | 18.5                                                     |
| <b>Other selected measures</b>                                     |                                           |                                                |                                           |                                                        |                                                          |
| Worksite closures .....                                            | 118,575                                   | 355,225                                        | 3.0                                       | 38,069                                                 | 32.1                                                     |
| Recall expected .....                                              | 665,888                                   | 1,208,285                                      | 1.8                                       | 92,705                                                 | 13.9                                                     |
| No recall expected .....                                           | 399,051                                   | 1,022,304                                      | 2.6                                       | 113,377                                                | 28.4                                                     |

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NOTE: Dash represents zero.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics Program

Table 22. Claimants for unemployment insurance, based on residency, associated with extended mass layoff events, 50 highest metropolitan areas, private nonfarm sector, 2010

| Metropolitan area                                       | Initial claims for unemployment insurance | Continued claims without earnings <sup>1</sup> |                                           | Final payments for unemployment insurance <sup>1</sup> |                                                          |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                         |                                           | Number                                         | Average number filed per initial claimant | Number                                                 | Percentage of initial claimants receiving final payments |
| Total, 372 metropolitan areas <sup>2</sup>              | 1,164,598                                 | 2,411,632                                      | 2.1                                       | 227,940                                                | 19.6                                                     |
| Total, top 50 metropolitan areas <sup>3</sup>           | 831,751                                   | 1,712,404                                      | 2.1                                       | 163,560                                                | 19.7                                                     |
| Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, Calif.                | 147,478                                   | 237,335                                        | 1.6                                       | 23,377                                                 | 15.9                                                     |
| New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, N.Y.-N.J.-Pa. | 100,658                                   | 219,300                                        | 2.2                                       | 18,446                                                 | 18.3                                                     |
| Chicago-Joliet-Naperville, Ill.-Ind.-Wis.               | 55,067                                    | 133,789                                        | 2.4                                       | 10,397                                                 | 18.9                                                     |
| Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, Calif.                | 48,731                                    | 87,639                                         | 1.8                                       | 9,111                                                  | 18.7                                                     |
| San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, Calif.                   | 47,884                                    | 97,049                                         | 2.0                                       | 9,943                                                  | 20.8                                                     |
| San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos, Calif.                   | 30,265                                    | 57,482                                         | 1.9                                       | 5,957                                                  | 19.7                                                     |
| Sacramento—Arden-Arcade—Roseville, Calif.               | 23,503                                    | 51,443                                         | 2.2                                       | 5,316                                                  | 22.6                                                     |
| Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, Pa.-N.J.-Del.-Md.       | 22,684                                    | 48,868                                         | 2.2                                       | 3,831                                                  | 16.9                                                     |
| San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, Calif.                  | 18,278                                    | 38,952                                         | 2.1                                       | 4,095                                                  | 22.4                                                     |
| Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach, Fla.               | 17,172                                    | 52,450                                         | 3.1                                       | 6,961                                                  | 40.5                                                     |
| Pittsburgh, Pa.                                         | 16,034                                    | 31,371                                         | 2.0                                       | 2,107                                                  | 13.1                                                     |
| Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, Texas                       | 13,890                                    | 29,914                                         | 2.2                                       | 3,389                                                  | 24.4                                                     |
| Las Vegas-Paradise, Nev.                                | 13,684                                    | 23,880                                         | 1.7                                       | 2,818                                                  | 20.6                                                     |
| St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.                                     | 13,662                                    | 29,129                                         | 2.1                                       | 1,484                                                  | 10.9                                                     |
| Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, Wash.                          | 13,093                                    | 28,635                                         | 2.2                                       | 2,487                                                  | 19.0                                                     |
| Fresno, Calif.                                          | 11,953                                    | 22,861                                         | 1.9                                       | 2,499                                                  | 20.9                                                     |
| Stockton, Calif.                                        | 11,814                                    | 26,954                                         | 2.3                                       | 3,038                                                  | 25.7                                                     |
| Modesto, Calif.                                         | 11,434                                    | 22,675                                         | 2.0                                       | 2,710                                                  | 23.7                                                     |
| Detroit-Warren-Livonia, Mich.                           | 9,794                                     | 24,888                                         | 2.5                                       | 2,241                                                  | 22.9                                                     |
| Bakersfield-DeLano, Calif.                              | 9,596                                     | 17,870                                         | 1.9                                       | 1,588                                                  | 16.5                                                     |
| Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, Fla.                   | 9,532                                     | 26,972                                         | 2.8                                       | 3,677                                                  | 38.6                                                     |
| Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis, Wis.                     | 9,172                                     | 16,478                                         | 1.8                                       | 1,391                                                  | 15.2                                                     |
| Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor, Ohio                           | 9,010                                     | 15,723                                         | 1.7                                       | 1,332                                                  | 14.8                                                     |
| Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, Ore.-Wash.                | 8,495                                     | 16,111                                         | 1.9                                       | 1,660                                                  | 19.5                                                     |
| Phoenix-Mesa-Glendale, Ariz.                            | 8,356                                     | 18,419                                         | 2.2                                       | 1,868                                                  | 22.4                                                     |
| Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura, Calif.                    | 8,118                                     | 14,060                                         | 1.7                                       | 1,357                                                  | 16.7                                                     |
| Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, Mass.-N.H.                     | 7,917                                     | 17,077                                         | 2.2                                       | 1,718                                                  | 21.7                                                     |
| Buffalo-Niagara Falls, N.Y.                             | 7,526                                     | 13,863                                         | 1.8                                       | 873                                                    | 11.6                                                     |
| Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, Fla.                         | 7,505                                     | 20,484                                         | 2.7                                       | 2,687                                                  | 35.8                                                     |
| Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, Texas                      | 7,187                                     | 19,425                                         | 2.7                                       | 2,592                                                  | 36.1                                                     |
| Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, Minn.-Wis.            | 7,029                                     | 17,547                                         | 2.5                                       | 1,186                                                  | 16.9                                                     |
| Baltimore-Towson, Md.                                   | 6,969                                     | 21,084                                         | 3.0                                       | 1,486                                                  | 21.3                                                     |
| Cincinnati-Middletown, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.                    | 6,776                                     | 16,538                                         | 2.4                                       | 1,516                                                  | 22.4                                                     |
| Jacksonville, Fla.                                      | 6,577                                     | 15,618                                         | 2.4                                       | 1,904                                                  | 28.9                                                     |
| Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, Va.-N.C.           | 6,461                                     | 11,895                                         | 1.8                                       | 1,178                                                  | 18.2                                                     |
| Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, Ga.                     | 6,128                                     | 12,627                                         | 2.1                                       | 2,377                                                  | 38.8                                                     |
| Vallejo-Fairfield, Calif.                               | 5,931                                     | 11,717                                         | 2.0                                       | 1,162                                                  | 19.6                                                     |
| Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, N.C.-S.C.                 | 5,860                                     | 15,544                                         | 2.7                                       | 1,911                                                  | 32.6                                                     |
| Scranton—Wilkes-Barre, Pa.                              | 5,848                                     | 10,571                                         | 1.8                                       | 695                                                    | 11.9                                                     |
| Atlantic City-Hammonton, N.J.                           | 5,772                                     | 9,720                                          | 1.7                                       | 636                                                    | 11.0                                                     |
| Rochester, N.Y.                                         | 5,664                                     | 12,428                                         | 2.2                                       | 924                                                    | 16.3                                                     |
| Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, D.C.-Va.-Md.-W.Va.     | 5,483                                     | 14,779                                         | 2.7                                       | 910                                                    | 16.6                                                     |
| Kansas City, Mo.-Kan.                                   | 5,337                                     | 12,114                                         | 2.3                                       | 705                                                    | 13.2                                                     |
| Visalia-Porterville, Calif.                             | 4,899                                     | 9,027                                          | 1.8                                       | 892                                                    | 18.2                                                     |
| Indianapolis-Carmel, Ind.                               | 4,758                                     | 11,437                                         | 2.4                                       | 1,153                                                  | 24.2                                                     |
| Columbus, Ohio                                          | 4,704                                     | 11,557                                         | 2.5                                       | 956                                                    | 20.3                                                     |
| Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, Pa.-N.J.                    | 4,617                                     | 9,173                                          | 2.0                                       | 638                                                    | 13.8                                                     |
| Nashville-Davidson—Murfreesboro—Franklin, Tenn.         | 4,560                                     | 11,316                                         | 2.5                                       | 1,068                                                  | 23.4                                                     |
| Providence-Fall River-Warwick, R.I.-Mass.               | 4,466                                     | 8,887                                          | 2.0                                       | 579                                                    | 13.0                                                     |
| Merced, Calif.                                          | 4,420                                     | 7,729                                          | 1.7                                       | 734                                                    | 16.6                                                     |

<sup>1</sup> The Mass Layoff Statistics (MLS) program tracks continued claim activity for initial claimants associated with extended mass layoffs once a month during the Current Population Survey (CPS) reference week, which is usually the week including the 12th day of the month. Continued claims with earnings are excluded because individuals who make such claims are classified as employed in the CPS. Final payment information for MLS claimants is collected weekly. (See the technical note for additional information.)

<sup>2</sup> Data on layoffs were reported by employers in all states and the District of Columbia.

<sup>3</sup> The 50 highest metropolitan areas in terms of the level of extended mass layoff initial claims activity are shown.

NOTE: The geographic boundaries of the metropolitan areas shown in this table are defined in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Bulletin 10-22, December 01, 2009.

Table 23. Unemployment insurance benefit exhaustion rates by selected claimant characteristics, private nonfarm sector, 2010

| Characteristic                            | Initial claims for unemployment insurance | Final payments for unemployment insurance <sup>1</sup> | Percentage of initial claimants receiving final payments |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Total, private nonfarm <sup>2</sup> ..... | 1,412,386                                 | 267,793                                                | 19.0                                                     |
| <b>Age</b>                                |                                           |                                                        |                                                          |
| Under 30 years of age .....               | 308,456                                   | 59,287                                                 | 19.2                                                     |
| 30–44 .....                               | 463,805                                   | 85,699                                                 | 18.5                                                     |
| 45–54 .....                               | 350,303                                   | 63,207                                                 | 18.0                                                     |
| 55 years of age or over .....             | 282,671                                   | 59,049                                                 | 20.9                                                     |
| Not available .....                       | 7,151                                     | 551                                                    | 7.7                                                      |
| <b>Gender</b>                             |                                           |                                                        |                                                          |
| Male .....                                | 840,288                                   | 147,816                                                | 17.6                                                     |
| Female .....                              | 568,425                                   | 119,174                                                | 21.0                                                     |
| Not available .....                       | 3,673                                     | 803                                                    | 21.9                                                     |
| <b>Race/ethnicity</b>                     |                                           |                                                        |                                                          |
| White .....                               | 764,502                                   | 128,951                                                | 16.9                                                     |
| Black .....                               | 213,744                                   | 52,212                                                 | 24.4                                                     |
| Hispanic origin .....                     | 277,211                                   | 54,531                                                 | 19.7                                                     |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....    | 10,904                                    | 2,252                                                  | 20.7                                                     |
| Asian or Pacific Islander .....           | 48,943                                    | 10,323                                                 | 21.1                                                     |
| Not available .....                       | 97,082                                    | 19,524                                                 | 20.1                                                     |

<sup>1</sup> Final payment information for Mass Layoff Statistics claimants is collected weekly. (See the technical note for additional information.)

