

## Extended Mass Layoffs in 2012



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 2012. The MLS program defines an extended mass layoff event 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 notes section for additional information on the concepts and definitions used in this report.)

In 2012, employers initiated 6,500 extended mass layoff events that resulted in the separation of more than 1.25 million workers. As indicated in table 1, the number of layoff events in 2012 decreased to its lowest level since 2007, while the number of associated separations increased to exceed the numbers reported for the 2 previous years. Fifteen of 18 major industry sectors

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### ***Mass Layoffs Data Discontinued***

On March 1, 2013, President Obama ordered into effect the across-the-board spending cuts (commonly referred to as sequestration) required by the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act, as amended. Under the order, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) must cut its current budget by more than \$30 million (5 percent of the current 2013 appropriation), by September 30, 2013. To help achieve these savings and to protect core programs, BLS eliminated two programs, including Mass Layoff Statistics, and all “measuring green jobs” products.

registered over-the-year increases in the numbers of separations in 2012, with the largest increases coming from the information, administrative and waste services, and retail trade sectors. However, layoff events and separations in the manufacturing sector declined to their lowest levels since BLS began recording annual MLS data in 1996. (See table 2.)

In 2012, 35 states had lower numbers of laid-off workers than they did in 2011. Fifty-seven percent of all private nonfarm employers reporting an extended mass layoff in 2012 indicated they anticipated some recall of dislocated workers, up from 55 percent in 2011. In 2012, the average national unemployment rate was 8.1 percent; in 2011, it was 8.9 percent. Private nonfarm payroll employment increased by 2.2 percent (about 2.4 million jobs), from 2011 to 2012.

## Industry distribution of extended mass layoffs

Fifteen of 18 major industry sectors registered over-the-year increases in the numbers of separations in 2012, with the largest increases coming from the information, administrative and waste services, and retail trade sectors. Among all sectors, firms in administrative and waste services accounted for the largest number of separations due to extended mass layoffs in 2012. This represents the first occurrence in the Mass Layoffs program history that an industry other than manufacturing has recorded the greatest number of worker separations (annual data began in 1996). (See table 2.)

In 2012, layoff events and separations in the manufacturing sector declined to their lowest levels in program history. Similarly, the numbers of laid-off workers in 13 of the 21 manufacturing subsectors decreased from the 2011 levels, with the largest declines occurring in plastics and rubber products, apparel, and paper. The largest increases in separations within the manufacturing sector were reported in food and in petroleum and coal products.

## Reasons for layoff and recall expectations

Among all economic reasons for layoff in 2012, business demand factors accounted for 37 percent of the separations

associated with extended mass layoffs, followed by the completion of seasonal work (32 percent). The number of workers separated because of contract completion increased from 249,227 in 2011 to 357,518 in 2012—the largest increase among all reasons for layoff. (See table 4 and chart 1.)

Fifty-seven percent of the private nonfarm employers reporting an extended mass layoff in 2012 indicated they anticipated recalling some dislocated workers, up from 55 percent a year earlier. Of those employers anticipating a recall, 30 percent indicated the offer would be extended to all displaced workers and 66 percent anticipated extending the offer to at least half the employees. Among those employers expecting to recall laid-off workers, 63 percent intended to do so within 6 months. Excluding extended mass layoff events due to seasonal work and vacation periods, in which employers expected to recall 93 percent of the workers, employers anticipated recalling the laid-off workers in 38 percent of the events. (See table 12.) However, in spite of the increasing expectation of recall, the time-frame for the recall has been trending upward, while the proportion of workers expected to be recalled has been trending downward for several years. (See table 12.)

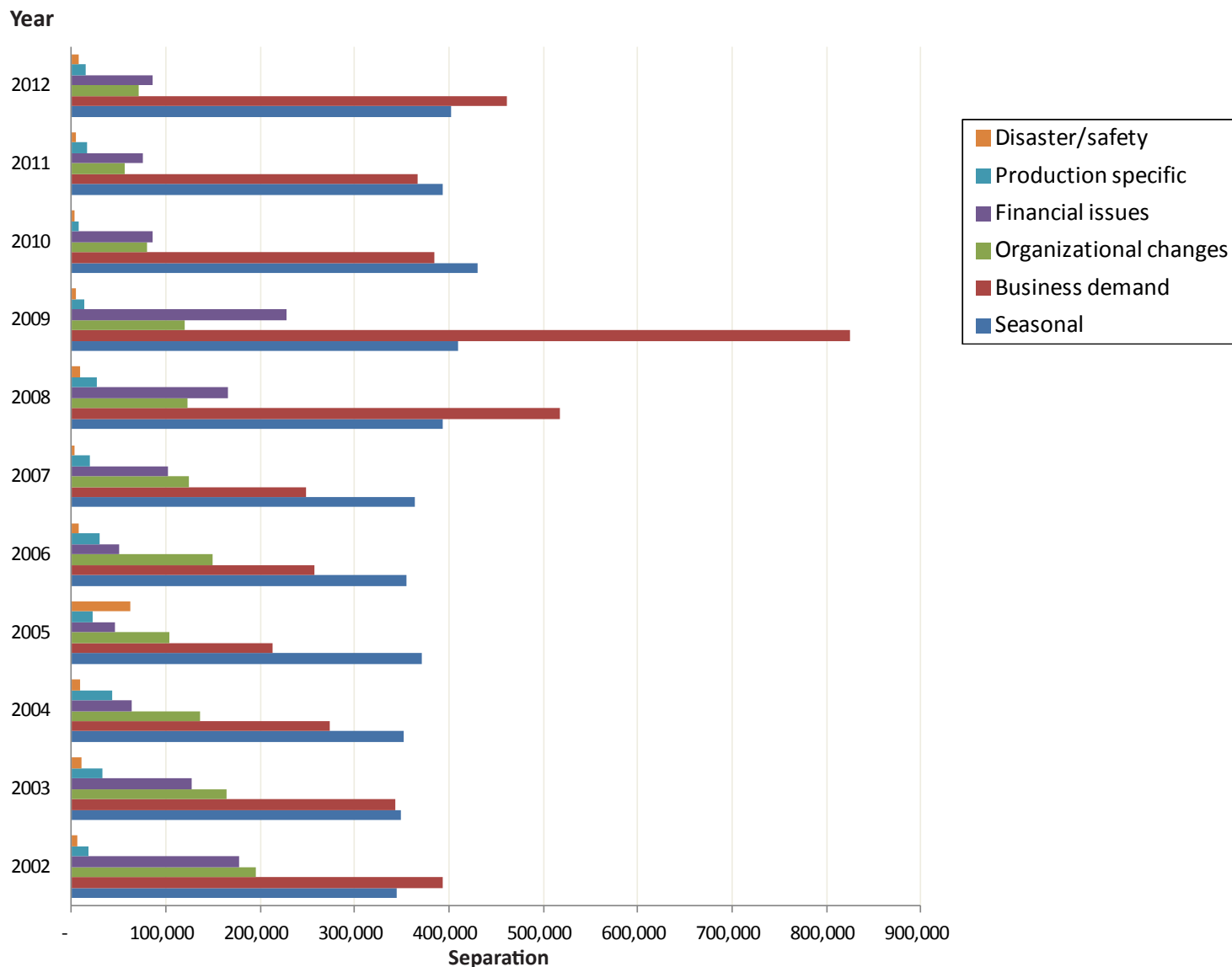
In 2012, 8 percent of extended mass layoff events were permanent worksite closures, affecting 10 percent of all separated workers (121,972 workers in total), with both figures up slightly from the prior year. Closure-related worker separations were mostly attributable to financial issues (53,671), business demand reasons (26,739), and organizational changes (26,659). (See table 14.) During the year, the manufacturing and information sectors had the largest increases in closure-related separations. (See table 15.)

## Demographics and characteristics of claimants affected by extended mass layoffs

Of the more than 1.3 million initial claimants for unemployment insurance associated with extended mass layoff events in 2012, 40 percent were women, essentially unchanged from the prior year. Thirty-three percent of initial claimants associated with layoff events were

**Chart 1**

**Extended mass layoff separations, by reason categories, 2002–2012<sup>1</sup>**



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

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics program.

between the ages of 30 and 44, and 20 percent were 55 or older; both percentages essentially unchanged from the prior year. (See tables 5 and 7.) To put these percentages into context, in the total civilian labor force in 2012, 47 percent were women, 32 percent were between the ages of 30 and 44, and 21 percent were 55 or older.

