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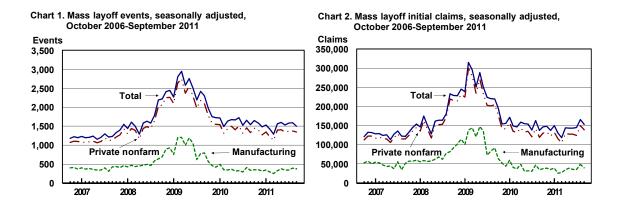
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MASS LAYOFFS — SEPTEMBER 2011

Employers took 1,495 mass layoff actions in September involving 153,229 workers, seasonally adjusted, as measured by new filings for unemployment insurance benefits during the month, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Each mass layoff involved at least 50 workers from a single employer. The number of mass layoff events in September decreased by 92 from August, and the number of associated initial claims decreased by 12,318. In September, 376 mass layoff events were reported in the manufacturing sector, seasonally adjusted, resulting in 39,929 initial claims. (See table 1.)



The national unemployment rate was 9.1 percent in September, unchanged from the prior month but down from 9.6 percent a year earlier. In September, total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 103,000 over the month and by 1,490,000 over the year.

Industry Distribution (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

The number of mass layoff events in September was 1,189, not seasonally adjusted, resulting in 117,232 initial claims for unemployment insurance. (See table 2.) Over the year, the number of average weekly mass layoff events increased by 8, and associated average weekly initial claims increased by 4,032. Ten of the 19 major industry sectors in the private sector reported over-the-year increases in average weekly initial claims, with the largest increase occurring in manufacturing. (Average weekly analysis mitigates the effect of differing lengths of months. See the Technical Note.) The six-digit industry with the largest number of initial claims in September was temporary help services. (See table A. The table includes both publicly and privately owned entities.)

Table A. Industries with the largest number of mass layoff initial claims in September 2011, not seasonally adjusted

itial claims	Year	Initial claims	
		Initial claims	
10,040 3,650	2001 2005	12,752 15,815	
3,034	1997	11,176	
3,027	1999	4,737	
2,973	2005	3,550	
2,246	2008	4,520	
1,992	2011	1,992	
1,872	2005	4,873	
(²)	2011	(²)	
(²)	2000	3,688	
	3,650 3,034 3,027 2,973 2,246 1,992 1,872 (²)	3,650 2005 3,034 1997 3,027 1999 2,973 2005 2,246 2008 1,992 2011 1,872 2005 (²) 2011	

¹ See the Technical Note for more information on these industries.

The manufacturing sector accounted for 25 percent of all mass layoff events and 27 percent of initial claims filed in September. A year earlier, manufacturing made up 20 percent of events and 25 percent of initial claims. Within this sector, the numbers of mass layoff claimants in September 2011 was greatest in the food and transportation equipment subsectors. (See table 3.) Fifteen of the 21 manufacturing subsectors experienced over-the-year increases in average weekly initial claims, with the largest increases occurring in food and textile mills.

Geographic Distribution (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

All 4 regions and 6 of the 9 divisions experienced over-the-year increases in average weekly initial claims for unemployment insurance due to mass layoffs in September. Among the census regions, the Northeast had the largest over-the-year increase in average weekly initial claims. Of the geographic divisions, the Pacific and Middle Atlantic registered the largest over-the-year increases in average weekly initial claims.

California recorded the highest number of mass layoff initial claims in September, followed by Pennsylvania, New York, North Carolina, and Illinois. Twenty-eight states and the District of Columbia experienced over-the-year increases in average weekly initial claims, led by California and Pennsylvania. (See table 6.)

Note

The monthly data series in this release cover mass layoffs of 50 or more workers beginning in a given month, regardless of the duration of the layoffs. For private nonfarm establishments, information on the length of the layoff is obtained later and issued in a quarterly release that reports on mass layoffs lasting more than 30 days (referred to as "extended mass layoffs"). The quarterly release provides more information on the industry classification and location of the establishment and on the demographics of

² Data do not meet BLS or state agency disclosure standards.

the laid-off workers. Because monthly figures include short-term layoffs of 30 days or less, the sum of the figures for the 3 months in a quarter will be higher than the quarterly figure for mass layoffs of more than 30 days. (See table 4.) See the Technical Note for more detailed definitions.