<sup>2</sup> Data on layoffs were reported by employers in all states and the District of Columbia.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics Program

Table 24. Census region and division: extended mass layoff events, separations, and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, private nonfarm sector, 2008–2010

| Census region and division       | Layoff events |        |       | Separations |           |           | Initial claimants for unemployment insurance |           |           |
|----------------------------------|---------------|--------|-------|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                  | 2008          | 2009   | 2010  | 2008        | 2009      | 2010      | 2008                                         | 2009      | 2010      |
| United States <sup>1</sup> ..... | 8,259         | 11,824 | 7,247 | 1,516,978   | 2,108,202 | 1,256,606 | 1,670,042                                    | 2,442,000 | 1,412,386 |
| Northeast .....                  | 1,355         | 2,145  | 1,545 | 246,330     | 366,195   | 238,752   | 260,916                                      | 405,859   | 285,997   |
| New England .....                | 219           | 341    | 235   | 36,816      | 55,334    | 42,604    | 34,022                                       | 55,346    | 37,145    |
| Middle Atlantic .....            | 1,136         | 1,804  | 1,310 | 209,514     | 310,861   | 196,148   | 226,894                                      | 350,513   | 248,852   |
| South .....                      | 1,645         | 2,438  | 1,377 | 305,650     | 455,977   | 247,465   | 329,693                                      | 505,456   | 283,362   |
| South Atlantic .....             | 888           | 1,383  | 789   | 173,612     | 255,522   | 142,956   | 179,648                                      | 303,424   | 167,301   |
| East South Central .....         | 374           | 506    | 275   | 60,788      | 92,000    | 49,527    | 71,316                                       | 95,743    | 48,240    |
| West South Central .....         | 383           | 549    | 313   | 71,250      | 108,455   | 54,982    | 78,729                                       | 106,289   | 67,821    |
| Midwest .....                    | 2,349         | 3,129  | 1,671 | 460,641     | 575,897   | 281,873   | 562,953                                      | 736,516   | 292,173   |
| East North Central .....         | 1,810         | 2,370  | 1,259 | 371,227     | 450,852   | 211,273   | 467,181                                      | 589,642   | 226,317   |
| West North Central .....         | 539           | 759    | 412   | 89,414      | 125,045   | 70,600    | 95,772                                       | 146,874   | 65,856    |
| West .....                       | 2,910         | 4,112  | 2,654 | 504,357     | 710,133   | 488,516   | 516,480                                      | 794,169   | 550,854   |
| Mountain .....                   | 420           | 680    | 379   | 89,810      | 118,740   | 80,584    | 70,900                                       | 118,941   | 60,452    |
| Pacific .....                    | 2,490         | 3,432  | 2,275 | 414,547     | 591,393   | 407,932   | 445,580                                      | 675,228   | 490,402   |

<sup>1</sup> Data on layoffs were reported by employers in all states and the District of Columbia.

NOTE: The states (and the District of Columbia) that make up the census divisions are as follows: 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.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics Program

Table 25. State distribution: extended mass layoff events, separations, and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, private nonfarm sector, 2008–2010

| State                               | Layoff events |        |                  | Separations |           |                  | Initial claimants for unemployment insurance |           |                  |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------|------------------|-------------|-----------|------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
|                                     | 2008          | 2009   | 2010             | 2008        | 2009      | 2010             | 2008                                         | 2009      | 2010             |
| Total, private nonfarm <sup>1</sup> | 8,259         | 11,824 | 7,247            | 1,516,978   | 2,108,202 | 1,256,606        | 1,670,042                                    | 2,442,000 | 1,412,386        |
| Alabama                             | 60            | 79     | 47               | 13,237      | 22,102    | 10,752           | 18,214                                       | 24,501    | 12,741           |
| Alaska                              | 22            | 46     | 48               | 11,212      | 16,709    | 13,681           | 5,116                                        | 10,653    | 11,055           |
| Arizona                             | 64            | 129    | 73               | 11,578      | 21,402    | 14,714           | 10,170                                       | 21,441    | 12,844           |
| Arkansas                            | 48            | 49     | 31               | 7,755       | 9,407     | 4,122            | 9,025                                        | 9,845     | 7,169            |
| California                          | 2,161         | 2,944  | 1,984            | 343,867     | 496,952   | 356,179          | 375,422                                      | 568,650   | 430,859          |
| Colorado                            | 59            | 129    | 73               | 23,123      | 24,057    | 19,052           | 7,884                                        | 17,772    | 9,806            |
| Connecticut                         | 47            | 84     | 64               | 9,721       | 15,151    | 14,774           | 8,825                                        | 14,246    | 11,611           |
| Delaware                            | 11            | 25     | 15               | 1,305       | 4,478     | 1,990            | 1,345                                        | 3,426     | 1,717            |
| District of Columbia                | 8             | 12     | 12               | 1,091       | 1,464     | 1,501            | 936                                          | 1,464     | 1,501            |
| Florida                             | 480           | 629    | 264              | 105,619     | 138,840   | 66,590           | 93,111                                       | 133,430   | 64,522           |
| Georgia                             | 114           | 136    | 76               | 15,504      | 20,536    | 8,542            | 30,610                                       | 39,458    | 14,096           |
| Hawaii                              | 32            | 34     | 10               | 8,415       | 3,811     | 1,153            | 5,611                                        | 4,216     | 1,143            |
| Idaho                               | 93            | 54     | 31               | 12,904      | 8,337     | 5,262            | 13,492                                       | 8,831     | 3,986            |
| Illinois                            | 591           | 745    | 460              | 120,268     | 140,451   | 81,890           | 122,380                                      | 159,241   | 86,384           |
| Indiana                             | 289           | 277    | 114              | 46,816      | 39,600    | 12,835           | 80,622                                       | 54,396    | 20,314           |
| Iowa                                | 79            | 87     | 33               | 10,208      | 10,473    | 5,832            | 19,926                                       | 24,057    | 8,545            |
| Kansas                              | 55            | 89     | 49               | 8,042       | 19,818    | 6,843            | 8,188                                        | 25,611    | 8,996            |
| Kentucky                            | 125           | 198    | 92               | 17,323      | 35,464    | 15,401           | 19,270                                       | 33,871    | 11,500           |
| Louisiana                           | 100           | 128    | 89               | 17,248      | 23,288    | 18,259           | 16,455                                       | 19,124    | 14,075           |
| Maine                               | 17            | 33     | 31               | 4,220       | 7,826     | 5,210            | 2,611                                        | 5,572     | 4,576            |
| Maryland                            | 54            | 84     | 79               | 7,218       | 9,973     | 13,785           | 7,246                                        | 10,217    | 11,277           |
| Massachusetts                       | 107           | 133    | 82               | 16,684      | 19,669    | 11,917           | 16,562                                       | 23,113    | 11,827           |
| Michigan                            | 385           | 442    | 162              | 81,728      | 89,727    | 20,798           | 135,728                                      | 164,130   | 23,269           |
| Minnesota                           | 169           | 274    | 128              | 28,618      | 39,799    | 18,609           | 28,250                                       | 44,512    | 18,515           |
| Mississippi                         | 59            | 54     | 41               | 10,176      | 6,865     | 7,077            | 8,516                                        | 5,241     | 4,979            |
| Missouri                            | 201           | 245    | 156              | 37,705      | 45,179    | 31,561           | 35,337                                       | 43,484    | 23,823           |
| Montana                             | 32            | 35     | 31               | 3,278       | 4,971     | 5,411            | 3,903                                        | 4,441     | 3,336            |
| Nebraska                            | 19            | 24     | 24               | 2,782       | 4,168     | 5,172            | 2,166                                        | 3,399     | 2,827            |
| Nevada                              | 94            | 195    | 80               | 18,926      | 33,851    | 13,923           | 22,542                                       | 44,547    | 16,845           |
| New Hampshire                       | 12            | 26     | 18               | 1,842       | 3,994     | 3,627            | 1,434                                        | 3,957     | 2,789            |
| New Jersey                          | 248           | 340    | 224              | 53,465      | 67,947    | 51,003           | 46,436                                       | 60,114    | 44,874           |
| New Mexico                          | 38            | 65     | 45               | 5,662       | 10,991    | 8,387            | 5,886                                        | 9,168     | 6,000            |
| New York                            | 413           | 695    | 642              | 86,014      | 125,569   | 93,181           | 80,112                                       | 130,062   | 118,151          |
| North Carolina                      | 69            | 206    | 126              | 11,596      | 33,602    | 12,315           | 15,500                                       | 62,723    | 32,395           |
| North Dakota                        | 11            | 31     | 21               | 1,364       | 4,659     | 2,433            | 1,364                                        | 4,942     | 3,005            |
| Ohio                                | 385           | 562    | 318              | 88,507      | 114,879   | 51,466           | 87,352                                       | 135,786   | 54,566           |
| Oklahoma                            | 32            | 64     | 13               | 7,670       | 12,162    | 2,981            | 6,549                                        | 11,927    | 3,156            |
| Oregon                              | 130           | 189    | 94               | 26,616      | 33,750    | 20,972           | 34,552                                       | 46,505    | 22,378           |
| Pennsylvania                        | 475           | 769    | 444              | 70,035      | 117,345   | 51,964           | 100,346                                      | 160,337   | 85,827           |
| Rhode Island                        | 21            | 30     | 25               | 2,408       | 2,969     | 4,282            | 2,428                                        | 2,898     | 4,126            |
| South Carolina                      | 84            | 136    | 87               | 18,074      | 19,780    | 15,974           | 19,976                                       | 23,029    | 16,608           |
| South Dakota                        | 5             | 9      | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 695         | 949       | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 541                                          | 869       | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Tennessee                           | 130           | 175    | 95               | 20,052      | 27,569    | 16,297           | 25,316                                       | 32,130    | 19,020           |
| Texas                               | 203           | 308    | 180              | 38,577      | 63,598    | 29,620           | 46,700                                       | 65,393    | 43,421           |
| Utah                                | 34            | 63     | 39               | 9,812       | 9,980     | 9,352            | 6,509                                        | 11,412    | 6,482            |
| Vermont                             | 15            | 35     | 15               | 1,941       | 5,725     | 2,794            | 2,162                                        | 5,560     | 2,216            |
| Virginia                            | 48            | 106    | 109              | 10,347      | 17,682    | 17,946           | 8,391                                        | 22,909    | 21,838           |
| Washington                          | 145           | 219    | 139              | 24,437      | 40,171    | 15,947           | 24,879                                       | 45,204    | 24,967           |
| West Virginia                       | 20            | 49     | 21               | 2,858       | 9,167     | 4,313            | 2,533                                        | 6,768     | 3,347            |
| Wisconsin                           | 160           | 344    | 205              | 33,908      | 66,195    | 44,284           | 41,099                                       | 76,089    | 41,784           |
| Wyoming                             | 6             | 10     | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 4,527       | 5,151     | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 514                                          | 1,329     | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Puerto Rico                         | 47            | 51     | 48               | 4,391       | 5,635     | 5,353            | 10,281                                       | 11,201    | 14,153           |

<sup>1</sup> Data on layoffs were reported by employers in all states and the District of Columbia.