The average duration of insured unemployment associated with extended mass layoffs in the private nonfarm sector in 2012 was 1.8 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, claimants laid off from the finance and insurance sector experienced the longest average duration of insured joblessness (2.8 months), unchanged from the prior year, and claimants laid off from the information sector experienced the shortest period (1.3 months). Claimants in the utilities and management of companies sectors had the largest increases in average duration of joblessness (+0.5 months), and claimants in the real estate, rental and leasing sector had the largest decline (-0.4 months). (See table 9.)

Of the seven economic reason-for-layoff groups, claimants who were laid off because of financial issues reported the longest jobless duration (2.8 months), and the shortest duration occurred due to disaster and safety factors (1.4 months). Fifteen percent of claimants associated with extended mass layoff events exhausted their unemployment insurance benefits in 2012, down slightly from 16 percent in 2011. (See table 9.)

## Geographic distribution of extended mass layoffs

In 2012, 23 states reported increased numbers of laid-off workers, led by California (+159,803). (See table 17.)

Among the four Census regions, separations associated with extended mass layoff events increased in the Northeast and West and decreased in the Midwest and

South. Among the nine Census divisions, the highest numbers of separations were in the Pacific and Middle Atlantic. (See table 16.)

Eighty-six percent of the initial claimants associated with extended mass layoff events in 2012 resided within metropolitan areas. Among the 372 metropolitan areas, Los Angeles–Long Beach–Santa Ana, CA, reported the highest number of initial claimants residing in the area (275,404), as well as the largest increase in the level of claims from 2011 to 2012 (+72,835). Six of the 10 largest over-the-year increases in residential initial claimants were located in California. During 2012, the Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, GA metropolitan area recorded the largest decline (-3,559) in the number of residential initial claimants associated with extended mass layoff events. (See table 11.)

# Statistical Tables

## EXTENDED MASS LAYOFFS IN 2012

**Table 1. Numbers of extended mass layoff events, separations, and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, private nonfarm sector, 2004–2012**

| Year/quarter         | Layoff events <sup>1</sup> | Separations <sup>1</sup> | Initial claimants for unemployment insurance <sup>1</sup> |
|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <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                  | 368,664   |
| Second quarter ..... | 2,008                      | 381,622                  | 396,441   |
| Third quarter .....  | 1,370                      | 222,357                  | 260,077   |
| Fourth quarter ..... | 1,999                      | 338,643                  | 390,584   |
| Total .....          | 7,247                      | 1,257,134                | 1,415,766   |
| <b>2011</b>          |                            |                          |   |
| First quarter .....  | 1,490                      | 225,456                  | 258,220   |
| Second quarter ..... | 1,810                      | 317,546                  | 342,530   |
| Third quarter .....  | 1,393                      | 235,325                  | 291,066   |
| Fourth quarter ..... | 1,903                      | 334,383                  | 403,457   |
| Total .....          | 6,596                      | 1,112,710                | 1,295,273   |
| <b>2012</b>          |                            |                          |   |
| First quarter .....  | 1,294                      | 246,956                  | 291,174   |
| Second quarter ..... | 1,959                      | 385,983                  | 383,492   |
| Third quarter .....  | 1,124                      | 199,781                  | 228,818   |
| Fourth quarter ..... | 2,123                      | 424,492                  | 432,792   |
| Total .....          | 6,500                      | 1,257,212                | 1,336,276   |

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

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics program.

# EXTENDED MASS LAYOFFS IN 2012

**Table 2. Industry distribution: extended mass layoff events, separations, and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, private nonfarm sector, 2010–2012**

| Industry   | Layoff events |                  |                  | Separations |                  |                  | Initial claimants for unemployment insurance |                  |                  |
|--|---------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|--|------------------|------------------|
|  | 2010          | 2011             | 2012             | 2010        | 2011             | 2012             | 2010   | 2011             | 2012             |
| Total, private nonfarm <sup>1</sup>                | 7,247         | 6,596            | 6,500            | 1,257,134   | 1,112,710        | 1,257,212        | 1,415,766                                    | 1,295,273        | 1,336,276        |
| Mining .....                                       | 59            | 44               | 85               | 7,940       | 5,891            | 10,717           | 8,246  | 5,713            | 10,303           |
| Utilities .....                                    | 17            | 10               | 18               | 2,795       | 1,593            | 3,222            | 3,266  | 1,811            | 4,060            |
| Construction .....                                 | 1,623         | 1,377            | 1,269            | 197,437     | 169,597          | 167,121          | 251,696                                      | 209,564          | 199,811          |
| Manufacturing .....                                | 1,412         | 1,196            | 1,050            | 224,182     | 198,297          | 180,352          | 259,238                                      | 218,976          | 186,194          |
| Food .....   | 298           | 302              | 285              | 57,468      | 57,118           | 61,570           | 60,593                                       | 58,084           | 62,857           |
| Beverage and tobacco products .....                | 26            | 29               | 23               | 6,811       | 4,320            | 2,810            | 4,767  | 6,002            | 2,687            |
| Textile mills .....                                | 11            | 18               | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 2,011       | 5,636            | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 4,458  | 10,915           | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Textile product mills .....                        | 13            | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 15               | 1,667       | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 2,052            | 2,464  | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 3,115            |
| Apparel .....                                      | 39            | 26               | 22               | 5,800       | 7,519            | 3,916            | 6,743  | 8,685            | 4,227            |
| Leather and allied products .....                  | 3             | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 233         | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 283  | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Wood products .....                                | 63            | 43               | 27               | 7,468       | 6,343            | 3,088            | 12,035                                       | 7,679            | 2,893            |
| Paper .....  | 33            | 38               | 18               | 4,431       | 6,682            | 3,104            | 4,713  | 5,270            | 2,314            |
| Printing and related support activities .....      | 48            | 41               | 33               | 5,934       | 4,657            | 4,210            | 7,828  | 5,884            | 4,174            |
| Petroleum and coal products .....                  | 24            | 20               | 28               | 3,187       | 2,348            | 4,787            | 3,801  | 2,842            | 3,609            |
| Chemicals .....                                    | 53            | 43               | 35               | 7,109       | 6,119            | 7,024            | 7,426  | 6,163            | 4,546            |
| Plastics and rubber products .....                 | 44            | 43               | 36               | 4,193       | 7,241            | 3,357            | 5,180  | 5,851            | 3,155            |
| Nonmetallic mineral products .....                 | 113           | 87               | 67               | 12,843      | 10,008           | 8,630            | 15,246                                       | 11,443           | 9,929            |
| Primary metal .....                                | 62            | 33               | 32               | 9,821       | 4,873            | 6,598            | 9,676  | 4,902            | 6,238            |
| Fabricated metal products .....                    | 76            | 57               | 59               | 9,459       | 7,294            | 6,392            | 12,554                                       | 8,256            | 8,124            |
| Machinery .....                                    | 105           | 65               | 80               | 17,774      | 12,305           | 13,507           | 22,594                                       | 13,402           | 15,062           |
| Computer and electronic products .....             | 99            | 74               | 84               | 14,717      | 11,973           | 11,611           | 16,467                                       | 10,341           | 10,235           |
| Electrical equipment and appliance .....           | 35            | 23               | 14               | 4,894       | 4,254            | 2,329            | 6,018  | 4,875            | 2,669            |
| Transportation equipment .....                     | 188           | 167              | 132              | 35,809      | 29,081           | 25,810           | 43,374                                       | 35,948           | 30,840           |
| Furniture and related products .....               | 40            | 37               | 20               | 6,894       | 4,326            | 2,453            | 7,848  | 4,701            | 2,227            |
| Miscellaneous manufacturing .....                  | 39            | 35               | 28               | 5,659       | 3,910            | 4,284            | 5,170  | 4,201            | 3,822            |
| Wholesale trade .....                              | 149           | 121              | 146              | 17,274      | 15,528           | 20,759           | 17,328                                       | 15,130           | 18,058           |
| Retail trade .....                                 | 479           | 409              | 441              | 122,579     | 87,589           | 107,480          | 153,096                                      | 99,627           | 115,213          |
| Transportation and warehousing .....               | 486           | 367              | 380              | 95,571      | 72,367           | 77,347           | 105,110                                      | 75,463           | 71,038           |
| Information .....                                  | 220           | 286              | 307              | 54,082      | 75,641           | 128,168          | 76,269                                       | 124,697          | 162,701          |
| Finance and insurance .....                        | 251           | 182              | 129              | 47,888      | 29,490           | 25,596           | 53,446                                       | 39,434           | 26,002           |
| Real estate and rental and leasing .....           | 68            | 58               | 38               | 10,035      | 8,270            | 8,537            | 9,575  | 9,770            | 7,488            |
| Professional and technical services .....          | 298           | 325              | 318              | 58,798      | 60,064           | 70,567           | 63,328                                       | 75,818           | 75,368           |
| Management of companies and enterprises .....      | 30            | 27               | 32               | 5,338       | 3,245            | 4,753            | 4,815  | 3,918            | 4,642            |
| Administrative and waste services .....            | 747           | 848              | 947              | 150,181     | 164,258          | 202,435          | 173,511                                      | 202,809          | 241,941          |
| Educational services .....                         | 87            | 80               | 97               | 11,817      | 9,942            | 12,635           | 13,284                                       | 11,875           | 13,300           |
| Health care and social assistance .....            | 384           | 397              | 378              | 48,504      | 47,763           | 55,093           | 49,257                                       | 48,463           | 47,348           |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation .....          | 228           | 238              | 242              | 48,590      | 42,407           | 49,655           | 34,026                                       | 36,408           | 36,313           |
| Accommodation and food services .....              | 564           | 503              | 484              | 135,178     | 105,579          | 113,111          | 120,809                                      | 98,161           | 97,612           |
| Other services, except public administration ..... | 145           | 126              | 124              | 18,945      | 15,005           | 17,926           | 19,466                                       | 17,390           | 17,108           |
| Unclassified .....                                 | –             | 2                | 15               | –           | 184              | 1,738            | –  | 246              | 1,776            |