The Extended Mass Layoffs news release for the Third Quarter 2011 is scheduled to be released on Wednesday, November 9, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. (EST). The Mass Layoffs news release for October is scheduled to be released on Tuesday, November 22, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. (EST).

Upcoming Changes to the Mass Layoffs News Release

The following changes will be introduced in the October 2011 mass layoffs news release scheduled to be issued on Tuesday, November 22, 2011.

- Charts 1 and 2 will be replaced with a single chart showing 10 years of mass layoff initial claims data.
- Table A will only show private nonfarm industries.
- Seasonally adjusted data will be removed from Table 3 since these data are shown in Table 1. Select three-digit industry detail will be added to several two-digit industries. Public education industry detail will be displayed within the state and local government sections of Table 3. The previous two months' data will be removed; the current month and the previous year's data will be shown.
- Table 4 will be removed from the monthly release and issued as a supplemental table to the quarterly release. Table 5 and Table 6 will be combined to create a new Table 4. The geographic divisions shown in Table 5 will be removed, and the states will be grouped into their respective Census regions. The previous two months' data will be removed; the current month and previous year's data will be shown.
- The new Tables 3 and 4 will include average weekly mass layoff events and average weekly initial claims for the current month and previous year. See the Technical Note for a description of average weekly analysis.

Technical Note

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

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

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

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Definitions

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

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

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

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

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

Seasonal adjustment

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

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

The MLS data are seasonally adjusted using the X-12-ARIMA seasonal adjustment method on a concurrent basis. Concurrent seasonal adjustment uses all available monthly estimates, including those for the current month, in developing seasonal adjustment factors. Revisions to the most recent 5 years of seasonally adjusted data will be made once a year with the issuance of December data. Before the data are seasonally adjusted, prior adjustments are made to the original data to adjust them for differences in the number of weeks used to calculate the monthly data. Because weekly unemployment insurance claims are aggregated to form monthly data, a particular month's value could be calculated with 5 weeks of data in 1 year and 4 weeks in another. The effects of these differences could seriously distort the seasonal factors if they were ignored in the seasonal adjustment process. These effects are modeled in the X-12-ARIMA program and are permanently removed from the final seasonally adjusted series.

Table 1. Mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, October 2007 to September 2011, seasonally adjusted

	To	otal	Private	nonfarm	Manufacturing		
Date	Events	Initial claimants	Events	Initial claimants	Events	Initial claimants	
2007							
October	1,330	133,063	1,210	124,455	439	56,970	
November	1,397	145,339	1,269	135,651	408	56,985	
December	1,553	154,275	1,435	144,785	463	59,445	
2008							
	1,437	146.900	1.302	135,622	431	55.562	
January	1,604	175,128	1,441	163,475	471	59,118	
February	1,500	150,502	1,388	140,424	435	56,156	
March	1,300	128,901	1,162	118,016	449	58,402	
April	1,582	161,944	1,444	152,230	468	62,452	
May	1,631	164,508	1,444	152,230	491	68,198	
June					_		
July	1,581	164,497	1,443 1,653	153,720	463 583	62,425 77,874	
August	1,791	181,107	1,653	171,705		77,874	
September	2,192	233,034	2,024	219,532	635	82,471	
October	2,221	229,254	2,062	215,787	697	92,408 102,284	
November	2,415	228,107	2,256	214,631	900	· '	
December	2,443	245,661	2,264	231,138	927	114,280	
2009							
January	2,272	238,717	2,103	224,850	756	100,927	
February	2,801	315,507	2,636	300,042	1,194	138,583	
March	2,950	295,543	2,758	279,027	1,205	144,713	
April	2,579	251,032	2,368	234,796	997	121,435	
May	2,758	288,319	2,557	271,425	1,187	147,548	
June	2,506	250,275	2,293	232,814	1,048	135,389	
July	2,192	223,697	1,977	203,365	620	72,932	
August	2,419	220,262	2,177	201,951	778	83,837	
September	2,305	219,924	2,095	204,596	799	91,665	
October	1,975	195,347	1,780	177,977	570	63,646	
November	1,754	154,223	1,585	141,439	464	51,891	
December	1,725	156,274	1,545	141,649	420	43,584	
2010							
January	1,716	171,633	1,541	157,597	494	60,059	
February	1,492	149,369	1,318	135,490	351	40.564	
March	1,635	146,901	1,436	131,953	347	37,273	
April	1,675	159,358	1,498	143,814	371	48,646	
May	1,665	155,352	1,405	133,913	314	30,967	
June	1,729	153,937	1,504	134,837	326	32,646	
July	1,528	138,581	1,316	121,378	296	30,752	
August	1,658	163,325	1,453	141,489	409	47,668	
September	1,541	137,941	1,331	119,654	336	34,641	
October	1,649	147,204	1,445	130,264	353	37,394	
November	1,579	148,800	1,397	133,845	350	39,072	
December	1,483	137,992	1,272	122,688	319	35,977	
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January	1,534	149,799	1,344	132,730	341	39,189	
February	1,421	130,818	1,220	116,190	291	26,060	
March	1,286	118,523	1,128	105,636	253	27,619	
April	1,564	143,927	1,401	129,702	327	35,022	
May	1,599	143,540	1,405	127,494	373	38,673	
June	1,532	143,444	1,348	128,105	341	35,693	
July	1,579	145,000	1,363	124,745	342	35,460	
August	1,587	165,547	1,373	150,136	391	48,997	
August September	1,495	153,229	1,347	139,151	376	39,929	