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

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics Program

Table 26. The 50 metropolitan areas with the largest number of initial claimants associated with extended mass layoff events in 2010, by residency of claimants, private nonfarm sector

| Metropolitan area                                       | 2009                                         |                   | 2010                                         |                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|
|                                                         | Initial claimants for unemployment insurance | Rank <sup>1</sup> | Initial claimants for unemployment insurance | Rank <sup>1</sup> |
| Total, 372 metropolitan areas <sup>2</sup>              | 1,961,494                                    | ...               | 1,164,598                                    | ...               |
| Total, top 50 metropolitan areas                        | 1,347,028                                    | ...               | 831,751                                      | ...               |
| Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, Calif.                | 183,953                                      | 1                 | 147,478                                      | 1                 |
| New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, N.Y.-N.J.-Pa. | 111,605                                      | 2                 | 100,658                                      | 2                 |
| Chicago-Joliet-Naperville, Ill.-Ind.-Wis.               | 87,998                                       | 4                 | 55,067                                       | 3                 |
| Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, Calif.                | 69,028                                       | 6                 | 48,731                                       | 4                 |
| San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, Calif.                   | 70,569                                       | 5                 | 47,884                                       | 5                 |
| San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos, Calif.                   | 42,220                                       | 7                 | 30,265                                       | 6                 |
| Sacramento—Arden-Arcade—Roseville, Calif.               | 31,274                                       | 11                | 23,503                                       | 7                 |
| Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, Pa.-N.J.-Del.-Md.       | 27,564                                       | 12                | 22,684                                       | 8                 |
| San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, Calif.                  | 31,687                                       | 10                | 18,278                                       | 9                 |
| Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach, Fla.               | 33,502                                       | 9                 | 17,172                                       | 10                |
| Pittsburgh, Pa.                                         | 23,414                                       | 15                | 16,034                                       | 11                |
| Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, Texas                       | 19,247                                       | 20                | 13,890                                       | 12                |
| Las Vegas-Paradise, Nev.                                | 37,426                                       | 8                 | 13,684                                       | 13                |
| St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.                                     | 26,861                                       | 14                | 13,662                                       | 14                |
| Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, Wash.                          | 27,407                                       | 13                | 13,093                                       | 15                |
| Fresno, Calif.                                          | 13,179                                       | 28                | 11,953                                       | 16                |
| Stockton, Calif.                                        | 13,372                                       | 26                | 11,814                                       | 17                |
| Modesto, Calif.                                         | 12,379                                       | 34                | 11,434                                       | 18                |
| Detroit-Warren-Livonia, Mich.                           | 88,678                                       | 3                 | 9,794                                        | 19                |
| Bakersfield-Delano, Calif.                              | 12,412                                       | 33                | 9,596                                        | 20                |
| Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, Fla.                   | 20,898                                       | 16                | 9,532                                        | 21                |
| Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis, Wis.                     | 17,354                                       | 22                | 9,172                                        | 22                |
| Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor, Ohio                           | 20,276                                       | 18                | 9,010                                        | 23                |
| Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, Ore.-Wash.                | 20,412                                       | 17                | 8,495                                        | 24                |
| Phoenix-Mesa-Glendale, Ariz.                            | 12,678                                       | 32                | 8,356                                        | 25                |
| Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura, Calif.                    | 11,213                                       | 38                | 8,118                                        | 26                |
| Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, Mass.-N.H.                     | 14,010                                       | 25                | 7,917                                        | 27                |
| Buffalo-Niagara Falls, N.Y.                             | 9,725                                        | 42                | 7,526                                        | 28                |
| Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, Fla.                         | 16,756                                       | 23                | 7,505                                        | 29                |
| Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, Texas                      | 12,932                                       | 30                | 7,187                                        | 30                |
| Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, Minn.-Wis.            | 18,169                                       | 21                | 7,029                                        | 31                |
| Baltimore-Towson, Md.                                   | 6,331                                        | 59                | 6,969                                        | 32                |
| Cincinnati-Middletown, Ohio-Ky.-Ind.                    | 13,097                                       | 29                | 6,776                                        | 33                |
| Jacksonville, Fla.                                      | 11,503                                       | 35                | 6,577                                        | 34                |
| Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, Va.-N.C.           | 5,179                                        | 75                | 6,461                                        | 35                |
| Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, Ga.                     | 13,191                                       | 27                | 6,128                                        | 36                |
| Vallejo-Fairfield, Calif.                               | 7,640                                        | 52                | 5,931                                        | 37                |
| Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, N.C.-S.C.                 | 10,263                                       | 41                | 5,860                                        | 38                |
| Scranton—Wilkes-Barre, Pa.                              | 8,604                                        | 47                | 5,848                                        | 39                |
| Atlantic City-Hammonton, N.J.                           | 5,989                                        | 63                | 5,772                                        | 40                |
| Rochester, N.Y.                                         | 8,671                                        | 46                | 5,664                                        | 41                |
| Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, D.C.-Va.-Md.-W.Va.     | 5,050                                        | 76                | 5,483                                        | 42                |
| Kansas City, Mo.-Kan.                                   | 9,664                                        | 43                | 5,337                                        | 43                |
| Visalia-Porterville, Calif.                             | 5,184                                        | 74                | 4,899                                        | 44                |
| Indianapolis-Carmel, Ind.                               | 7,532                                        | 53                | 4,758                                        | 45                |
| Columbus, Ohio                                          | 9,283                                        | 44                | 4,704                                        | 46                |
| Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, Pa.-N.J.                    | 6,781                                        | 57                | 4,617                                        | 47                |
| Nashville-Davidson—Murfreesboro—Franklin, Tenn.         | 5,191                                        | 72                | 4,560                                        | 48                |
| Providence-Fall River-Warwick, R.I.-Mass.               | 3,767                                        | 95                | 4,466                                        | 49                |
| Merced, Calif.                                          | 4,027                                        | 91                | 4,420                                        | 50                |

<sup>1</sup> Metropolitan areas are ranked by the number of initial claims in 2010.

<sup>2</sup> Data on layoffs were reported by employers in all states and the District of Columbia.

NOTE: The geographic boundaries of the metropolitan areas shown in this table are defined in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Bulletin 10-22, December 01, 2009.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics Program

Table 27. Summary of employer expectations of a recall from extended mass layoffs, private nonfarm sector, 2003–2010

| Nature of recall                                                                   | Percent of events <sup>1</sup> |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                                                                                    | 2003                           | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
| <b>All layoff events</b>                                                           |                                |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Anticipate a recall .....                                                          | 43.2                           | 51.1 | 56.2 | 52.1 | 49.5 | 41.4 | 34.2 | 49.5 |
| <b>Timeframe</b>                                                                   |                                |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Within 6 months .....                                                              | 82.4                           | 84.2 | 87.1 | 88.7 | 86.5 | 77.2 | 72.0 | 70.2 |
| Within 3 months .....                                                              | 47.2                           | 47.7 | 50.1 | 53.5 | 49.0 | 45.0 | 44.2 | 42.5 |
| <b>Size of recall</b>                                                              |                                |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| At least half .....                                                                | 87.5                           | 90.1 | 90.6 | 92.2 | 90.2 | 79.6 | 73.0 | 72.6 |
| All workers .....                                                                  | 43.7                           | 47.1 | 47.9 | 49.4 | 49.8 | 38.9 | 33.9 | 35.5 |
| <b>Layoff events due to seasonal work and vacation period</b>                      |                                |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Anticipate a recall .....                                                          | 94.2                           | 95.1 | 94.8 | 93.6 | 94.7 | 95.3 | 94.1 | 93.1 |
| <b>Timeframe</b>                                                                   |                                |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Within 6 months .....                                                              | 87.5                           | 87.8 | 91.5 | 91.0 | 91.6 | 88.8 | 88.3 | 86.6 |
| Within 3 months .....                                                              | 44.5                           | 43.0 | 45.6 | 48.2 | 46.6 | 43.5 | 48.8 | 48.8 |
| <b>Size of recall</b>                                                              |                                |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| At least half .....                                                                | 95.2                           | 96.4 | 96.7 | 96.8 | 96.0 | 92.3 | 90.8 | 91.1 |
| All workers .....                                                                  | 54.1                           | 54.7 | 55.0 | 57.0 | 59.1 | 51.8 | 49.7 | 49.2 |
| <b>All layoff events, excluding those due to seasonal work and vacation period</b> |                                |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Anticipate a recall .....                                                          | 23.4                           | 26.6 | 31.6 | 29.4 | 25.1 | 24.4 | 20.5 | 27.7 |
| <b>Timeframe</b>                                                                   |                                |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Within 6 months .....                                                              | 74.4                           | 77.0 | 78.5 | 84.7 | 76.1 | 62.9 | 54.7 | 42.6 |
| Within 3 months .....                                                              | 51.4                           | 56.9 | 58.7 | 62.7 | 53.8 | 46.8 | 39.4 | 31.9 |
| <b>Size of recall</b>                                                              |                                |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| At least half .....                                                                | 75.5                           | 77.7 | 78.9 | 84.3 | 78.3 | 63.9 | 54.2 | 41.7 |
| All workers .....                                                                  | 27.3                           | 31.9 | 34.3 | 36.2 | 31.0 | 22.9 | 17.2 | 12.6 |

<sup>1</sup> Data on layoffs were reported by employers in all states and the District of Columbia.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics Program

Table 28. Distribution of extended mass layoff events with expected recall, by industry and reason for layoff, private nonfarm sector, 2003–2010