<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: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics program.



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**Table 3. Industry distribution: extended mass layoff separations, private nonfarm sector, 50 highest six-digit NAICS industries, 2010–2012**

| Industry                                      | NAICS code | 2010        |                   | 2011        |                   | 2012             |                   |
|---|------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
|   |            | Separations | Rank <sup>1</sup> | Separations | Rank <sup>1</sup> | Separations      | Rank <sup>1</sup> |
| Total, private nonfarm <sup>2</sup>           | ...        | 1,257,134   | ...               | 1,112,710   | ...               | 1,257,212        | ...               |
| Total, 50 highest industries                  | ...        | 726,587     | ...               | 666,592     | ...               | 841,500          | ...               |
| Temporary help services                       | 561320     | 58,669      | 2                 | 94,114      | 1                 | 127,284          | 1                 |
| Motion picture and video production           | 512110     | 30,245      | 6                 | 48,952      | 2                 | 100,476          | 2                 |
| Highway, street, and bridge construction      | 237310     | 50,292      | 4                 | 46,199      | 3                 | 49,283           | 3                 |
| Food service contractors                      | 722310     | 58,360      | 3                 | 43,387      | 4                 | 45,828           | 4                 |
| School and employee bus transportation        | 485410     | 61,612      | 1                 | 41,038      | 5                 | 41,966           | 5                 |
| Hotels and motels, except casino hotels       | 721110     | 29,742      | 7                 | 25,132      | 6                 | 26,386           | 6                 |
| Department stores, except discount            | 452111     | 11,360      | 24                | 6,538       | 34                | 22,763           | 7                 |
| Child day care services                       | 624410     | 18,983      | 12                | 19,766      | 7                 | 19,015           | 8                 |
| Professional employer organizations           | 561330     | 33,908      | 5                 | 16,924      | 10                | 18,740           | 9                 |
| Fruit and vegetable canning                   | 311421     | 20,421      | 10                | 17,840      | 8                 | 18,712           | 10                |
| Discount department stores                    | 452112     | 26,826      | 8                 | 16,989      | 9                 | 18,650           | 11                |
| Supermarkets and other grocery stores         | 445110     | 19,883      | 11                | 11,153      | 21                | 18,615           | 12                |
| Tax preparation services                      | 541213     | 23,971      | 9                 | 15,987      | 11                | 18,553           | 13                |
| Payroll services                              | 541214     | 8,482       | 32                | 13,113      | 14                | 17,824           | 14                |
| Casino hotels                                 | 721120     | 7,587       | 33                | 12,738      | 15                | 16,568           | 15                |
| Power and communication system construction   | 237130     | 12,643      | 19                | 15,248      | 12                | 14,884           | 16                |
| Commercial bakeries                           | 311812     | 962         | 211               | 1,186       | 161               | 12,157           | 17                |
| Skiing facilities                             | 713920     | 17,154      | 14                | 12,620      | 16                | 12,126           | 18                |
| Scheduled passenger air transportation        | 481111     | 2,590       | 89                | 1,919       | 106               | 11,748           | 19                |
| Oil and gas pipeline construction             | 237120     | 11,568      | 23                | 12,606      | 17                | 11,567           | 20                |
| Telemarketing and other contact centers       | 561422     | 11,358      | 25                | 8,872       | 26                | 11,498           | 21                |
| Commercial banking                            | 522110     | 13,193      | 18                | 11,391      | 18                | 11,440           | 22                |
| Amusement and theme parks                     | 713110     | 11,799      | 22                | 11,277      | 20                | 11,254           | 23                |
| Nonresidential plumbing and HVAC contractors  | 238222     | 12,267      | 20                | 11,363      | 19                | 10,700           | 24                |
| Employment placement agencies                 | 561311     | 4,101       | 59                | 7,387       | 29                | 10,031           | 25                |
| Nonresidential electrical contractors         | 238212     | 17,476      | 13                | 9,586       | 24                | 9,980            | 26                |
| Industrial building construction              | 236210     | 12,253      | 21                | 9,875       | 23                | 9,862            | 27                |
| Commercial building construction              | 236220     | 14,572      | 16                | 13,867      | 13                | 9,477            | 28                |
| Teleproduction and postproduction services    | 512191     | 132         | 543               | 3,008       | 73                | 9,145            | 29                |
| Full-service restaurants                      | 722511     | 14,858      | 15                | 9,516       | 25                | 8,741            | 30                |
| Mail-order houses                             | 454113     | 9,726       | 30                | 7,273       | 30                | 8,214            | 31                |
| All other nonresidential trade contractors    | 238992     | 5,214       | 51                | 5,602       | 41                | 7,633            | 32                |
| Landscaping services                          | 561730     | 7,482       | 35                | 7,920       | 28                | 7,610            | 33                |
| Convention and trade show organizers          | 561920     | 5,490       | 46                | 4,547       | 53                | 7,393            | 34                |
| Seafood product preparation and packaging     | 311710     | 10,353      | 27                | 10,955      | 22                | 7,220            | 35                |
| Other individual and family services          | 624190     | 6,089       | 41                | 6,535       | 35                | 6,991            | 36                |
| Home centers                                  | 444110     | 14,484      | 17                | 4,231       | 55                | 6,938            | 37                |
| General medical and surgical hospitals        | 622110     | 10,158      | 29                | 5,939       | 37                | 6,572            | 38                |
| Nonresidential drywall contractors            | 238312     | 6,852       | 37                | 6,268       | 36                | 5,977            | 39                |
| Other technical consulting services           | 541690     | 1,588       | 135               | 2,234       | 94                | 5,451            | 40                |
| Nonresidential site preparation contractors   | 238912     | 5,730       | 44                | 6,557       | 32                | 4,909            | 41                |
| Engineering services                          | 541330     | 3,910       | 63                | 4,128       | 56                | 4,740            | 42                |
| General warehousing and storage               | 493110     | 1,904       | 116               | 5,310       | 43                | 4,727            | 43                |
| All other amusement and recreation industries | 713990     | 816         | 234               | 1,226       | 157               | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | 44                |
| Commercial machinery repair and maintenance   | 811310     | 3,396       | 70                | 3,585       | 61                | 4,645            | 45                |
| Managing offices                              | 551114     | 5,208       | 52                | 3,034       | 72                | 4,603            | 46                |
| Other social advocacy organizations           | 813319     | 4,824       | 54                | 4,344       | 54                | 4,524            | 47                |
| Semiconductors and related device mfg.        | 334413     | 1,390       | 150               | 2,218       | 95                | 4,518            | 48                |
| Family clothing stores                        | 448140     | 4,706       | 55                | 5,095       | 46                | 4,491            | 49                |
| HMO medical centers                           | 621491     | –           | –                 | –           | –                 | ( <sup>3</sup> ) | 50                |