Table 2. Mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, October 2007 to September 2011, not seasonally adjusted

	To	otal	Private	nonfarm	Manufacturing		
Date	Events	Initial claimants	Events	Initial claimants	Events	Initial claimants	
2007							
October	1,083	108,455	929	97,716	338	50,918	
November	1,799	198,220	1,593	181,184	514	75,413	
December	2,167	224,214	2,071	216,898	699	91,754	
2000							
2008	1.047	454500	4 500	111 101	400	E4 440	
January	1,647	154,503	1,520	144,191	488	54,418	
February	1,269	119,508	1,178	113,587	361	42,527	
March	1,089	114,541	1,039	110,147	333	43,740	
April	1,272	130,810	1,172	121,625	394	48,188	
May	1,552	159,471	1,438	150,462	388	51,698	
June	1,622	166,742	1,315	140,916	309	42,097	
July	1,891	200,382	1,687	186,018	760	108,733	
August	1,427	139,999	1,343	133,146	414	51,912	
September	1,292	129,586	1,202	122,505	361	46,391	
October	2,125	221,784	1,917	205,553	689	100,457	
November	2,574	241,589	2,389	226,657	997	107,620	
December	3,377	351,305	3,232	340,220	1,378	172,529	
2009							
January	3,806	388,813	3,633	375,293	1,461	172,757	
February	2,262	218,438	2,173	210,755	945	103,588	
March	2,191	228,387	2,107	221,397	940	114,747	
April	2,547	256,930	2,385	243,321	887	100,872	
May	2,738	289,628	2,572	274,047	1,005	123,683	
June	2,519	256,357	2,051	216,063	674	85,726	
July	3,054	336,654	2,659	296,589	1,133	154,208	
August	1,428	125,024	1,334	117,193	436	41,151	
September	1,371	123,177	1,258	115,141	448	51,126	
October	1,934	193,904	1,678	172,883	566	69,655	
November	1,870	164,496	1,679	150,751	517	55,053	
December	2,310	214,648	2,166	203,655	615	64,540	
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2010		.==.				404040	
January	2,860	278,679	2,682	265,074	962	104,846	
February	1,183	102,818	1,091	96,022	282	30,728	
March	1,197	111,727	1,111	105,514	273	29,745	
April	1,840	199,690	1,697	184,654	424	55,178	
May	1,354	123,333	1,170	109,203	216	19,334	
June	1,861	171,190	1,355	125,872	212	21,083	
July	2,124	206,254	1,732	172,248	532	64,200	
August	976	92,435	897	83,021	230	23,088	
September	920	77,654	806	67,987	187	19,403	
October	1,642	148,638	1,373	127,865	351	40,861	
November	1,676	158,048	1,477	142,591	389	41,383	
December	1,931	184,130	1,763	172,881	465	52,816	
2011				1	1		
January	2,558	246,463	2,372	229,765	693	75,006	
February	1,024	85,585	919	78,718	222	18,471	
March	908	85,095	844	80,014	191	20,869	
April	1,750	189,919	1,625	176,478	397	47,104	
May	1,367	119,911	1,221	108,531	270	25,199	
June	1,661	159,930	1,238	122,821	226	22,986	
July	2,176	216,774	1,759	174,078	602	71,814	
August	961	99,213	875	93,159	228	26,916	
September	1,189	117,232	1,095	107,300	296	32,058	
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Table 3. Industry distribution: Mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance

Industry		Mass lay	off events		Initial claimants for unemployment insurance				
industry	September 2010	July 2011	August 2011	September 2011	September 2010	July 2011	August 2011	September 2011	
Seasonally adjusted									
Total	1,541	1,579	1,587	1,495	137,941	145,000	165,547	153,229	
Total, private nonfarm	1,331	1,363	1,373	1,347	119,654	124,745	150,136	139,151	
Manufacturing	336	342	391	376	34,641	35,460	48,997	39,929	
Not seasonally adjusted									
Total ¹	920	2,176	961	1,189	77,654	216,774	99,213	117,232	
Total, private	823	1,867	904	1,108	68,913	182,960	94,711	108,119	
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	17	108	29	13	926	8,882	1,552	819	
Total, private nonfarm	806	1,759	875	1,095	67,987	174,078	93,159	107,300	
Mining		-	(²)	(²)	447	-	(²)	(²)	
Utilities	(²)	(²)		3	(²)	(²)	-	159	
Construction	89 497	118	65	150	6,137	8,990	4,628	10,813	
Manufacturing Food		602 84	228 51	296 58	19,403 3,216	71,814 9,998	26,916 4,585	32,058 6,532	
Beverage and tobacco products	(²)	(²)	6	7	(²)	9,990 (²)	4,363	656	
Textile mills	3	29	8	11	277	3,341	944	1,784	
Textile product mills	(²)	9	3	(²)	(²)	1,107	200	(²)	
Apparel	3	14	10	` 11	194	1,526	1,024	993	
Leather and allied products		3	_	(²)	_	869	_	(²)	
Wood products		28	11	21	1,726	2,826	1,242	1,662	
Paper	4 3	4 9	7	6	239	298	512	544	
Printing and related support activities Petroleum and coal products	3	(²)	6	6 (²)	277 180	930	569	451	
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Chemicals		12 36	6 8	5 14		935 3,359	303 705	376 1,011	
Plastics and rubber products Nonmetallic mineral products	, ,	13	11	3	(²) 609	1,612	685	363	
Primary metals	13	24	5	8	1,381	2,450	415	869	
Fabricated metal products		27	11	20	1,006	2,980	1,051	2,010	
Machinery	11	34	16	22	1,787	4,799	4,407	3,069	
Computer and electronic products	8	19	10	19	562	1,735	884	1,235	
Electrical equipment and appliances	. 10	19	12	17	1,793	2,628	2,537	1,872	
Transportation equipment	30	193	30	38	4,166	26,488	4,688	6,006	
Furniture and related products Miscellaneous manufacturing	11 8	31 9	7 10	18 7	792 573	2,770 726	952 741	1,342 912	
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Wholesale trade	16 99	21 165	17 79	16 120	1,011 9,764	1,594 17,189	1,347 6,804	1,316 12,805	
Transportation and warehousing		114	74	49	2,268	9,326	7,181	4,611	
Information	24	52	58	36	2,365	5,289	18,813	6,431	
Finance and insurance	29	43	26	22	2,602	2,769	1,647	1,821	
Real estate and rental and leasing	4	10	4	(²)	267	856	235	(²)	
Professional and technical services	23	51	24	39	1,504	4,372	1,737	6,476	
Management of companies and enterprises	(²)	5	4	3	(²)	654	269	182	
Administrative and waste services	133	320	162	186	10,059	31,193	13,158	17,285	
Educational services Health care and social assistance	13 26	29 104	11 30	12 39	786 1,660	1,993 7,079	1,329 2,279	791 2,711	
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	39	30	17	27	2,799	2,867	1,438	2,711	
Accommodation and food services	72	74	65	82	5,735	6,445	4,533	6,357	
Other services, except public administration	12	17	8	12	864	1,336	654	1,067	
Unclassified	1	(²)	(²)	_	78	(²)	(²)	_	
Government	97	309	57	81	8,741	33,814	4,502	9,113	
Federal	19	10	10	17	1,898	784	833	1,685	
State	22	78	15	33	1,575	12,220	1,267	2,857	
Local	56	221	32	31	5,268	20,810	2,402	4,571	

NOTE: Dash represents zero.