| Measure                                                            | Percent of layoff events |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                                                    | 2003                     | 2004             | 2005             | 2006             | 2007             | 2008             | 2009             | 2010             |
| Total, private nonfarm <sup>1</sup>                                | 43.2                     | 51.1             | 56.2             | 52.1             | 49.5             | 41.4             | 34.2             | 49.5             |
| <b>Industry</b>                                                    |                          |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Mining .....                                                       | 68.6                     | 77.5             | 90.9             | 75.0             | 76.9             | 67.3             | 43.9             | 59.3             |
| Utilities .....                                                    | 27.3                     | 46.2             | 53.8             | 72.7             | 55.6             | 36.4             | 52.4             | 41.2             |
| Construction .....                                                 | 71.9                     | 76.7             | 80.2             | 58.9             | 53.8             | 56.4             | 56.4             | 71.2             |
| Manufacturing .....                                                | 38.7                     | 43.8             | 48.2             | 45.6             | 43.1             | 36.9             | 28.1             | 38.9             |
| Wholesale trade .....                                              | 26.6                     | 36.2             | 44.1             | 36.9             | 31.6             | 20.5             | 14.7             | 32.9             |
| Retail trade .....                                                 | 25.7                     | 27.6             | 31.3             | 29.1             | 29.9             | 19.3             | 11.7             | 21.3             |
| Transportation and warehousing .....                               | 54.8                     | 68.7             | 65.3             | 72.3             | 76.0             | 51.9             | 46.7             | 59.7             |
| Information .....                                                  | 9.8                      | 12.4             | 17.5             | 26.5             | 23.7             | 9.8              | 4.1              | 19.1             |
| Finance and insurance .....                                        | 3.4                      | 5.1              | 8.2              | 5.0              | .5               | .2               | 1.3              | 2.4              |
| Real estate and rental and leasing .....                           | 13.6                     | 23.1             | 31.6             | 29.4             | 10.7             | 15.7             | 16.8             | 25.0             |
| Professional and technical services .....                          | 32.7                     | 42.4             | 46.8             | 52.9             | 40.4             | 31.5             | 22.8             | 38.6             |
| Management of companies and enterprises .....                      | 35.0                     | 23.8             | 42.9             | 33.3             | 42.9             | 33.3             | 22.2             | 40.0             |
| Administrative and waste services .....                            | 31.3                     | 34.7             | 42.6             | 41.1             | 56.2             | 41.3             | 32.0             | 45.6             |
| Educational services .....                                         | 48.1                     | 68.8             | 50.0             | 60.9             | 55.6             | 51.2             | 39.0             | 60.9             |
| Health care and social assistance .....                            | 60.9                     | 69.7             | 69.1             | 79.7             | 77.7             | 66.5             | 62.6             | 62.8             |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation .....                          | 68.6                     | 83.3             | 77.8             | 81.5             | 84.2             | 71.9             | 64.6             | 73.2             |
| Accommodation and food services .....                              | 64.8                     | 69.4             | 65.8             | 73.8             | 74.3             | 53.9             | 44.9             | 55.7             |
| Other services, except public administration .....                 | 66.7                     | 64.8             | 71.3             | 81.5             | 69.9             | 57.8             | 43.2             | 64.8             |
| Unclassified establishments .....                                  | 57.1                     | 50.0             | —                | —                | 25.0             | —                | —                | —                |
| <b>Reason for layoff</b>                                           |                          |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Business demand .....                                              | 40.9                     | 44.3             | 48.9             | 43.5             | 39.1             | 40.7             | 33.4             | 48.7             |
| Contract cancellation .....                                        | 13.6                     | 9.0              | 15.5             | 14.1             | 21.9             | 17.7             | 17.2             | 11.5             |
| Contract completion .....                                          | 41.6                     | 38.6             | 42.8             | 36.6             | 36.3             | 51.1             | 50.2             | 62.2             |
| Domestic competition .....                                         | ( <sup>2</sup> )         | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 26.7             | 28.6             | 33.3             | 12.5             |
| Excess inventory/saturated market .....                            | ( <sup>2</sup> )         | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 34.2             | 37.5             | 42.9             | 38.5             |
| Import competition .....                                           | 5.4                      | 7.8              | 5.4              | 9.4              | 2.7              | 5.6              | 4.5              | —                |
| Slack work/insufficient demand/nonseasonal business slowdown ..... | 47.8                     | 62.0             | 64.8             | 63.0             | 47.6             | 38.6             | 29.1             | 41.0             |
| Organizational changes .....                                       | 6.5                      | 5.7              | 4.5              | 5.0              | 6.0              | 3.3              | 3.8              | 6.3              |
| Business-ownership change .....                                    | 5.8                      | 4.7              | 1.9              | 4.8              | 3.0              | 3.2              | 3.5              | 12.5             |
| Reorganization or restructuring of company .....                   | 6.6                      | 6.0              | 5.2              | 5.1              | 7.1              | 3.3              | 3.9              | 4.3              |
| Financial issues .....                                             | 5.1                      | 1.9              | 4.0              | 5.0              | 4.4              | 3.8              | 6.6              | 5.9              |
| Bankruptcy .....                                                   | 2.3                      | —                | 2.2              | 1.8              | —                | 1.5              | 3.4              | 1.7              |
| Cost control/cost cutting/increase profitability .....             | ( <sup>2</sup> )         | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 4.0              | 4.3              | 8.5              | 5.8              |
| Financial difficulty .....                                         | 6.7                      | 2.7              | 5.2              | 6.1              | 6.1              | 4.4              | 4.6              | 7.5              |
| Production specific .....                                          | 48.1                     | 45.1             | 40.2             | 44.7             | 53.6             | 44.9             | 38.7             | 42.6             |
| Automation/technological advances .....                            | —                        | —                | 33.3             | 12.5             | 12.5             | 50.0             | 20.0             | 33.3             |
| Energy related .....                                               | —                        | —                | —                | 100.0            | —                | 20.0             | —                | 100.0            |
| Governmental regulations/intervention .....                        | ( <sup>2</sup> )         | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 7.1              | 19.0             | 26.7             | 5.6              |
| Labor dispute/contract negotiations/strike .....                   | 57.9                     | 45.2             | 55.6             | 72.2             | 55.6             | 47.4             | 14.3             | 42.9             |
| Material or supply shortage .....                                  | 80.0                     | 80.0             | 50.0             | 70.0             | 100.0            | 66.7             | 100.0            | 100.0            |
| Model changeover .....                                             | 66.7                     | 77.8             | 71.4             | 66.7             | 66.7             | 66.7             | 100.0            | 75.0             |
| Plant or machine repair/maintenance .....                          | 95.8                     | 94.7             | 90.0             | 83.3             | 82.4             | 87.5             | 100.0            | 100.0            |
| Product line discontinued .....                                    | 2.9                      | 8.6              | 15.0             | 11.1             | 28.6             | 9.1              | —                | 25.0             |
| Disaster/safety .....                                              | 83.6                     | 95.7             | 42.9             | 80.6             | 84.4             | 37.9             | 68.4             | 75.0             |
| Hazardous work environment .....                                   | 60.0                     | 50.0             | 100.0            | 25.0             | —                | —                | 66.7             | 100.0            |
| Natural disaster (not weather related) .....                       | 33.3                     | 100.0            | 50.0             | 60.0             | 66.7             | 100.0            | —                | 100.0            |
| Nonnatural disaster .....                                          | —                        | 100.0            | 100.0            | 60.0             | 80.0             | 25.0             | 66.7             | 60.0             |
| Extreme weather-related event .....                                | 95.8                     | 96.8             | 42.5             | 89.6             | 95.5             | 37.3             | 70.0             | 81.8             |
| Seasonal .....                                                     | 94.2                     | 95.1             | 94.8             | 93.6             | 94.7             | 95.3             | 94.1             | 93.1             |
| Seasonal .....                                                     | 93.9                     | 95.0             | 94.5             | 93.3             | 93.5             | 94.3             | 92.9             | 91.5             |
| Vacation period—school related or otherwise .....                  | 98.1                     | 97.3             | 100.0            | 98.2             | 99.3             | 99.2             | 98.0             | 99.4             |
| Other/miscellaneous .....                                          | 2.3                      | 5.3              | 5.0              | 4.8              | 3.3              | 2.5              | 1.4              | 1.4              |
| Other .....                                                        | 11.8                     | 16.8             | 17.0             | 19.1             | 46.3             | 39.3             | 27.0             | 27.3             |
| Data not provided: Refusal .....                                   | —                        | —                | —                | —                | —                | —                | —                | —                |
| Data not provided: Does not know .....                             | —                        | —                | —                | .9               | .5               | .1               | —                | .1               |
| Domestic relocation .....                                          | 2.0                      | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) |
| Overseas relocation .....                                          | 1.6                      | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) |

<sup>1</sup> Data on layoffs were reported by employers in all states and the District of Columbia.<sup>2</sup> Use of this reason began with first-quarter 2007 data.<sup>3</sup> Beginning with data for 2004, these reasons for layoff are no longer used. For additional information, see the technical note.

NOTE: Dash represents zero.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics Program

Table 29. Number of extended mass layoff events and separations after which the employer does not expect a recall, by industry and reason for layoff, private nonfarm sector, 2010

| Measure                                                               | Events           | Separations      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Total, private nonfarm <sup>1</sup> .....                             | 1,896            | 343,522          |
| <b>Industry</b>                                                       |                  |                  |
| Mining .....                                                          | 15               | 2,065            |
| Utilities .....                                                       | 7                | 1,412            |
| Construction .....                                                    | 175              | 29,057           |
| Manufacturing .....                                                   | 534              | 84,126           |
| Wholesale trade .....                                                 | 62               | 7,381            |
| Retail trade .....                                                    | 208              | 45,040           |
| Transportation and warehousing .....                                  | 95               | 14,841           |
| Information .....                                                     | 77               | 12,244           |
| Finance and insurance .....                                           | 141              | 24,835           |
| Real estate and rental and leasing .....                              | 32               | 6,908            |
| Professional and technical services .....                             | 77               | 12,703           |
| Management of companies and enterprises .....                         | 14               | 3,206            |
| Administrative and waste services .....                               | 189              | 55,503           |
| Educational services .....                                            | 18               | 3,169            |
| Health care and social assistance .....                               | 93               | 13,487           |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation .....                             | 20               | 3,323            |
| Accommodation and food services .....                                 | 113              | 20,963           |
| Other services, except public administration .....                    | 26               | 3,259            |
| Unclassified establishments .....                                     | —                | —                |
| <b>Reason for layoff</b>                                              |                  |                  |
| Business demand .....                                                 | 904              | 167,162          |
| Contract cancellation .....                                           | 112              | 18,549           |
| Contract completion .....                                             | 229              | 61,668           |
| Domestic competition .....                                            | 7                | 2,151            |
| Excess inventory/saturated market .....                               | 7                | 582              |
| Import competition .....                                              | 7                | 1,199            |
| Slack work/insufficient demand/nonseasonal<br>business slowdown ..... | 542              | 83,013           |
| Organizational changes .....                                          | 354              | 66,000           |
| Business-ownership change .....                                       | 74               | 22,284           |
| Reorganization or restructuring of company .....                      | 280              | 43,716           |
| Financial issues .....                                                | 454              | 79,758           |
| Bankruptcy .....                                                      | 58               | 14,713           |
| Cost control/cost cutting/increase profitability .....                | 257              | 35,803           |
| Financial difficulty .....                                            | 139              | 29,242           |
| Production specific .....                                             | 23               | 3,755            |
| Automation/technological advances .....                               | 5                | 760              |
| Energy related .....                                                  | —                | —                |
| Governmental regulations/intervention .....                           | 12               | 2,334            |
| Labor dispute/contract negotiations/strike .....                      | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Material or supply shortage .....                                     | —                | —                |
| Model changeover .....                                                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Plant or machine repair/maintenance .....                             | —                | —                |
| Product line discontinued .....                                       | 3                | 325              |
| Disaster/safety .....                                                 | 4                | 417              |
| Hazardous work environment .....                                      | —                | —                |
| Natural disaster (not weather related) .....                          | —                | —                |
| Nonnatural disaster .....                                             | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Extreme weather-related event .....                                   | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Seasonal .....                                                        | 104              | 19,282           |
| Seasonal .....                                                        | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Vacation period—school related or otherwise .....                     | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Other/miscellaneous .....                                             | 53               | 7,148            |
| Other .....                                                           | 31               | 4,335            |
| Data not provided: Refusal .....                                      | —                | —                |
| Data not provided: Does not know .....                                | 22               | 2,813            |

<sup>1</sup> Data on layoffs were reported by employers in all states and the District of Columbia.

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

NOTE: Dash represents zero.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics Program

Table 30. Permanent worksite closures: extended mass layoff events and separations by primary reason for layoff, private nonfarm sector, 2006-2010

| Reason for layoff <sup>1</sup>                                        | Layoff events    |                  |                  |                  |                  | Separations      |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                                                       | 2006             | 2007             | 2008             | 2009             | 2010             | 2006             | 2007             | 2008             | 2009             | 2010             |
| Total, all reasons .....                                              | 621              | 594              | 899              | 1,099            | 602              | 153,718          | 125,836          | 215,647          | 237,333          | 119,233          |
| Business demand .....                                                 | 123              | 139              | 236              | 405              | 186              | 22,977           | 23,426           | 51,480           | 73,808           | 33,412           |
| Contract cancellation .....                                           | 28               | 24               | 26               | 40               | 30               | 4,227            | 4,488            | 8,453            | 5,918            | 6,125            |
| Contract completion .....                                             | 28               | 13               | 16               | 41               | 24               | 4,667            | 2,792            | 4,259            | 7,412            | 4,731            |
| Domestic competition .....                                            | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 4                | 4                | 5                | 4                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 568              | 1,080            | 595              | 1,384            |
| Excess inventory/saturated market .....                               | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 9                | 8                | 10               | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 1,373            | 2,064            | 1,069            | ( <sup>3</sup> ) |
| Import competition .....                                              | 36               | 49               | 34               | 12               | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | 6,151            | 7,903            | 6,046            | 2,237            | ( <sup>3</sup> ) |
| Slack work/insufficient demand/nonseasonal<br>business slowdown ..... | 31               | 40               | 148              | 297              | 123              | 7,932            | 6,302            | 29,578           | 56,577           | 20,484           |
| Organizational changes .....                                          | 274              | 172              | 223              | 193              | 123              | 78,219           | 30,647           | 50,435           | 41,430           | 25,179           |
| Business-ownership change .....                                       | 70               | 57               | 50               | 45               | 35               | 23,548           | 11,341           | 16,379           | 12,902           | 10,217           |
| Reorganization or restructuring of company .....                      | 204              | 115              | 173              | 148              | 88               | 54,671           | 19,306           | 34,056           | 28,528           | 14,962           |
| Financial issues .....                                                | 143              | 241              | 373              | 431              | 242              | 34,122           | 63,340           | 97,787           | 109,509          | 52,737           |
| Bankruptcy .....                                                      | 41               | 51               | 113              | 134              | 53               | 13,207           | 15,103           | 31,779           | 42,348           | 12,305           |
| Cost control/cost cutting/increase profitability .....                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 81               | 103              | 131              | 92               | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 18,087           | 18,010           | 24,382           | 16,089           |
| Financial difficulty .....                                            | 102              | 109              | 157              | 166              | 97               | 20,915           | 30,150           | 47,998           | 42,779           | 24,343           |
| Production specific .....                                             | 15               | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | 26               | 16               | 13               | 4,943            | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | 7,145            | 3,651            | 2,480            |
| Automation/technological advances .....                               | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | 3                | —                | —                | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | 562              | —                | —                |
| Energy related .....                                                  | —                | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | 3                | —                | —                | —                | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | 510              | —                | —                |
| Governmental regulations/intervention .....                           | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 5                | 12               | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | 9                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 1,575            | 4,254            | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | 2,014            |
| Labor dispute/contract negotiations/strike .....                      | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | —                | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | —                | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | —                | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | —                |
| Material or supply shortage .....                                     | —                | —                | 3                | —                | —                | —                | —                | 291              | —                | —                |
| Model changeover .....                                                | —                | —                | —                | —                | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | —                | —                | —                | —                | ( <sup>3</sup> ) |
| Plant or machine repair/maintenance .....                             | —                | —                | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | —                | —                | —                | —                | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | —                | —                |
| Product line discontinued .....                                       | 11               | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | 8                | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | 4,342            | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | 1,386            | ( <sup>3</sup> ) |
| Disaster/safety .....                                                 | 5                | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | 1,743            | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) |
| Hazardous work environment .....                                      | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | —                | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | —                | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | —                | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | —                |
| Natural disaster (not weather related) .....                          | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | —                | —                | —                | —                | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | —                | —                | —                | —                |
| Nonnatural disaster .....                                             | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | —                | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | —                | ( <sup>3</sup> ) |
| Extreme weather-related event .....                                   | —                | —                | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | —                | —                | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) |
| Seasonal .....                                                        | 8                | —                | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | 513              | —                | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) |
| Seasonal .....                                                        | 8                | —                | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | 513              | —                | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) |
| Vacation period—school related or otherwise .....                     | —                | —                | —                | —                | —                | —                | —                | —                | —                | —                |
| Other/miscellaneous .....                                             | 53               | 30               | 34               | 49               | 33               | 11,201           | 4,796            | 6,109            | 7,768            | 4,378            |
| Other .....                                                           | 38               | 11               | 16               | 32               | 15               | 8,458            | 1,634            | 2,924            | 5,471            | 2,068            |
| Data not provided: Refusal .....                                      | 4                | 4                | 6                | 2                | —                | 582              | 661              | 1,225            | 204              | —                |
| Data not provided: Does not know .....                                | 11               | 15               | 12               | 15               | 18               | 2,161            | 2,501            | 1,960            | 2,093            | 2,310            |