<sup>1</sup> Industries are ranked by number of separations in 2012.  
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**Table 4. Reason for layoff: extended mass layoff events, separations, and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, private nonfarm sector, 2010–2012**

| Reason for layoff <sup>1</sup>                                     | Layoff events    |                  |                  | Separations      |                  |                  | Initial claimants for unemployment insurance |                  |                  |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--|------------------|------------------|
|  | 2010             | 2011             | 2012             | 2010             | 2011             | 2012             | 2010   | 2011             | 2012             |
| Total, private nonfarm, all reasons <sup>1</sup> .....             | 7,247            | 6,596            | 6,500            | 1,257,134        | 1,112,710        | 1,257,212        | 1,415,766                                    | 1,295,273        | 1,336,276        |
| Business demand .....  | 2,515            | 2,343            | 2,345            | 384,565          | 366,040          | 461,328          | 510,367                                      | 528,899          | 583,810          |
| Contract cancellation .....  | 148              | 117              | 114              | 23,861           | 17,387           | 23,942           | 25,207                                       | 20,468           | 18,093           |
| Contract completion .....  | 1,146            | 1,435            | 1,640            | 193,450          | 249,227          | 357,518          | 263,450                                      | 380,441          | 476,180          |
| Domestic competition .....   | 8                | 5                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 2,231            | 489              | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 2,458  | 814              | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Excess inventory/saturated market .....                            | 13               | 12               | 15               | 2,055            | 2,974            | 3,281            | 3,359  | 1,410            | 5,341            |
| Import competition .....   | 7                | 5                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 1,199            | 1,214            | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 1,006  | 1,140            | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Slack work/insufficient demand/nonseasonal business slowdown ..... | 1,193            | 769              | 565              | 161,769          | 94,749           | 73,880           | 214,887                                      | 124,626          | 81,865           |
| Organizational changes .....                                       | 397              | 313              | 313              | 79,784           | 56,502           | 71,128           | 80,334                                       | 53,755           | 51,431           |
| Business-ownership change .....                                    | 96               | 75               | 72               | 32,543           | 17,581           | 27,040           | 13,974                                       | 8,840            | 8,317            |
| Reorganization or restructuring of company .....                   | 301              | 238              | 241              | 47,241           | 38,921           | 44,088           | 66,360                                       | 44,915           | 43,114           |
| Financial issues .....   | 511              | 415              | 418              | 86,637           | 76,335           | 85,946           | 104,848                                      | 78,805           | 77,049           |
| Bankruptcy .....   | 60               | 76               | 87               | 15,157           | 19,301           | 28,971           | 9,062  | 13,030           | 20,561           |
| Cost control/cost cutting/increase profitability .....             | 291              | 211              | 187              | 39,577           | 30,503           | 32,017           | 66,898                                       | 42,701           | 37,942           |
| Financial difficulty .....   | 160              | 128              | 144              | 31,903           | 26,531           | 24,958           | 28,888                                       | 23,074           | 18,546           |
| Production specific .....  | 54               | 94               | 75               | 7,830            | 16,180           | 14,313           | 8,576  | 18,559           | 15,179           |
| Automation/technological advances .....                            | 9                | 8                | 10               | 1,002            | 1,104            | 1,613            | 1,246  | 1,258            | 1,935            |
| Energy related .....   | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | –                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | –                | ( <sup>2</sup> )                             | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | –                |
| Governmental regulations/intervention .....                        | 18               | 15               | 18               | 2,971            | 1,482            | 3,300            | 2,079  | 2,737            | 2,526            |
| Labor dispute/contract negotiations/strike .....                   | 7                | 10               | 8                | 1,335            | 2,589            | 2,155            | 1,281  | 2,407            | 1,392            |
| Material or supply shortage .....                                  | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 23               | 4                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 2,756            | 461              | ( <sup>2</sup> )                             | 3,740            | 560              |
| Model changeover .....   | 4                | 13               | 9                | 795              | 2,457            | 3,280            | 1,214  | 2,876            | 4,264            |
| Plant or machine repair/maintenance .....                          | 9                | 14               | 15               | 1,073            | 3,283            | 1,475            | 1,878  | 2,793            | 2,787            |
| Product line discontinued .....                                    | 4                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 11               | 385              | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 2,029            | 463  | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 1,715            |
| Disaster/safety .....  | 24               | 31               | 45               | 3,202            | 5,046            | 7,900            | 3,225  | 5,128            | 9,484            |
| Hazardous work environment .....                                   | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 5                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 1,085            | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> )                             | 785              | ( <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> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> )                             | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Nonnatural disaster .....  | 10               | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 5                | 1,038            | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 941              | 1,209  | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 608              |
| Extreme weather-related event .....                                | 11               | 21               | 35               | 1,723            | 3,206            | 5,838            | 1,496  | 3,421            | 7,815            |
| Seasonal .....   | 2,417            | 2,285            | 2,217            | 429,847          | 392,951          | 402,445          | 442,818                                      | 409,524          | 390,775          |
| Seasonal .....   | 1,932            | 1,851            | 1,717            | 353,375          | 322,645          | 320,524          | 357,211                                      | 331,680          | 303,774          |
| Vacation period–school related or otherwise .....                  | 485              | 434              | 500              | 76,472           | 70,306           | 81,921           | 85,607                                       | 77,844           | 87,001           |
| Other/miscellaneous .....  | 1,329            | 1,115            | 1,087            | 265,269          | 199,656          | 214,152          | 265,598                                      | 200,603          | 208,548          |
| Other .....  | 66               | 103              | 87               | 9,434            | 13,791           | 15,897           | 9,703  | 14,954           | 14,222           |
| Data not provided: Refusal .....                                   | 320              | 268              | 303              | 80,333           | 63,382           | 67,080           | 80,324                                       | 63,335           | 66,928           |
| Data not provided: Does not know .....                             | 943              | 744              | 697              | 175,502          | 122,483          | 131,175          | 175,571                                      | 122,314          | 127,398          |

<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: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics program.

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**Table 5. State and selected claimant characteristics: extended mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, private nonfarm sector, 2011–2012**