¹ Data were reported by all states and the District of Columbia. ² Data do not meet BLS or state agency disclosure standards.

Table 4. Mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, July 2009 to September 2011,

not seasonally adjusted

		Private nonfarm								
Date	Total mass layoffs -		Mass	layoffs		mass layoffs than 30 days	Realization rates ¹			
	Events	Initial claimants	Events	Initial claimants	Events	Initial claimants	Events	Initial claimants		
2009										
July	3,054	336,654	2,659	296,589						
August	1,428	125,024	1,334	117,193						
September	1,371	123,177	1,258	115,141	0.004	400.000	20.7	70.0		
Third Quarter	5,853	584,855	5,251	528,923	2,034	406,823	38.7	76.9		
October	1,934	193,904	1,678	172,883						
November December	1,870 2,310	164,496 214,648	1,679 2,166	150,751 203,655						
Fourth Quarter	6,114	573,048	5,523	527,289	2,416	468,577	43.7	88.9		
2010	0,111	070,010	0,020	021,200	2,110	100,011	10.1	00.0		
January	2,860	278,679	2.682	265.074						
February	1,183	102,818	1,091	96,022						
March	1,197	111,727	1,111	105,514						
First Quarter	5,240	493,224	4,884	466,610	1,870	368,664	38.3	79.0		
April	1,840	199,690	1,697	184,654						
May	1,354	123,333	1,170	109,203						
June	1,861	171,190	1,355	125,872						
Second Quarter	5,055	494,213	4,222	419,729	2,008	396,441	47.6	94.5		
July	2,124	206,254	1,732	172,248						
August	976	92,435	897	83,021						
September	920	77,654	806	67,987	4.070	200 020	20.0	00.4		
Third Quarter	4,020	376,343	3,435	323,256	1,370	260,030	39.9	80.4		
October November	1,642 1,676	148,638 158,048	1,373 1,477	127,865 142,591						
December	1,931	184,130	1,763	172,881						
Fourth Quarter	5,249	490,816	4,613	443,337	1,999	390,445	43.3	88.1		
2011										
January	2,558	246,463	2,372	229,765						
February	1,024	85,585	919	78,718						
March	908	85,095	844	80,014						
First Quarter	4,490	417,143	4,135	388,497	1,490	257,031	36.0	66.2		
April	1,750	189,919	1,625	176,478						
May	1,367	119,911	1,221	108,531						
June	1,661	159,930	1,238	122,821	2.5	2.5	_			
Second Quarter	4,778	469,760	4,084	407,830	^{2,p} 1,624	^{2,p} 231,643	^p 39.8	^p 56.8		
July	2,176	216,774	1,759	174,078						
AugustSeptember	961 1,189	99,213 117,232	875 1,095	93,159 107,300						
Third Quarter	4,326	433,219	3,729	374,537						

¹ The event realization rate is the percentage of all private nonfarm mass layoff events lasting more than 30 days. The initial claimant realization rate is the percentage of all private nonfarm mass layoff initial claimants associated with layoffs lasting more than 30 days.

data on these layoffs become available. Experience suggests that the number of extended mass layoff events is generally revised upwards by less than 10 percent and the number of initial claimants associated with such events increases by 25-40 percent.

² These quarterly numbers are provisional and will be revised as more

^p = preliminary.

Table 5. Mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance by census region and division,

not seasonally adjusted

Census region and division		Mass lay	off events		Initial claimants for unemployment insurance			
	September 2010	July 2011	August 2011	September 2011	September 2010	July 2011	August 2011	September 2011
United States ¹	920	2,176	961	1,189	77,654	216,774	99,213	117,232
Northeast	160	363	187	286	14,411	34,691	29,937	26,131
New England Middle Atlantic	15 145	44 319	23 164	23 263	1,357 13,054	3,808 30,883	7,784 22,153	2,245 23,886
South		624	277	311	21,507	62,261	25,771	28,956
South Atlantic		358	174	183	11,811	33,888	15,565	16,747
East South Central		164	47	52	3,633	17,365	4,879	4,988
West South Central	65	102	56	76	6,063	11,008	5,327	7,221
Midwest	155	505	181	219	14,964	62,114	20,541	21,885
East North Central	115	359	132	178	11,280	41,262	14,839	18,293
West North Central	40	146	49	41	3,684	20,852	5,702	3,592
West	346	684	316	373	26,772	57,708	22,964	40,260
Mountain	47	67	36	43	4,461	6,339	3,048	3,678
Pacific	299	617	280	330	22,311	51,369	19,916	36,582

¹ See footnote 1, table 3.