<sup>1</sup> Data on layoffs were reported by employers in all states and the District of Columbia.<sup>2</sup> Use of this reason began with first-quarter 2007 data.<sup>3</sup> Data do not meet BLS or state agency disclosure standards. For additional information see the technical note.

NOTE: Dash represents zero.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics Program

Table 31. Permanent worksite closures: extended mass layoff events and separations by major industry sector, private nonfarm sector, 2006-2010

| Industry                                           | Layoffs          |                  |                  |       |                  | Separations      |                  |                  |         |                  |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------|------------------|
|                                                    | 2006             | 2007             | 2008             | 2009  | 2010             | 2006             | 2007             | 2008             | 2009    | 2010             |
| Total, private nonfarm <sup>1</sup> .....          | 621              | 594              | 899              | 1,099 | 602              | 153,718          | 125,836          | 215,647          | 237,333 | 119,233          |
| Mining .....                                       | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 6                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 19    | 7                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 1,184            | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 4,154   | 936              |
| Utilities .....                                    | —                | —                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | —     | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | —                | —                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | —       | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Construction .....                                 | 18               | 6                | 30               | 33    | 24               | 1,377            | 2,083            | 4,783            | 4,859   | 4,497            |
| Manufacturing .....                                | 314              | 289              | 382              | 480   | 198              | 67,228           | 56,264           | 83,487           | 91,476  | 37,711           |
| Wholesale trade .....                              | 21               | 26               | 41               | 51    | 28               | 4,265            | 4,103            | 6,591            | 7,881   | 3,653            |
| Retail trade .....                                 | 81               | 63               | 145              | 214   | 84               | 40,784           | 19,771           | 51,381           | 66,679  | 19,879           |
| Transportation and warehousing .....               | 23               | 16               | 50               | 59    | 31               | 7,852            | 3,209            | 15,844           | 12,125  | 5,384            |
| Information .....                                  | 30               | 12               | 20               | 29    | 15               | 6,537            | 1,623            | 3,059            | 4,838   | 2,398            |
| Finance and insurance .....                        | 34               | 86               | 69               | 49    | 28               | 5,510            | 16,164           | 11,367           | 11,303  | 8,722            |
| Real estate and rental and leasing .....           | 3                | 4                | 7                | 11    | 26               | 296              | 532              | 981              | 2,645   | 6,043            |
| Professional and technical services .....          | 17               | 11               | 18               | 28    | 15               | 2,970            | 1,831            | 3,729            | 5,211   | 2,634            |
| Management of companies and enterprises .....      | 3                | 4                | 7                | 7     | 5                | 367              | 811              | 1,415            | 1,098   | 1,241            |
| Administrative and waste services .....            | 24               | 20               | 37               | 43    | 42               | 5,226            | 3,913            | 9,073            | 9,383   | 8,120            |
| Educational services .....                         | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 5     | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 527     | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Health care and social assistance .....            | 16               | 24               | 28               | 25    | 29               | 3,109            | 8,351            | 9,337            | 4,412   | 6,099            |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation .....          | 3                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 8                | 7     | 6                | 320              | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 2,100            | 1,529   | 1,231            |
| Accommodation and food services .....              | 20               | 13               | 44               | 29    | 48               | 6,150            | 3,296            | 10,789           | 7,292   | 8,882            |
| Other services, except public administration ..... | 11               | 9                | 6                | 10    | 10               | 1,387            | 1,814            | 660              | 1,921   | 1,356            |
| Unclassified establishments .....                  | —                | 1                | —                | —     | —                | —                | 538              | —                | —       | —                |

<sup>1</sup> Data on layoffs were reported by employers in all states and the District of Columbia.

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

NOTE: Dash represents zero.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics Program

Table 32. Permanent worksite closures: extended mass layoff events and separations, private nonfarm sector, 50 highest ranking three-digit

## NAICS industries in 2010

| Industry                                           | NAICS code | Permanent closures |             |                   |                  |                  |                   |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
|                                                    |            | 2009               |             |                   | 2010             |                  |                   |
|                                                    |            | Events             | Separations | Rank <sup>1</sup> | Events           | Separations      | Rank <sup>1</sup> |
| Total, private nonfarm <sup>2</sup> .....          | ...        | 1,099              | 237,333     | ...               | 602              | 119,233          | ...               |
| Total, 50 highest ranking industries .....         | ...        | 983                | 213,088     | ...               | 550              | 113,293          | ...               |
| Transportation equipment manufacturing.....        | 336        | 82                 | 20,452      | 2                 | 26               | 8,640            | 1                 |
| Administrative and support services.....           | 561        | 42                 | 9,290       | 4                 | 42               | 8,120            | 2                 |
| Food and beverage stores.....                      | 445        | 26                 | 4,509       | 16                | 23               | 7,273            | 3                 |
| Food services and drinking places.....             | 722        | 16                 | 4,681       | 14                | 39               | 6,956            | 4                 |
| Credit intermediation and related activities.....  | 522        | 37                 | 9,132       | 5                 | 17               | 5,649            | 5                 |
| General merchandise stores.....                    | 452        | 48                 | 16,742      | 3                 | 19               | 5,633            | 6                 |
| Rental and leasing services.....                   | 532        | 5                  | 570         | 61                | 19               | 5,146            | 7                 |
| Food manufacturing.....                            | 311        | 32                 | 8,015       | 6                 | 20               | 3,874            | 8                 |
| Hospitals.....                                     | 622        | 7                  | 2,542       | 32                | 9                | 3,793            | 9                 |
| Computer and electronic product manufacturing..... | 334        | 40                 | 6,103       | 8                 | 21               | 3,373            | 10                |
| Insurance carriers and related activities.....     | 524        | 9                  | 1,862       | 40                | 9                | 2,824            | 11                |
| Professional and technical services.....           | 541        | 28                 | 5,211       | 11                | 15               | 2,634            | 12                |
| Paper manufacturing.....                           | 322        | 21                 | 2,431       | 33                | 14               | 2,594            | 13                |
| Printing and related support activities.....       | 323        | 22                 | 3,673       | 22                | 12               | 2,171            | 14                |
| Machinery manufacturing.....                       | 333        | 30                 | 6,362       | 7                 | 11               | 2,102            | 15                |
| Construction of buildings.....                     | 236        | 11                 | 1,930       | 39                | 8                | 2,081            | 16                |
| Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....    | 326        | 30                 | 4,635       | 15                | 16               | 2,038            | 17                |
| Specialty trade contractors.....                   | 238        | 15                 | 1,695       | 41                | 12               | 2,015            | 18                |
| Accommodation.....                                 | 721        | 13                 | 2,611       | 29                | 9                | 1,926            | 19                |
| Furniture and related product manufacturing.....   | 337        | 28                 | 4,361       | 17                | 5                | 1,915            | 20                |
| Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods.....        | 424        | 15                 | 2,417       | 34                | 11               | 1,886            | 21                |
| Nursing and residential care facilities.....       | 623        | 5                  | 504         | 65                | 14               | 1,705            | 22                |
| Miscellaneous manufacturing.....                   | 339        | 12                 | 2,182       | 36                | 8                | 1,672            | 23                |
| Merchant wholesalers, durable goods.....           | 423        | 31                 | 5,072       | 12                | 15               | 1,575            | 24                |
| Nonstore retailers.....                            | 454        | 8                  | 1,243       | 48                | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | 25                |
| Fabricated metal product manufacturing.....        | 332        | 31                 | 4,844       | 13                | 12               | 1,539            | 26                |
| Chemical manufacturing.....                        | 325        | 18                 | 2,590       | 30                | 10               | 1,533            | 27                |
| Transit and ground passenger transportation.....   | 485        | 9                  | 1,452       | 44                | 4                | 1,464            | 28                |
| Apparel manufacturing.....                         | 315        | 23                 | 4,032       | 20                | 10               | 1,441            | 29                |
| Clothing and clothing accessories stores.....      | 448        | 30                 | 5,921       | 9                 | 11               | 1,377            | 30                |
| Management of companies and enterprises.....       | 551        | 7                  | 1,098       | 53                | 5                | 1,241            | 31                |
| Electrical equipment and appliance mfg.....        | 335        | 17                 | 4,106       | 19                | 7                | 1,085            | 32                |
| Truck transportation.....                          | 484        | 19                 | 3,456       | 24                | 9                | 1,034            | 33                |
| Amusements, gambling, and recreation.....          | 713        | 4                  | 639         | 60                | 4                | 1,019            | 34                |
| Electronics and appliance stores.....              | 443        | 33                 | 23,489      | 1                 | 5                | 976              | 35                |
| Personal and laundry services.....                 | 812        | 5                  | 538         | 63                | 7                | 974              | 36                |
| Air transportation.....                            | 481        | 6                  | 1,124       | 52                | 4                | 927              | 37                |
| Real estate.....                                   | 531        | 6                  | 2,075       | 38                | 7                | 897              | 38                |
| Publishing industries, except Internet.....        | 511        | 16                 | 2,548       | 31                | 6                | 886              | 39                |
| Support activities for transportation.....         | 488        | 6                  | 842         | 55                | 6                | 885              | 40                |
| Mining, except oil and gas.....                    | 212        | 12                 | 2,732       | 27                | 6                | 812              | 41                |
| Primary metal manufacturing.....                   | 331        | 20                 | 4,181       | 18                | 6                | 797              | 42                |
| Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....     | 327        | 12                 | 1,467       | 43                | 6                | 780              | 43                |
| Miscellaneous store retailers.....                 | 453        | 8                  | 1,157       | 51                | 5                | 744              | 44                |
| Telecommunications.....                            | 517        | 9                  | 1,674       | 42                | 5                | 695              | 45                |
| Textile mills.....                                 | 313        | 14                 | 2,632       | 28                | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | 46                |
| Wood product manufacturing.....                    | 321        | 33                 | 5,709       | 10                | 5                | 599              | 47                |
| Textile product mills.....                         | 314        | 7                  | 1,344       | 46                | 4                | 598              | 48                |
| Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores.....  | 451        | 13                 | 2,924       | 25                | 3                | 590              | 49                |
| Warehousing and storage.....                       | 493        | 12                 | 2,289       | 35                | 5                | 564              | 50                |