| State                               | Layoff events    |                  | Total initial claimants for unemployment insurance |                  | Percent of total |      |                 |      |       |      |                         |      |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--|------------------|------------------|------|-----------------|------|-------|------|-------------------------|------|
|                                     |                  |                  |  |                  | Black            |      | Hispanic origin |      | Women |      | People age 55 and older |      |
|                                     | 2011             | 2012             | 2011   | 2012             | 2011             | 2012 | 2011            | 2012 | 2011  | 2012 | 2011                    | 2012 |
| Total, private nonfarm <sup>1</sup> | 6,596            | 6,500            | 1,295,273  | 1,336,276        | 14.5             | 13.7 | 20.1            | 22.1 | 40.2  | 40.0 | 20.2                    | 20.4 |
| Alabama                             | 41               | 44               | 10,561   | 9,089            | 47.0             | 48.4 | 2.0             | 3.1  | 50.9  | 55.5 | 16.3                    | 19.1 |
| Alaska                              | 35               | 35               | 8,604  | 8,125            | 8.0              | 7.2  | 16.1            | 13.9 | 29.2  | 30.6 | 23.4                    | 24.9 |
| Arizona                             | 67               | 63               | 12,452   | 10,114           | 8.8              | 8.2  | 38.4            | 43.3 | 52.1  | 52.1 | 17.7                    | 18.7 |
| Arkansas                            | 51               | 45               | 9,575  | 10,042           | 31.0             | 25.2 | 7.2             | 6.0  | 51.9  | 43.4 | 18.8                    | 23.2 |
| California                          | 1,868            | 2,141            | 451,374  | 588,039          | 8.1              | 8.7  | 35.3            | 34.1 | 39.9  | 40.1 | 16.6                    | 16.7 |
| Colorado                            | 49               | 64               | 6,822  | 9,079            | 4.3              | 5.6  | 29.7            | 26.4 | 38.8  | 34.3 | 19.8                    | 20.0 |
| Connecticut                         | 49               | 47               | 6,953  | 6,920            | 16.7             | 14.3 | 16.3            | 14.3 | 52.3  | 46.7 | 25.0                    | 28.8 |
| Delaware                            | 20               | 15               | 3,391  | 1,915            | 42.5             | 47.4 | 9.3             | 8.0  | 44.1  | 62.3 | 18.2                    | 26.7 |
| District of Columbia                | 13               | 12               | 1,735  | 1,597            | 69.8             | 80.8 | 8.7             | 5.3  | 53.3  | 63.9 | 21.1                    | 23.5 |
| Florida                             | 219              | 120              | 36,318   | 18,332           | 20.5             | 29.5 | 27.9            | 29.2 | 46.2  | 54.6 | 24.8                    | 26.8 |
| Georgia                             | 129              | 79               | 28,526   | 13,529           | 42.4             | 56.1 | 6.0             | 1.6  | 47.2  | 48.1 | 20.2                    | 21.4 |
| Hawaii                              | 10               | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 1,639  | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | .9               | 1.1  | 10.0            | 12.5 | 42.1  | 15.3 | 20.6                    | 11.6 |
| Idaho                               | 39               | 30               | 5,163  | 3,418            | .2               | .1   | 10.9            | 12.3 | 31.8  | 35.0 | 20.2                    | 23.7 |
| Illinois                            | 430              | 408              | 79,988   | 76,580           | 18.2             | 19.9 | 15.9            | 15.0 | 36.6  | 37.1 | 18.7                    | 19.4 |
| Indiana                             | 109              | 106              | 22,048   | 19,753           | 10.3             | 11.1 | 3.0             | 2.6  | 28.1  | 28.3 | 18.3                    | 20.0 |
| Iowa                                | 34               | 27               | 7,239  | 4,440            | 5.1              | 7.0  | 4.4             | 6.7  | 38.5  | 38.0 | 26.1                    | 27.5 |
| Kansas                              | 41               | 38               | 5,173  | 7,024            | 12.5             | 14.3 | 4.7             | 4.0  | 45.4  | 40.3 | 24.0                    | 23.6 |
| Kentucky                            | 100              | 107              | 11,810   | 13,601           | 13.1             | 12.5 | .2              | .1   | 34.5  | 33.2 | 16.9                    | 20.2 |
| Louisiana                           | 95               | 78               | 14,440   | 11,527           | 50.1             | 54.5 | 4.1             | 4.7  | 44.8  | 50.4 | 24.3                    | 27.3 |
| Maine                               | 29               | 31               | 3,930  | 4,481            | 1.0              | 2.7  | .4              | .9   | 35.9  | 36.4 | 27.8                    | 26.3 |
| Maryland <sup>3</sup>               | 70               | 105              | 9,733  | 14,766           | 48.9             | 29.4 | 2.3             | 1.4  | 45.6  | 44.9 | 22.4                    | 25.7 |
| Massachusetts                       | 76               | 74               | 10,766   | 12,005           | 11.1             | 13.2 | 1.1             | 1.1  | 49.5  | 48.7 | 23.5                    | 22.8 |
| Michigan                            | 160              | 149              | 26,185   | 25,928           | 12.4             | 14.8 | 5.0             | 4.1  | 39.7  | 36.4 | 19.7                    | 21.1 |
| Minnesota                           | 127              | 123              | 19,154   | 16,519           | 5.6              | 3.9  | 6.8             | 7.0  | 21.2  | 20.4 | 19.8                    | 20.6 |
| Mississippi                         | 40               | 30               | 5,102  | 3,432            | 72.9             | 59.1 | 2.3             | 5.0  | 48.1  | 43.6 | 15.3                    | 21.0 |
| Missouri                            | 122              | 115              | 19,079   | 18,703           | 21.4             | 20.6 | 1.9             | 2.1  | 54.6  | 48.8 | 28.1                    | 28.1 |
| Montana                             | 26               | 28               | 2,663  | 3,036            | 0.5              | 0.7  | 3.8             | 4.0  | 30.5  | 31.4 | 23.4                    | 26.2 |
| Nebraska                            | 25               | 15               | 2,895  | 1,991            | 8.6              | 11.7 | 8.7             | 7.4  | 34.1  | 42.3 | 28.5                    | 36.9 |
| Nevada                              | 60               | 92               | 12,194   | 20,761           | 9.6              | 9.9  | 27.2            | 28.3 | 39.4  | 41.3 | 21.3                    | 22.7 |
| New Hampshire                       | 14               | 21               | 2,084  | 2,650            | 0.8              | 0.6  | 2.5             | 3.8  | 45.3  | 42.8 | 31.3                    | 31.7 |
| New Jersey                          | 251              | 231              | 43,843   | 44,534           | 20.6             | 19.1 | 8.8             | 12.5 | 52.8  | 56.7 | 27.9                    | 30.4 |
| New Mexico                          | 43               | 40               | 5,210  | 4,944            | 1.8              | 1.9  | 49.6            | 49.6 | 43.6  | 39.4 | 18.2                    | 21.1 |
| New York                            | 472              | 441              | 89,975   | 75,860           | 14.8             | 17.2 | 14.5            | 18.3 | 41.4  | 43.4 | 23.3                    | 24.9 |
| North Carolina                      | 91               | 54               | 21,336   | 8,163            | 40.8             | 39.9 | 9.1             | 7.2  | 41.4  | 36.7 | 21.8                    | 22.9 |
| North Dakota                        | 13               | 17               | 1,816  | 2,409            | 0.8              | 1.5  | 4.2             | 4.4  | 10.9  | 9.5  | 23.1                    | 24.0 |
| Ohio                                | 276              | 266              | 47,076   | 39,849           | 11.9             | 13.2 | 3.7             | 3.5  | 29.8  | 29.6 | 20.2                    | 21.0 |
| Oklahoma                            | 25               | 23               | 3,108  | 2,574            | 14.9             | 8.4  | 6.6             | 7.3  | 45.5  | 45.0 | 21.5                    | 21.8 |
| Oregon                              | 103              | 106              | 24,346   | 21,071           | 2.3              | 2.2  | 22.2            | 20.7 | 45.5  | 44.5 | 21.3                    | 21.0 |
| Pennsylvania                        | 365              | 344              | 66,794   | 63,295           | 10.1             | 9.7  | 4.6             | 4.5  | 39.0  | 34.6 | 27.6                    | 27.5 |
| Rhode Island                        | 18               | 14               | 2,891  | 2,234            | 3.5              | 3.9  | 15.1            | 16.8 | 69.5  | 64.4 | 36.1                    | 31.4 |
| South Carolina                      | 38               | 38               | 6,505  | 6,046            | 62.9             | 52.3 | 3.5             | 1.8  | 56.3  | 50.5 | 19.5                    | 21.0 |
| South Dakota                        | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> )                                   | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 4.7              | 8.5  | 11.8            | 3.4  | 74.8  | 22.0 | 22.0                    | 6.8  |
| Tennessee                           | 80               | 60               | 15,711   | 10,887           | 26.7             | 21.4 | .1              | –    | 46.4  | 39.8 | 30.6                    | 29.1 |
| Texas                               | 144              | 148              | 33,092   | 35,262           | 17.0             | 18.9 | 44.4            | 45.6 | 33.8  | 31.4 | 16.7                    | 15.5 |
| Utah                                | 37               | 30               | 4,973  | 4,594            | 1.3              | 1.2  | 13.7            | 13.0 | 25.9  | 18.5 | 14.4                    | 14.7 |
| Vermont                             | 27               | 12               | 3,926  | 1,942            | 1.0              | .8   | .4              | .5   | 45.5  | 32.3 | 25.3                    | 20.8 |
| Virginia                            | 99               | 78               | 19,573   | 16,774           | 44.9             | 43.3 | 4.8             | 5.0  | 47.9  | 45.6 | 19.5                    | 21.6 |
| Washington                          | 137              | 154              | 25,181   | 23,284           | 5.1              | 6.7  | 18.8            | 16.5 | 35.2  | 35.1 | 18.6                    | 19.2 |
| West Virginia                       | 23               | 26               | 3,251  | 3,291            | .2               | .3   | –               | .2   | 7.5   | 17.6 | 13.5                    | 24.8 |
| Wisconsin                           | 199              | 162              | 37,853   | 29,943           | 7.9              | 7.7  | 7.3             | 8.0  | 34.3  | 37.6 | 23.4                    | 25.3 |
| Wyoming                             | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 7                | ( <sup>2</sup> )                                   | 1,121            | 1.3              | 2.0  | 5.2             | 9.4  | 33.5  | 31.6 | 21.2                    | 20.7 |
| Puerto Rico                         | 64               | 56               | 18,628   | 14,365           | .1               | .1   | 99.4            | 99.4 | 57.5  | 55.2 | 9.5                     | 9.5  |

<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.