NOTE: The States (including the District of Columbia) that comprise the census divisions are: New England: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont; Middle Atlantic: New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania; South Atlantic: Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia; East South Central: Alabama,

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

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

not seasonally adjusted		Mass lay	off events		Initial claimants for unemployment insurance				
State	September 2010	July 2011	August 2011	September 2011	September 2010	July 2011	August 2011	September 2011	
Total ¹	920	2,176	961	1,189	77,654	216,774	99,213	117,232	
Alabama	13 4	60 (²)	14 4	14 6	1,021 492	6,904	1,310 307	1,419 532	
ArizonaArkansas	6	23 17	5 10	9	477 301	2,137 1,607	341 909	678 825	
California	264 10	571 8	251 6	297 7	19,288 827	46,009 704	17,552 547	33,690 680	
Connecticut Delaware District of Columbia	(²) (²)	8 3 (²)	3 (²) (²)	(²)	(²) (²)	713 233 (²)	280 (²) (²)	242 (²) (²)	
Florida	91 24	147 45	78 30	69 28	6,001 2,438	12,098 5,152	5,176 2,447	4,538 3,256	
Hawaiildaho	3 7	(²) 9	(²) 4	(²) 5	182 1,011	(²) 1,220	(²) 255	(²) 365	
IllinoisIndiana lowa	35 10 3	48 31 19	35 13 9	48 22 8	5,053 846 362	5,599 5,700 2,397	5,514 1,215 1,796	5,092 2,179 741	
Kansas Kentucky Louisiana	8 10 11	12 54 21	9 13 7	3 20 16	1,245 1,454 688	1,372 6,294 1,936	1,497 1,935 378	334 2,202 1,554	
Maine Maryland Massachusetts	(²) 6 7	9 13 16	(²) 4 12	3 9 8	(²) 528 476	667 1,486 1,632	(²) 812 6,030	194 617 617	
Michigan	11 5 12 19	130 68 25 36	21 7 10 17	31 6 8 21	758 412 741 1,115	14,164 11,406 1,853 4,068	1,986 607 613 1,145	2,186 419 521 1,520	
Montana Nebraska Nevada	4 5 13	4 8 10	(²) 4 11	3 3 13	332 550 1,238	306 1,026 875	(²) 247 1,158	228 578 1,274	
New Hampshire New Jersey New Mexico	(²) 22 3	5 81 9	(²) 23 5	(²) 40 (²)	(²) 1,665 238	363 7,381 568	(²) 6,817 338	(²) 3,922 (²)	
New York North Carolina ³ North Dakota	52 13	142 80 3	71 21 3	91 44	5,499 1,372	14,892 8,083 583	7,506 1,624 410	7,664 5,449	
Ohio	- 22 (²) 17	67 6 27	25 (²) 10	37 3 14	1,638 (²) 1,635	7,739 1,206 3,435	2,420 (²) 836	4,985 372 1,178	
Pennsylvania	71	96	70	132	5,890	8,610	7,830	12,300	
Rhode Island South Carolina South Dakota	(²) 7	4 28 -	4 20 -	(²) 20	(²) 724 -	323 2,724 –	882 2,871 –	(²) 1,944 –	
Tennessee Texas	6 49	25 58	10 37	10 48	417 4,814	2,314 6,259	1,021 3,836	846 4,470	
Vermont Virginia Washington	4 (²) 11 11	4 (²) 41 15	3 (²) 17 14	4 4 8 11	338 (²) 689 714	529 (²) 4,028 1,537	218 (²) 1,988 1,170	329 537 569 1,006	
West Virginia	- 37	- 83	(²) 38	(²) 40	2,985	- 8,060	(²) 3,704	(²) 3,851	
Puerto Rico	- 16	19	12	33	1,382	2,333	1,282	2,823	

data due to a change in MLS unemployment insurance input procedures.

NOTE: Dash represents zero.

¹ See footnote 1, table 3. ² Data do not meet BLS or state agency disclosure standards.

³ Data starting in November 2010 may not be comparable to prior