<sup>1</sup> Industries are ranked by the number of separations in 2010.<sup>2</sup> Data on layoffs were reported by employers in all states and the District of Columbia.<sup>3</sup> Data do not meet BLS or state agency disclosure standards.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics Program

Table 33. Permanent worksite closures: over-the-year comparisons of extended mass layoff events and separations by state, private nonfarm sector, 2009–2010

| State                               | Layoffs          |                  |                  | Separations      |                  |                  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                     | 2009             | 2010             | Change           | 2009             | 2010             | Change           |
| Total, private nonfarm <sup>1</sup> | 1,099            | 602              | -497             | 237,333          | 119,233          | -118,100         |
| Alabama                             | 21               | 10               | -11              | 4,676            | 1,597            | -3,079           |
| Alaska                              | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Arizona                             | 11               | 4                | -7               | 2,441            | 375              | -2,066           |
| Arkansas                            | 8                | 4                | -4               | 1,938            | 383              | -1,555           |
| California                          | 183              | 145              | -38              | 46,616           | 32,992           | -13,624          |
| Colorado                            | 11               | 11               | 0                | 2,359            | 2,324            | -35              |
| Connecticut                         | 12               | 10               | -2               | 2,664            | 4,613            | 1,949            |
| Delaware                            | 4                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 1,329            | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| District of Columbia                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | —                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | —                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Florida                             | 115              | 34               | -81              | 19,830           | 5,965            | -13,865          |
| Georgia                             | 57               | 39               | -18              | 11,082           | 4,782            | -6,300           |
| Hawaii                              | 3                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 319              | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Idaho                               | 3                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 648              | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Illinois                            | 75               | 32               | -43              | 13,295           | 5,913            | -7,382           |
| Indiana                             | 40               | 7                | -33              | 9,681            | 1,219            | -8,462           |
| Iowa                                | 12               | 5                | -7               | 1,508            | 2,332            | 824              |
| Kansas                              | 5                | 5                | 0                | 628              | 1,410            | 782              |
| Kentucky                            | 25               | 11               | -14              | 4,085            | 1,650            | -2,435           |
| Louisiana                           | 7                | 6                | -1               | 1,906            | 900              | -1,006           |
| Maine                               | 5                | 4                | -1               | 697              | 446              | -251             |
| Maryland                            | 6                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 937              | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Massachusetts                       | 17               | 13               | -4               | 2,907            | 2,110            | -797             |
| Michigan                            | 20               | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 3,216            | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Minnesota                           | 6                | 5                | -1               | 1,055            | 861              | -194             |
| Mississippi                         | 13               | 10               | -3               | 2,807            | 2,579            | -228             |
| Missouri                            | 34               | 16               | -18              | 5,169            | 2,612            | -2,557           |
| Montana                             | 4                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 333              | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Nebraska                            | 4                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 1,266            | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Nevada                              | 10               | 4                | -6               | 2,351            | 870              | -1,481           |
| New Hampshire                       | 4                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 979              | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| New Jersey                          | 36               | 26               | -10              | 7,978            | 4,913            | -3,065           |
| New Mexico                          | 7                | 3                | -4               | 1,181            | 1,061            | -120             |
| New York                            | 47               | 36               | -11              | 10,503           | 6,547            | -3,956           |
| North Carolina                      | 45               | 17               | -28              | 6,352            | 1,888            | -4,464           |
| North Dakota                        | —                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | —                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Ohio                                | 54               | 23               | -31              | 11,203           | 3,997            | -7,206           |
| Oklahoma                            | 9                | 3                | -6               | 2,266            | 875              | -1,391           |
| Oregon                              | 8                | 9                | 1                | 1,156            | 1,501            | 345              |
| Pennsylvania                        | 28               | 20               | -8               | 12,887           | 3,317            | -9,570           |
| Rhode Island                        | 5                | —                | -5               | 471              | —                | -471             |
| South Carolina                      | 9                | 4                | -5               | 930              | 764              | -166             |
| South Dakota                        | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | —                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | —                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Tennessee                           | 24               | 15               | -9               | 3,528            | 2,582            | -946             |
| Texas                               | 28               | 18               | -10              | 10,677           | 4,580            | -6,097           |
| Utah                                | 7                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 1,900            | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Vermont                             | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | —                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | —                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Virginia                            | 17               | 18               | 1                | 3,535            | 2,975            | -560             |
| Washington                          | 19               | 5                | -14              | 4,657            | 983              | -3,674           |
| West Virginia                       | 9                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 2,328            | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Wisconsin                           | 25               | 12               | -13              | 7,873            | 2,554            | -5,319           |
| Wyoming                             | —                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | —                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |

<sup>1</sup> Data on layoffs were reported by employers in all states and the District of Columbia.

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

NOTE: Dash represents zero.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics Program

Table 34. Permanent worksite closures: the 25 metropolitan areas with the largest number of initial claimants associated with extended mass layoff events in 2010, by residency of claimants, private nonfarm sector

| Metropolitan Area                                           | 2009           |                   | 2010           |                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
|                                                             | Initial claims | Rank <sup>1</sup> | Initial claims | Rank <sup>1</sup> |
| Total, 372 metropolitan areas <sup>2</sup> .....            | 158,033        | ...               | 99,285         | ...               |
| Total, 25 highest ranking metropolitan areas .....          | 87,313         | ...               | 62,777         | ...               |
| Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, Calif.....                | 12,313         | 1                 | 9,249          | 1                 |
| New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, N.Y.-N.J.-Pa..... | 8,799          | 2                 | 7,162          | 2                 |
| San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, Calif.....                   | 5,466          | 6                 | 6,390          | 3                 |
| Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, Calif.....                | 6,427          | 3                 | 5,067          | 4                 |
| Chicago-Joliet-Naperville, Ill.-Ind.-Wis. ....              | 5,939          | 5                 | 4,344          | 5                 |
| Sacramento—Arden-Arcade—Roseville, Calif.....               | 2,738          | 9                 | 3,323          | 6                 |
| San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, Calif.....                  | 2,190          | 16                | 2,706          | 7                 |
| Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, Ga.....                     | 6,105          | 4                 | 2,566          | 8                 |
| San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos, Calif.....                   | 2,433          | 13                | 2,566          | 9                 |
| Stockton, Calif.....                                        | 976            | 33                | 2,378          | 10                |
| Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, Texas.....                     | 1,500          | 21                | 2,349          | 11                |
| Modesto, Calif.....                                         | 1,153          | 29                | 1,493          | 12                |
| Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, Texas.....                      | 1,515          | 20                | 1,448          | 13                |
| Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach, Fla.....               | 4,623          | 7                 | 1,429          | 14                |
| Sioux City, Iowa-Neb.-S.D.....                              | 15             | 318               | 1,414          | 15                |
| Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, Pa.-N.J.-Del.-Md.....       | 1,737          | 18                | 1,343          | 16                |
| Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, Fla.....                   | 3,726          | 8                 | 1,016          | 17                |
| St. Louis, Mo.-Ill.....                                     | 2,210          | 15                | 991            | 18                |
| Fresno, Calif.....                                          | 1,310          | 27                | 990            | 19                |
| Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, Ore.-Wash.....                | 338            | 99                | 897            | 20                |
| Bakersfield-Delano, Calif.....                              | 633            | 55                | 834            | 21                |
| Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, Conn.....             | 440            | 76                | 723            | 22                |
| Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, Conn.....                      | 344            | 94                | 715            | 23                |
| Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, Va.-N.C.....           | 637            | 54                | 712            | 24                |
| Denver-Aurora-Broomfield, Colo.....                         | 961            | 34                | 672            | 25                |

<sup>1</sup> Metropolitan areas are ranked by the number of initial claims in 2010.

<sup>2</sup> Data on layoffs were reported by employers in all states and the District of Columbia.

NOTE: The geographic boundaries of the metropolitan areas shown in this table are defined in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Bulletin 10-22, December 01, 2009.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics Program

Table 35. Selected business functions involved in nonseasonal extended mass layoff events, 2009–2010

(Number of reports)

| Selected business functions by business process <sup>1</sup> | Total            |       | Main             |       | Secondary        |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------|------------------|-------|------------------|-------|
|                                                              | 2009             | 2010  | 2009             | 2010  | 2009             | 2010  |
| Total <sup>2</sup> .....                                     | 18,861           | 8,088 | 6,632            | 3,436 | 12,229           | 4,652 |
| <b>Producing goods/providing services</b>                    |                  |       |                  |       |                  |       |
| Construction activities .....                                | 1,513            | 1,103 | 1,426            | 1,042 | 87               | 61    |
| Producing goods .....                                        | 2,345            | 762   | 2,173            | 694   | 172              | 68    |
| Providing services .....                                     | 347              | 305   | 193              | 187   | 154              | 118   |
| Accounting services .....                                    | 414              | 134   | 31               | 6     | 383              | 128   |
| Contracted services .....                                    | 435              | 314   | 324              | 200   | 111              | 114   |
| Engineering services .....                                   | 397              | 129   | 93               | 34    | 304              | 95    |
| Entertainment services .....                                 | 93               | 108   | 76               | 93    | 17               | 15    |
| Facility maintenance services .....                          | 589              | 205   | 33               | 41    | 556              | 164   |
| Financial management .....                                   | 129              | 60    | 10               | 8     | 119              | 52    |
| Financial services .....                                     | 187              | 86    | 119              | 57    | 68               | 29    |
| Food and cafeteria services .....                            | 182              | 141   | 70               | 79    | 112              | 62    |
| Gaming services .....                                        | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | 32    | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | 27    | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | 5     |
| Health care services .....                                   | 100              | 107   | 73               | 93    | 27               | 14    |
| Housekeeping services .....                                  | 133              | 52    | 24               | 4     | 109              | 48    |
| Lodging services .....                                       | 98               | 42    | 56               | 32    | 42               | 10    |
| Maintaining and repairing products .....                     | 156              | 74    | 39               | 19    | 117              | 55    |
| Security services .....                                      | 56               | 48    | 24               | 24    | 32               | 24    |
| Assembling products .....                                    | 554              | 157   | 236              | 39    | 318              | 118   |
| Fabricating .....                                            | 544              | 143   | 408              | 91    | 136              | 52    |
| Quality assurance/quality control .....                      | 490              | 178   | 3                | 1     | 487              | 177   |
| Supervision—first line or direct .....                       | 852              | 345   | 3                | —     | 849              | 345   |
| <b>Procurement, logistics, distribution</b>                  |                  |       |                  |       |                  |       |
| Buying .....                                                 | 163              | 39    | 4                | 3     | 159              | 36    |
| Distribution .....                                           | 290              | 136   | 60               | 25    | 230              | 111   |
| Packing .....                                                | 228              | 101   | 18               | 9     | 210              | 92    |
| Receiving .....                                              | 342              | 107   | 1                | 1     | 341              | 106   |
| Shipping .....                                               | 590              | 181   | 56               | 17    | 534              | 164   |
| Transporting .....                                           | 374              | 163   | 120              | 64    | 254              | 99    |
| Warehousing .....                                            | 466              | 186   | 73               | 40    | 393              | 146   |
| <b>General management and firm infrastructure</b>            |                  |       |                  |       |                  |       |
| Administrative and clerical support .....                    | 2,099            | 590   | 103              | 72    | 1,996            | 518   |
| General management .....                                     | 1,050            | 418   | 52               | 27    | 998              | 391   |
| <b>Human resource management</b>                             |                  |       |                  |       |                  |       |
| Human resources, including recruiting .....                  | 619              | 256   | 5                | 10    | 614              | 246   |
| Payroll and compensation .....                               | 190              | 97    | 3                | 7     | 187              | 90    |
| Training .....                                               | 44               | 39    | 7                | 10    | 37               | 29    |
| <b>Marketing, sales, customer accounts</b>                   |                  |       |                  |       |                  |       |
| Advertising .....                                            | 71               | 34    | 21               | 5     | 50               | 29    |
| Billing .....                                                | 123              | 47    | —                | 1     | 123              | 46    |
| Marketing .....                                              | 214              | 70    | 12               | 8     | 202              | 62    |
| Order processing .....                                       | 221              | 97    | 10               | 4     | 211              | 93    |
| Selling .....                                                | 622              | 230   | 371              | 147   | 251              | 83    |
| Telemarketing .....                                          | 28               | 30    | 17               | 16    | 11               | 14    |
| <b>Customer and after-sales service</b>                      |                  |       |                  |       |                  |       |
| Call center activities .....                                 | 136              | 87    | 83               | 53    | 53               | 34    |
| Customer service .....                                       | 534              | 260   | 63               | 41    | 471              | 219   |
| Installing products .....                                    | 64               | 40    | 10               | 3     | 54               | 37    |
| Technical support .....                                      | 155              | 66    | 8                | 2     | 147              | 64    |
| <b>Technology and process development</b>                    |                  |       |                  |       |                  |       |
| Computer systems development .....                           | 43               | 26    | 11               | 14    | 32               | 12    |
| Computer systems maintenance .....                           | 62               | 32    | 3                | 4     | 59               | 28    |
| Data processing .....                                        | 65               | 35    | 4                | 6     | 61               | 29    |
| Internet web services .....                                  | 17               | 12    | 5                | 1     | 12               | 11    |
| Software development and testing .....                       | 53               | 27    | 19               | 9     | 34               | 18    |
| Software and IT services .....                               | 224              | 74    | 25               | 13    | 199              | 61    |
| Other business functions .....                               | 160              | 83    | 54               | 53    | 106              | 30    |
| <b>Other</b>                                                 |                  |       |                  |       |                  |       |
| Events with nonstandard functions reported .....             | 797              | 214   | 543              | 137   | 254              | 77    |
| Refusal <sup>4</sup> .....                                   | 31               | 2     | 31               | 2     | —                | —     |
| Does not know <sup>5</sup> .....                             | 135              | 28    | 135              | 28    | —                | —     |