<sup>3</sup> Data starting in June 2012 may not be comparable to prior data due to improvements in state MLS data processing.

NOTE: Dash represents zero.

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics program.

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Table 6. Claimant race and ethnicity: percent of initial claimants for unemployment insurance, by industry and reason for layoff, private nonfarm sector, 2011–2012

| Measure  | Percent of total race/ethnicity <sup>1</sup> |      |       |      |                 |      |                                  |      |                           |      |
|--|--|------|-------|------|-----------------|------|----------------------------------|------|---------------------------|------|
|  | White  |      | Black |      | Hispanic origin |      | American Indian or Alaska Native |      | Asian or Pacific Islander |      |
|  | 2011   | 2012 | 2011  | 2012 | 2011            | 2012 | 2011                             | 2012 | 2011                      | 2012 |
| Total, private nonfarm <sup>2</sup> .....                            | 54.6   | 52.8 | 14.5  | 13.7 | 20.1            | 22.1 | .8                               | .8   | 3.4                       | 3.5  |
| <b>Industry</b>  |  |      |       |      |                 |      |                                  |      |                           |      |
| Mining .....   | 80.2   | 77.8 | 2.1   | 2.7  | 5.5             | 6.8  | 3.3                              | 2.3  | .5                        | .6   |
| Utilities .....  | 81.9   | 62.0 | 7.6   | 11.2 | 4.7             | 13.8 | .5                               | .8   | 1.9                       | 3.6  |
| Construction .....   | 68.4   | 69.0 | 6.3   | 5.9  | 19.3            | 19.5 | 1.0                              | 1.1  | .8                        | .9   |
| Manufacturing .....  | 53.1   | 53.6 | 15.0  | 13.8 | 20.3            | 20.2 | .7                               | .7   | 5.3                       | 5.5  |
| Wholesale trade .....  | 46.8   | 49.1 | 15.5  | 12.6 | 26.9            | 27.5 | .3                               | .5   | 3.1                       | 3.6  |
| Retail trade .....   | 52.6   | 44.7 | 18.9  | 17.8 | 17.5            | 22.9 | .7                               | .7   | 2.6                       | 2.8  |
| Transportation and warehousing .....                                 | 54.7   | 53.0 | 23.3  | 21.7 | 13.3            | 16.7 | .5                               | .6   | 2.0                       | 2.1  |
| Information .....  | 69.9   | 71.8 | 8.8   | 7.8  | 10.0            | 9.7  | .5                               | .6   | 3.3                       | 3.2  |
| Finance and insurance .....  | 45.4   | 42.6 | 17.7  | 16.6 | 19.8            | 21.5 | .5                               | .5   | 7.5                       | 7.7  |
| Real estate and rental and leasing .....                             | 55.9   | 48.3 | 14.5  | 14.4 | 13.4            | 23.5 | 2.3                              | 4.6  | 2.8                       | 1.8  |
| Professional and technical services .....                            | 63.0   | 62.1 | 11.0  | 11.3 | 12.8            | 14.6 | .7                               | .7   | 4.0                       | 3.8  |
| Management of companies and enterprises .....                        | 51.4   | 59.3 | 15.0  | 16.7 | 20.0            | 12.7 | .4                               | .5   | 7.5                       | 5.3  |
| Administrative and waste services .....                              | 37.5   | 32.4 | 15.7  | 15.3 | 34.4            | 38.7 | .8                               | .8   | 4.2                       | 4.0  |
| Educational services .....   | 43.6   | 39.7 | 21.9  | 21.0 | 19.7            | 23.2 | .5                               | .6   | 5.1                       | 4.9  |
| Health care and social assistance .....                              | 41.5   | 39.7 | 22.3  | 22.5 | 25.3            | 25.9 | .9                               | .8   | 3.3                       | 2.8  |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation .....                            | 59.1   | 59.7 | 14.5  | 13.1 | 16.1            | 16.6 | .6                               | .6   | 2.3                       | 2.7  |
| Accommodation and food services .....                                | 49.9   | 47.3 | 19.8  | 19.3 | 18.7            | 20.8 | .8                               | .7   | 3.7                       | 4.9  |
| Other services, except public administration .....                   | 45.8   | 46.8 | 26.4  | 26.1 | 16.8            | 16.5 | 1.3                              | 1.4  | 2.4                       | 2.8  |
| Unclassified establishments .....                                    | 41.1   | 22.3 | 15.4  | 6.3  | 28.9            | 59.9 | 2.4                              | .6   | 4.9                       | 3.2  |
| <b>Reason for layoff</b>   |  |      |       |      |                 |      |                                  |      |                           |      |
| Business demand .....  | 56.6   | 53.9 | 11.6  | 10.9 | 21.7            | 23.9 | .7                               | .8   | 3.0                       | 3.3  |
| Contract cancellation .....  | 41.3   | 45.2 | 20.2  | 21.0 | 25.9            | 19.6 | 1.3                              | 1.2  | 3.9                       | 4.0  |
| Contract completion .....  | 56.5   | 52.9 | 9.2   | 9.4  | 23.6            | 26.2 | .8                               | .8   | 3.2                       | 3.4  |
| Domestic competition .....   | 51.2   | 63.7 | 33.5  | 15.9 | 11.8            | 15.3 | .5                               | .1   | .4                        | 1.2  |
| Excess inventory/saturated market .....                              | 54.5   | 66.5 | 19.2  | 17.6 | 19.4            | 5.2  | .3                               | .7   | .6                        | .4   |
| Import competition .....   | 66.6   | 78.8 | 16.8  | 5.8  | 4.1             | 3.7  | .6                               | –    | 9.6                       | –    |
| Slack work/insufficient demand/nonseasona<br>business slowdown ..... | 59.3   | 60.4 | 17.3  | 16.9 | 15.2            | 13.1 | .6                               | .7   | 2.4                       | 2.9  |
| Organizational changes .....   | 50.2   | 50.9 | 16.7  | 17.3 | 18.4            | 17.2 | .5                               | .5   | 5.9                       | 5.7  |
| Business-ownership change .....                                      | 48.9   | 54.0 | 19.2  | 15.1 | 18.1            | 18.1 | .4                               | .8   | 3.9                       | 4.5  |
| Reorganization or restructuring of company .....                     | 50.4   | 50.3 | 16.2  | 17.7 | 18.4            | 17.0 | .6                               | .5   | 6.3                       | 6.0  |
| Financial issues .....   | 51.9   | 47.8 | 17.8  | 16.7 | 15.2            | 19.7 | .6                               | .8   | 5.7                       | 4.6  |
| Bankruptcy .....   | 56.7   | 55.5 | 12.7  | 18.7 | 14.3            | 13.6 | .6                               | .6   | 6.5                       | 2.3  |
| Cost control/cost cutting/increase profitability .....               | 49.5   | 44.5 | 19.5  | 15.5 | 16.2            | 21.9 | .7                               | .8   | 6.2                       | 6.0  |
| Financial difficulty .....   | 53.7   | 46.0 | 17.6  | 16.9 | 13.9            | 22.0 | .5                               | 1.0  | 4.3                       | 4.6  |
| Production specific .....  | 52.7   | 60.0 | 17.6  | 17.3 | 17.4            | 11.1 | 1.6                              | .7   | 4.5                       | 1.9  |
| Automation/technological advances .....                              | 50.4   | 69.6 | 15.6  | 20.7 | 23.0            | 4.9  | .3                               | .3   | 5.2                       | 1.6  |
| Energy related .....   | 77.5   | –    | 5.6   | –    | 3.4             | –    | 1.1                              | –    | 6.7                       | –    |
| Governmental regulations/intervention .....                          | 42.6   | 68.6 | 13.8  | 13.7 | 25.1            | 10.5 | .5                               | .8   | 8.9                       | 1.3  |
| Labor dispute/contract negotiations/strike .....                     | 79.5   | 64.4 | 13.8  | 19.2 | 4.6             | 8.4  | .2                               | .2   | .2                        | 4.5  |
| Material or supply shortage .....                                    | 74.3   | 64.6 | 11.1  | 5.2  | 3.3             | 25.7 | .8                               | .7   | 2.2                       | 1.3  |
| Model changeover .....   | 48.5   | 61.0 | 14.2  | 12.6 | 25.9            | 4.4  | .7                               | .7   | 4.6                       | 1.4  |
| Plant or machine repair/maintenance .....                            | 24.6   | 44.4 | 43.1  | 31.8 | 19.5            | 14.8 | 6.6                              | 1.7  | 3.1                       | 2.0  |
| Product line discontinued .....                                      | 43.0   | 53.9 | 12.1  | 9.2  | 27.2            | 27.5 | 1.7                              | .3   | 8.2                       | 1.9  |
| Disaster/safety .....  | 62.3   | 45.8 | 18.9  | 16.1 | 4.3             | 17.1 | .5                               | .4   | 2.9                       | 8.8  |
| Hazardous work environment .....                                     | 26.6   | 36.8 | 13.8  | 25.9 | 9.7             | 8.7  | .9                               | .1   | 1.0                       | 10.9 |
| Natural disaster (not weather related) .....                         | 71.5   | 94.6 | 2.2   | .5   | 2.2             | .5   | .6                               | –    | 18.8                      | .3   |
| Nonnatural disaster .....  | 37.9   | 83.1 | 54.2  | 9.5  | 4.7             | 6.6  | .7                               | –    | –                         | –    |
| Extreme weather-related event .....                                  | 70.8   | 41.4 | 20.3  | 16.5 | 3.4             | 19.4 | .4                               | .4   | .5                        | 9.8  |
| Seasonal .....   | 58.3   | 56.2 | 15.6  | 15.3 | 17.8            | 20.2 | .8                               | .8   | 2.8                       | 2.8  |
| Seasonal .....   | 58.5   | 57.4 | 14.0  | 13.2 | 18.8            | 21.1 | .8                               | .8   | 3.1                       | 3.0  |
| Vacation period–school related or otherwise .....                    | 57.4   | 51.9 | 22.4  | 22.6 | 13.3            | 17.3 | .9                               | .9   | 1.6                       | 2.0  |
| Other/miscellaneous .....  | 43.7   | 45.8 | 17.4  | 15.9 | 23.9            | 23.4 | .7                               | .7   | 4.2                       | 4.1  |
| Other .....  | 46.0   | 43.4 | 11.5  | 16.9 | 25.4            | 22.9 | .6                               | .8   | 2.5                       | 4.5  |
| Data not provided: Refusal .....                                     | 42.4   | 43.2 | 20.4  | 15.7 | 24.2            | 26.9 | .7                               | .8   | 4.5                       | 5.1  |
| Data not provided: Does not know .....                               | 44.1   | 47.4 | 16.6  | 15.8 | 23.6            | 21.6 | .8                               | .7   | 4.2                       | 3.5  |