<sup>1</sup> Business functions reported in this table were the most frequently cited functions in 2007. Functions are grouped by business process without regard to the industry of the establishment. Therefore, the process "operations" does not appear.

<sup>2</sup> Data on layoffs were reported by employers in all states and the District of Columbia.

<sup>3</sup> Data collection for this business function began with first-quarter 2010 data.

<sup>4</sup> Excludes events in which the employer refused to participate in any part of the employer interview.

<sup>5</sup> Excludes events in which contact with the employer was not possible.

NOTE: Dash represents zero.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics Program

Table 36. Business processes involved in extended mass layoff events, by reason for layoff, 2009-2010<sup>1</sup>

| Reason                                                             | Extended mass layoff events | Total business processes | Core processes       |                                      |            |                     |                                      |                                  | Support processes                          |                           |                                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                                                                    |                             |                          | Strategic management | Procurement, logistics, distribution | Operations | Product development | Marketing, sales, account management | Customer and after-sales service | General management and firm infrastructure | Human resource management | Technology and process development |
| 2010                                                               |                             |                          |                      |                                      |            |                     |                                      |                                  |                                            |                           |                                    |
| Total business process .....                                       | 7,247                       | 8,624                    | 55                   | 617                                  | 5,519      | 239                 | 314                                  | 498                              | 1,004                                      | 266                       | 112                                |
| Business demand .....                                              | 2,515                       | 3,398                    | 16                   | 194                                  | 2,335      | 99                  | 88                                   | 176                              | 335                                        | 107                       | 48                                 |
| Contract cancellation .....                                        | 148                         | 252                      | 1                    | 16                                   | 133        | 5                   | 10                                   | 17                               | 46                                         | 14                        | 10                                 |
| Contract completion .....                                          | 1,146                       | 1,366                    | 2                    | 49                                   | 1,083      | 24                  | 30                                   | 63                               | 73                                         | 30                        | 12                                 |
| Domestic competition .....                                         | 8                           | 20                       | —                    | 2                                    | 8          | —                   | 3                                    | 1                                | 4                                          | 2                         | —                                  |
| Excess inventory/saturated market .....                            | 13                          | 27                       | —                    | 7                                    | 12         | 1                   | 3                                    | 1                                | 2                                          | 1                         | —                                  |
| Import competition .....                                           | 7                           | 19                       | —                    | 5                                    | 6          | 6                   | 1                                    | —                                | 1                                          | —                         | —                                  |
| Slack work/insufficient demand/nonseasonal business slowdown ..... | 1,193                       | 1,714                    | 13                   | 115                                  | 1,093      | 63                  | 41                                   | 94                               | 209                                        | 60                        | 26                                 |
| Organizational changes .....                                       | 397                         | 811                      | 19                   | 65                                   | 322        | 31                  | 58                                   | 76                               | 164                                        | 49                        | 27                                 |
| Business-ownership change .....                                    | 96                          | 200                      | 5                    | 14                                   | 77         | 6                   | 12                                   | 19                               | 42                                         | 15                        | 10                                 |
| Reorganization or restructuring of company .....                   | 301                         | 611                      | 14                   | 51                                   | 245        | 25                  | 46                                   | 57                               | 122                                        | 34                        | 17                                 |
| Financial issues .....                                             | 511                         | 1,073                    | 17                   | 108                                  | 441        | 35                  | 82                                   | 84                               | 208                                        | 69                        | 29                                 |
| Bankruptcy .....                                                   | 60                          | 148                      | 7                    | 14                                   | 54         | 4                   | 9                                    | 13                               | 28                                         | 16                        | 3                                  |
| Cost control/cost cutting/increase profitability .....             | 291                         | 622                      | 7                    | 68                                   | 242        | 24                  | 55                                   | 47                               | 124                                        | 33                        | 22                                 |
| Financial difficulty .....                                         | 160                         | 303                      | 3                    | 26                                   | 145        | 7                   | 18                                   | 24                               | 56                                         | 20                        | 4                                  |
| Production specific .....                                          | 54                          | 97                       | 1                    | 9                                    | 48         | 5                   | 3                                    | 4                                | 17                                         | 9                         | 1                                  |
| Disaster/safety .....                                              | 24                          | 42                       | —                    | 5                                    | 20         | —                   | 3                                    | 3                                | 6                                          | 4                         | 1                                  |
| Seasonal .....                                                     | 2,417                       | 3,078                    | 1                    | 234                                  | 2,278      | 68                  | 76                                   | 142                              | 253                                        | 23                        | 3                                  |
| Other/miscellaneous .....                                          | 1,329                       | 125                      | 1                    | 2                                    | 75         | 1                   | 4                                    | 13                               | 21                                         | 5                         | 3                                  |
| 2009                                                               |                             |                          |                      |                                      |            |                     |                                      |                                  |                                            |                           |                                    |
| Total business process .....                                       | 11,824                      | 14,820                   | ( <sup>2</sup> )     | 1,148                                | 8,918      | 398                 | 629                                  | 533                              | 2,122                                      | 619                       | 453                                |
| Business demand .....                                              | 5,403                       | 7,979                    | ( <sup>2</sup> )     | 522                                  | 5,154      | 192                 | 251                                  | 197                              | 1,097                                      | 316                       | 250                                |
| Contract cancellation .....                                        | 250                         | 433                      | ( <sup>2</sup> )     | 29                                   | 231        | 10                  | 13                                   | 16                               | 83                                         | 22                        | 29                                 |
| Contract completion .....                                          | 1,210                       | 1,435                    | ( <sup>2</sup> )     | 52                                   | 1,171      | 14                  | 22                                   | 18                               | 99                                         | 36                        | 23                                 |
| Domestic competition .....                                         | 12                          | 25                       | ( <sup>2</sup> )     | 1                                    | 12         | —                   | 2                                    | 2                                | 4                                          | 2                         | 2                                  |
| Excess inventory/saturated market .....                            | 84                          | 150                      | ( <sup>2</sup> )     | 28                                   | 80         | 10                  | 6                                    | 4                                | 14                                         | 2                         | 6                                  |
| Import competition .....                                           | 22                          | 60                       | ( <sup>2</sup> )     | 10                                   | 22         | 2                   | 3                                    | 1                                | 11                                         | 6                         | 5                                  |
| Slack work/insufficient demand/nonseasonal business slowdown ..... | 3,825                       | 5,876                    | ( <sup>2</sup> )     | 402                                  | 3,638      | 156                 | 205                                  | 156                              | 886                                        | 248                       | 185                                |
| Organizational changes .....                                       | 573                         | 1,241                    | ( <sup>2</sup> )     | 121                                  | 481        | 37                  | 90                                   | 79                               | 274                                        | 99                        | 60                                 |
| Business-ownership change .....                                    | 113                         | 251                      | ( <sup>2</sup> )     | 21                                   | 98         | 5                   | 16                                   | 17                               | 57                                         | 25                        | 12                                 |
| Reorganization or restructuring of company .....                   | 460                         | 990                      | ( <sup>2</sup> )     | 100                                  | 383        | 32                  | 74                                   | 62                               | 217                                        | 74                        | 48                                 |
| Financial issues .....                                             | 1,074                       | 2,374                    | ( <sup>2</sup> )     | 247                                  | 947        | 106                 | 196                                  | 141                              | 463                                        | 159                       | 115                                |
| Bankruptcy .....                                                   | 178                         | 478                      | ( <sup>2</sup> )     | 56                                   | 158        | 8                   | 50                                   | 44                               | 97                                         | 49                        | 16                                 |
| Cost control/cost cutting/increase profitability .....             | 615                         | 1,253                    | ( <sup>2</sup> )     | 128                                  | 534        | 74                  | 104                                  | 55                               | 241                                        | 54                        | 63                                 |
| Financial difficulty .....                                         | 281                         | 643                      | ( <sup>2</sup> )     | 63                                   | 255        | 24                  | 42                                   | 42                               | 125                                        | 56                        | 36                                 |
| Production specific .....                                          | 62                          | 129                      | ( <sup>2</sup> )     | 14                                   | 60         | 6                   | 6                                    | 5                                | 24                                         | 8                         | 6                                  |
| Disaster/safety .....                                              | 19                          | 24                       | ( <sup>2</sup> )     | 2                                    | 18         | 2                   | —                                    | —                                | 2                                          | —                         | —                                  |
| Seasonal .....                                                     | 2,211                       | 2,782                    | ( <sup>2</sup> )     | 225                                  | 2,108      | 45                  | 75                                   | 92                               | 213                                        | 19                        | 5                                  |
| Other/miscellaneous .....                                          | 2,482                       | 291                      | ( <sup>2</sup> )     | 17                                   | 150        | 10                  | 11                                   | 19                               | 49                                         | 18                        | 17                                 |

<sup>1</sup> Data on layoffs were reported by employers in all states and the District of Columbia.<sup>2</sup> Identification of data by this business process began with first-quarter 2010 data.

NOTE: Dash represents zero.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics Program

Table 37. Number of business processes affected in nonseasonal extended mass layoffs, 2009–2010<sup>1</sup>

| Business Processes                                | Total            |       | Main             |       | Secondary        |      |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------|------------------|-------|------------------|------|
|                                                   | 2009             | 2010  | 2009             | 2010  | 2009             | 2010 |
| <b>Total, private nonfarm</b>                     |                  |       |                  |       |                  |      |
| Core processes .....                              | 9,081            | 4,443 | 6,954            | 3,458 | 2,127            | 985  |
| Strategic management .....                        | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 54    | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | –     | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 54   |
| Procurement, logistics, and distribution .....    | 923              | 383   | 69               | 43    | 854              | 340  |
| Operations .....                                  | 6,810            | 3,241 | 6,657            | 3,152 | 153              | 89   |
| Product development .....                         | 353              | 171   | 32               | 15    | 321              | 156  |
| Marketing, sales, and account management .....    | 554              | 238   | 127              | 68    | 427              | 170  |
| Customer and after-sales service .....            | 441              | 356   | 69               | 180   | 372              | 176  |
| Support processes .....                           | 2,957            | 1,103 | 221              | 115   | 2,736            | 988  |
| General management and firm infrastructure .....  | 1,909            | 751   | 152              | 92    | 1,757            | 659  |
| Human resources management .....                  | 600              | 243   | 30               | 13    | 570              | 230  |
| Technology and process development .....          | 448              | 109   | 39               | 10    | 409              | 99   |
| Business function not provided <sup>3</sup> ..... | 166              | 30    | 166              | 30    | –                | –    |
| <b>Goods-producing industries</b>                 |                  |       |                  |       |                  |      |
| Core processes .....                              | 5,427            | 2,270 | 4,258            | 1,831 | 1,169            | 439  |
| Strategic management .....                        | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 23    | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | –     | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 23   |
| Procurement, logistics, and distribution .....    | 591              | 214   | 20               | 15    | 571              | 199  |
| Operations .....                                  | 4,245            | 1,793 | 4,204            | 1,773 | 41               | 20   |
| Product development .....                         | 246              | 101   | 11               | 7     | 235              | 94   |
| Marketing, sales, and account management .....    | 210              | 67    | 19               | 6     | 191              | 61   |
| Customer and after-sales service .....            | 135              | 72    | 4                | 30    | 131              | 42   |
| Support processes .....                           | 1,662            | 492   | 50               | 30    | 1,612            | 462  |
| General management and firm infrastructure .....  | 1,041            | 325   | 35               | 25    | 1,006            | 300  |
| Human resources management .....                  | 328              | 106   | 1                | –     | 327              | 106  |
| Technology and process development .....          | 293              | 61    | 14               | 5     | 279              | 56   |
| Business function not provided <sup>3</sup> ..... | 48               | 8     | 48               | 8     | –                | –    |
| <b>Service-providing industries</b>               |                  |       |                  |       |                  |      |
| Core processes .....                              | 3,654            | 2,173 | 2,696            | 1,627 | 958              | 546  |
| Strategic management .....                        | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 31    | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | –     | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 31   |
| Procurement, logistics, and distribution .....    | 332              | 169   | 49               | 28    | 283              | 141  |
| Operations .....                                  | 2,565            | 1,448 | 2,453            | 1,379 | 112              | 69   |
| Product development .....                         | 107              | 70    | 21               | 8     | 86               | 62   |
| Marketing, sales, and account management .....    | 344              | 171   | 108              | 62    | 236              | 109  |
| Customer and after-sales service .....            | 306              | 284   | 65               | 150   | 241              | 134  |
| Support processes .....                           | 1,295            | 611   | 171              | 85    | 1,124            | 526  |
| General management and firm infrastructure .....  | 868              | 426   | 117              | 67    | 751              | 359  |
| Human resources management .....                  | 272              | 137   | 29               | 13    | 243              | 124  |
| Technology and process development .....          | 155              | 48    | 25               | 5     | 130              | 43   |
| Business function not provided <sup>3</sup> ..... | 118              | 22    | 118              | 22    | –                | –    |

<sup>1</sup> Data on layoffs were reported by employers in all states and the District of Columbia.<sup>2</sup> Identification of data by this business process began with first-quarter 2010 data.<sup>3</sup> The number of events for which respondents were unable or refused to provide a business function response. Layoff events where employer contact could not be made or where employers refused to participate in the employer interview are not included.

NOTE: Dash represents zero.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics Program

# Technical Note

**T**he 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 (UI) database. Employers that have at least 50 initial claims for unemployment insurance filed against them during a consecutive 5-week period are contacted by the state agency to determine whether these separations are of at least 31 days duration, and, if so, information is obtained on the total number of persons separated and the reasons for these separations. Employers are identified according to industry classification and location; unemployment insurance claimants are identified by such demographic factors as age, race, sex, ethnic group, and place of residence. The MLS program yields information on an individual's entire spell of unemployment, to the point at which regular unemployment insurance benefits are exhausted.

Beginning with data for 2004, the scope of extended mass layoffs and plant closings was redefined to cover only the private nonfarm economy. Therefore, extended mass layoff information for agriculture and government are no longer collected. With the release of the extended mass layoff data from the first quarter of 2007, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) introduced improvements to the presentation of data on economic reasons for extended mass layoffs. Thus, reason data beginning with the first quarter of 2007 are not strictly comparable to data from previous quarters. This report uses the new metropolitan area definitions as published in the Office of Management and Budget Bulletin 10-02 and the 2007 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) definitions.

## Definitions

***Business functions.*** Those specific activities that a firm performs in order to produce products, provide service, or otherwise achieve objectives.

***Business processes.*** Broad-based categories, consisting of business functions, which cover the full range of activities a firm engages in to conduct business. Currently the MLS program codes functions into nine business processes: strategic management; procurement, logistics, and distribution; operations; product development; marketing, sales, and account management; customer and after-sales service; general management and firm infrastructure; human resource management; and technology and process development.

***Clothing manufacturing and distribution.*** Industries involved in the production and distribution of clothing. These industries include textile mills, apparel manufacturing, footwear manufacturing, apparel and piece goods merchant wholesalers, clothing stores, shoe stores, department stores, and formal wear and costume rental.

***Continued claim.*** A claim filed after the initial claim, by mail, telephone, or in person, for a waiting-period credit or payment for a certified week of unemployment. The MLS program collects continued claims for 1 week each month—generally the calendar week that includes the 12th day of the month and is referred to as the reference week because of its use in the Current Population Survey (CPS) as the basis for monthly unemployment.

***Employer.*** A firm covered by state unemployment insurance laws at which one predominant type of economic activity is conducted.

***Extended mass layoff event.*** A layoff defined by the filing of 50 or more initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits from an employer during a 5-week period, with at least 50 workers separated for more than 30 days. Such layoffs involve both people subject to recall and those who are terminated.

***Final payment.*** The last payment received by a person who has exhausted all of his or her regular unemployment insurance benefits.

***Food processing and distribution.*** Industries that are involved in the production and distribution of food. These industries include food manufacturing, beverage manufacturing, grocery and related product wholesalers, farm product raw material merchant wholesalers, alcoholic beverage merchant wholesalers, farm supplies merchant wholesalers, food and beverage stores, food (health) supplement stores, refrigerated warehousing and storage, farm product warehousing and storage, veterinary services, and food services and drinking places.

***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.

*Layoff.* The separation of people from an employer as part of a mass layoff event. Such layoffs involve both people who are subject to recall and those who are terminated.

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

*Movement-of-work action.* Employer-confirmed relocation of work within the same company or to other companies, domestically or outside the United States. Because employers may cite more than one location to which work is moving, a layoff event may have more than one action associated with it.

*Movement-of-work.* The work activities performed at a worksite by the company's employees are reassigned in one of the following ways: 1) to another worksite within the company; 2) to another company under formal arrangements at the same worksite; or 3) to another company under formal arrangements at another worksite.

*Movement-of-work separations.* The number of separations specifically associated with movement-of-work actions.

*Relocation-of-work action.* A movement-of-work action in which the employer provides information on the new location of work and/or the number of workers affected by the movement. Layoff events may involve more than one action per employer if work moved to more than one location.

*Separations.* The number of people who have become displaced during an extended mass layoff event according to the employer, regardless of whether they file for unemployment insurance or not.

*Worksite closure.* The complete closure of an employer or the partial closure of an employer with multiple locations where entire worksites affected by layoffs are closed.

### **Movement-of-work concepts and questions**

Because of the employer interview, BLS decided to use the MLS program as a vehicle for collecting additional information on offshoring and outsourcing associated with job loss, by adding questions that address movement of work. (Prior to 2004, "overseas relocation" and "domestic relocation" were economic reasons for layoffs and were used in extended mass layoff news releases. These reasons were eliminated with the collection of movement-of-work data; therefore, the current data are not comparable to the data from this earlier period.)

Questions on movement of work and location are asked for all identified layoff events when the reason for separation is other than "seasonal work" or "vacation period." Seasonal and vacation layoff events are unlikely to result in work relocation.

Before questions on movement of work are asked, an analyst must verify that a layoff has in fact occurred, and has

lasted for more than 30 days. An analyst must also obtain the total number of workers separated from jobs, the date the layoff began, and the economic reason for layoff. If the reason for layoff is other than seasonal work or vacation period, the employer is asked the following:

- (1) "Did this layoff include your company moving work from this location(s) to a different geographic location(s) within your company?"
- (2) "Did this layoff include your company moving work that was performed in-house by your employees to a different company, through contractual arrangements?"

A "yes" response to either question is followed by two questions: "Is the location inside or outside of the United States?" and "How many of the layoffs were a result of this relocation?"

Layoff actions are classified as "overseas relocation" if the employer responds "yes" to questions 1 and/or 2, and indicates that the location(s) was outside of the United States. Domestic relocation is determined if the employer responds "yes" to questions 1 and/or 2 and indicates that the location(s) was within the United States.

After asking the movement-of-work questions, the employer interview continues and responses are obtained for questions on recall expectations and open/closed status of the worksite.

### **Business functions and business processes**

Business functions are the specific activities that a firm performs in order to produce its products or provide its services. During the MLS interview, employers are asked to identify all the functions performed by the workers who were laid off. Thus, the collection of business functions allows for a broader assessment of the impact of the layoffs than the industry classification alone.

Many different business functions have been reported by employers. In order to better understand how these functions are involved in the firm's operations, a set of nine business processes (strategic management; procurement, logistics, and distribution; operations; product development; marketing, sales, and account management; customer and after-sales service; general management and firm infrastructure; human resources management; technology and process development) was identified to define the full range of activities a firm engages in to conduct its business. All functions can be assigned to a process, depending upon the industry of the establishment. The nine processes are grouped into core business processes and support business processes. Thus, it is possible to report both the number of business functions and business processes affected by extended mass layoffs over time and cross tabulate the data using other information, such as reason for layoff and industry. For a more complete description of the collection and definition of business functions and processes in the MLS program, see the article "Business

Processes and Business Functions: a new way of looking at employment” from the December 2008 issue of the *Monthly Labor Review* (<https://www.bls.gov/opub/mlr/2008/12/art3full.pdf>).

### **Reliability of the data**

The identification of employers, layoff events, and characteristics of claimants in the MLS program is based on administrative data for employers and workers covered by unemployment insurance. Therefore, these data are not subject to issues associated with sampling error. Nonsampling errors such as typographical errors may occur but are not likely to be significant. Although the employers and layoff events in the MLS program are not subject to sampling error, and all such private nonfarm employers are asked the same employer interview questions, the employer responses are subject to nonsampling error. A nonsampling error can occur for many reasons, including the inability to obtain

information for all respondents, inability or unwillingness of respondents to provide correct information, and errors made in the collection or processing of the data. For 2010, outright refusal to participate in the employer interview accounted for 4.4 percent of all private nonfarm events. Although included in the total number of instances involving the movement of work, employers in 117 relocations were unable to provide the number of separations specifically associated with the movement of work, 20 of which involved out-of-country moves.

### **Additional information**

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