<sup>1</sup> Because of 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: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics program.

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Table 7. Claimant age and gender: percent of initial claimants for unemployment insurance, by industry and reason for layoff, private nonfarm sector, 2011–2012

| 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 |      |
|  | 2011                                 | 2012 | 2011  | 2012 | 2011  | 2012 | 2011        | 2012 | 2011                                    | 2012 | 2011  | 2012 |
| Total, private nonfarm <sup>2</sup> .....                            | 21.3                                 | 21.5 | 33.5  | 33.4 | 24.8  | 24.6 | 20.2        | 20.4 | 59.6                                    | 59.9 | 40.2  | 40.0 |
| <b>Industry</b>  |                                      |      |       |      |       |      |             |      |   |      |       |      |
| Mining .....   | 14.6                                 | 19.0 | 34.0  | 35.6 | 28.3  | 24.3 | 23.1        | 21.0 | 94.1                                    | 96.0 | 5.9   | 3.9  |
| Utilities .....  | 16.4                                 | 13.3 | 36.7  | 31.8 | 29.2  | 24.2 | 17.4        | 30.0 | 85.1                                    | 71.7 | 14.7  | 27.9 |
| Construction .....   | 16.5                                 | 16.3 | 39.1  | 38.4 | 28.7  | 28.8 | 15.5        | 16.4 | 94.4                                    | 94.3 | 5.4   | 5.6  |
| Manufacturing .....  | 13.5                                 | 12.9 | 31.2  | 29.5 | 30.1  | 30.3 | 24.9        | 27.2 | 63.7                                    | 65.4 | 36.1  | 34.5 |
| Wholesale trade .....  | 15.3                                 | 15.1 | 32.4  | 30.5 | 27.3  | 29.1 | 24.8        | 25.2 | 58.4                                    | 60.4 | 41.6  | 39.5 |
| Retail trade .....   | 41.5                                 | 42.2 | 26.7  | 25.8 | 16.8  | 16.3 | 15.0        | 15.5 | 43.3                                    | 41.0 | 56.5  | 58.8 |
| Transportation and warehousing .....                                 | 12.4                                 | 11.6 | 28.0  | 27.6 | 25.4  | 26.2 | 33.9        | 34.5 | 47.1                                    | 47.8 | 52.9  | 52.1 |
| Information .....  | 14.4                                 | 13.1 | 41.6  | 41.7 | 25.8  | 26.3 | 18.1        | 18.8 | 65.3                                    | 66.9 | 34.6  | 33.1 |
| Finance and insurance .....  | 27.8                                 | 26.1 | 36.1  | 35.6 | 19.2  | 19.3 | 16.5        | 18.8 | 35.5                                    | 36.5 | 64.2  | 63.3 |
| Real estate and rental and leasing .....                             | 31.9                                 | 20.9 | 33.5  | 34.2 | 21.5  | 26.4 | 13.0        | 18.3 | 66.7                                    | 74.5 | 33.2  | 25.4 |
| Professional and technical services .....                            | 15.1                                 | 16.0 | 33.3  | 35.4 | 23.1  | 22.7 | 28.3        | 25.7 | 51.1                                    | 55.2 | 48.7  | 44.6 |
| Management of companies and enterprises .....                        | 17.4                                 | 13.7 | 33.1  | 33.3 | 26.7  | 29.3 | 22.7        | 23.6 | 52.2                                    | 49.7 | 47.8  | 50.2 |
| Administrative and waste services .....                              | 30.9                                 | 32.2 | 33.1  | 33.6 | 21.6  | 20.8 | 14.2        | 13.2 | 59.2                                    | 57.2 | 40.6  | 42.6 |
| Educational services .....   | 24.8                                 | 24.7 | 38.8  | 37.1 | 18.7  | 19.2 | 17.5        | 18.9 | 38.9                                    | 33.7 | 60.9  | 66.1 |
| Health care and social assistance .....                              | 19.3                                 | 16.6 | 36.7  | 36.2 | 23.7  | 24.5 | 20.2        | 22.6 | 13.5                                    | 14.4 | 86.3  | 85.5 |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation .....                            | 31.8                                 | 30.8 | 24.6  | 26.9 | 17.8  | 18.1 | 25.6        | 24.0 | 56.6                                    | 57.8 | 43.3  | 42.1 |
| Accommodation and food services .....                                | 23.9                                 | 21.7 | 27.9  | 28.1 | 25.3  | 25.9 | 22.8        | 24.2 | 38.4                                    | 39.2 | 61.5  | 60.7 |
| Other services, except public administration .....                   | 20.4                                 | 23.2 | 34.9  | 34.3 | 23.7  | 22.3 | 20.8        | 20.0 | 44.1                                    | 44.2 | 55.8  | 55.6 |
| Unclassified establishments .....                                    | 40.2                                 | 30.6 | 32.1  | 31.3 | 17.5  | 26.1 | 10.2        | 12.0 | 52.0                                    | 59.8 | 48.0  | 40.1 |
| <b>Reason for layoff</b>   |                                      |      |       |      |       |      |             |      |   |      |       |      |
| Business demand .....  | 20.0                                 | 21.0 | 37.2  | 37.2 | 25.4  | 24.9 | 17.2        | 16.8 | 70.2                                    | 69.0 | 29.6  | 30.9 |
| Contract cancellation .....  | 21.9                                 | 24.1 | 31.2  | 31.8 | 23.8  | 23.8 | 22.7        | 20.1 | 54.3                                    | 57.9 | 45.4  | 41.9 |
| Contract completion .....  | 20.6                                 | 21.5 | 38.3  | 38.1 | 25.0  | 24.5 | 15.8        | 15.7 | 73.0                                    | 69.8 | 26.8  | 30.0 |
| Domestic competition .....   | 18.4                                 | 8.1  | 43.9  | 35.0 | 22.4  | 34.9 | 15.2        | 21.8 | 47.2                                    | 68.1 | 52.5  | 31.8 |
| Excess inventory/saturated market .....                              | 20.7                                 | 10.7 | 31.0  | 33.5 | 27.3  | 28.9 | 20.9        | 26.9 | 65.7                                    | 73.0 | 34.3  | 27.0 |
| Import competition .....   | 8.1                                  | 12.4 | 26.3  | 29.9 | 33.9  | 28.6 | 31.7        | 29.0 | 61.9                                    | 46.9 | 38.1  | 53.1 |
| Slack work/insufficient demand/nonseasona<br>business slowdown ..... | 18.0                                 | 18.6 | 34.8  | 33.1 | 26.8  | 26.5 | 20.2        | 21.7 | 64.5                                    | 66.5 | 35.2  | 33.3 |
| Organizational changes .....   | 21.6                                 | 22.5 | 31.4  | 31.3 | 24.5  | 23.4 | 22.2        | 22.6 | 48.9                                    | 46.7 | 50.9  | 53.1 |
| Business-ownership change .....                                      | 16.5                                 | 23.8 | 30.9  | 30.8 | 27.1  | 23.3 | 25.4        | 21.9 | 48.6                                    | 51.5 | 51.3  | 48.3 |
| Reorganization or restructuring of company .....                     | 22.6                                 | 22.3 | 31.5  | 31.3 | 24.0  | 23.4 | 21.5        | 22.8 | 48.9                                    | 45.8 | 50.8  | 54.1 |
| Financial issues .....   | 23.1                                 | 22.0 | 31.7  | 30.7 | 24.0  | 24.4 | 21.0        | 22.6 | 50.4                                    | 55.4 | 49.3  | 44.4 |
| Bankruptcy .....   | 26.7                                 | 12.5 | 30.8  | 27.8 | 22.0  | 31.6 | 20.2        | 28.0 | 49.5                                    | 71.7 | 50.0  | 28.2 |
| Cost control/cost cutting/increase profitability .....               | 21.0                                 | 27.4 | 32.1  | 31.6 | 25.2  | 20.8 | 21.5        | 19.8 | 48.8                                    | 49.7 | 50.9  | 50.1 |
| Financial difficulty .....   | 24.9                                 | 21.6 | 31.5  | 32.1 | 22.9  | 24.0 | 20.5        | 22.2 | 54.1                                    | 49.0 | 45.8  | 50.9 |
| Production specific .....  | 23.8                                 | 15.4 | 31.3  | 33.7 | 26.2  | 30.1 | 17.8        | 20.7 | 56.7                                    | 65.5 | 43.1  | 34.4 |
| Automation/technological advances .....                              | 14.6                                 | 11.5 | 27.7  | 32.8 | 30.3  | 30.9 | 27.4        | 24.8 | 43.5                                    | 62.3 | 56.5  | 37.6 |
| Energy related .....   | 33.7                                 | –    | 37.1  | –    | 15.7  | –    | 13.5        | –    | 76.4                                    | –    | 23.6  | –    |
| Governmental regulations/intervention .....                          | 32.7                                 | 21.6 | 33.5  | 39.1 | 17.2  | 24.2 | 16.1        | 15.1 | 47.5                                    | 74.1 | 52.1  | 25.9 |
| Labor dispute/contract negotiations/strike .....                     | 17.0                                 | 13.6 | 27.5  | 35.1 | 34.9  | 26.7 | 20.6        | 24.5 | 80.4                                    | 57.1 | 19.6  | 42.7 |
| Material or supply shortage .....                                    | 21.6                                 | 12.0 | 36.0  | 32.3 | 26.6  | 29.5 | 15.8        | 26.3 | 63.9                                    | 32.5 | 35.9  | 67.5 |
| Model changeover .....   | 27.6                                 | 5.2  | 30.2  | 34.8 | 28.7  | 39.0 | 13.4        | 20.9 | 57.6                                    | 75.9 | 42.3  | 24.1 |
| Plant or machine repair/maintenance .....                            | 21.8                                 | 35.2 | 29.4  | 30.4 | 25.5  | 20.1 | 18.4        | 14.4 | 51.0                                    | 51.8 | 49.0  | 48.2 |
| Product line discontinued .....                                      | 25.9                                 | 6.4  | 30.7  | 28.9 | 23.7  | 35.1 | 19.2        | 29.3 | 45.4                                    | 70.8 | 54.4  | 29.0 |
| Disaster/safety .....  | 18.7                                 | 12.5 | 36.4  | 25.1 | 26.6  | 30.2 | 18.2        | 32.1 | 72.9                                    | 49.4 | 26.9  | 50.6 |
| Hazardous work environment .....                                     | 19.0                                 | 10.4 | 37.6  | 26.9 | 27.9  | 27.4 | 15.2        | 35.3 | 67.9                                    | 24.7 | 31.7  | 75.3 |
| Natural disaster (not weather related) .....                         | 15.8                                 | 11.1 | 29.5  | 25.1 | 26.2  | 26.2 | 28.5        | 37.6 | 79.2                                    | 91.1 | 20.8  | 8.9  |
| Nonnatural disaster .....  | 15.5                                 | 20.6 | 26.0  | 27.1 | 34.3  | 26.8 | 23.5        | 25.5 | 72.9                                    | 94.1 | 26.4  | 5.9  |
| Extreme weather-related event .....                                  | 19.4                                 | 12.1 | 38.2  | 24.8 | 25.8  | 30.9 | 16.5        | 32.0 | 72.9                                    | 46.1 | 27.0  | 53.9 |
| Seasonal .....   | 19.9                                 | 19.7 | 30.0  | 29.9 | 25.2  | 25.1 | 24.8        | 25.3 | 51.9                                    | 52.1 | 48.0  | 47.8 |
| Seasonal .....   | 21.5                                 | 21.4 | 30.3  | 30.3 | 25.0  | 24.8 | 23.2        | 23.4 | 58.3                                    | 59.5 | 41.6  | 40.4 |
| Vacation period—school related or otherwise .....                    | 12.8                                 | 13.6 | 28.8  | 28.5 | 26.4  | 26.1 | 31.7        | 31.7 | 24.4                                    | 26.3 | 75.6  | 73.7 |
| Other/miscellaneous .....  | 26.7                                 | 26.5 | 32.1  | 31.3 | 22.7  | 22.9 | 18.2        | 19.2 | 53.8                                    | 54.1 | 46.0  | 45.8 |
| Other .....  | 23.8                                 | 31.1 | 34.7  | 30.8 | 23.8  | 19.9 | 17.5        | 17.9 | 61.6                                    | 49.1 | 38.2  | 50.7 |
| Data not provided: Refusal .....                                     | 29.7                                 | 27.5 | 31.1  | 31.5 | 22.0  | 22.4 | 16.8        | 18.5 | 50.2                                    | 53.6 | 49.6  | 46.2 |
| Data not provided: Does not know .....                               | 25.6                                 | 25.4 | 32.3  | 31.3 | 23.0  | 23.5 | 19.0        | 19.7 | 54.7                                    | 54.9 | 45.1  | 45.0 |

<sup>1</sup> Because of 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: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics program.

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Table 8. Claimants for unemployment insurance associated with extended mass layoff events, by state, private nonfarm sector, 2012

| 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> | 1,336,276                                 | 2,347,369                                      | 1.8                                       | 204,518  | 15.3   |
| Alabama                             | 9,089                                     | 16,293   | 1.8                                       | 1,070  | 11.8   |
| Alaska                              | 8,125                                     | 15,360   | 1.9                                       | 1,477  | 18.2   |
| Arizona                             | 10,114                                    | 20,540   | 2.0                                       | 2,204  | 21.8   |
| Arkansas                            | 10,042                                    | 21,851   | 2.2                                       | 2,020  | 20.1   |
| California                          | 588,039                                   | 921,476  | 1.6                                       | 86,081   | 14.6   |
| Colorado                            | 9,079                                     | 21,476   | 2.4                                       | 1,838  | 20.2   |
| Connecticut                         | 6,920                                     | 19,465   | 2.8                                       | 1,836  | 26.5   |
| Delaware                            | 1,915                                     | 3,762  | 2.0                                       | 312  | 16.3   |
| District of Columbia                | 1,597                                     | 4,706  | 2.9                                       | 231  | 14.5   |
| Florida                             | 18,332                                    | 42,521   | 2.3                                       | 4,843  | 26.4   |
| Georgia                             | 13,529                                    | 22,326   | 1.7                                       | 3,174  | 23.5   |
| Hawaii                              | ( <sup>3</sup> )                          | ( <sup>3</sup> )                               | 2.7                                       | ( <sup>3</sup> )                                       | 16.0   |
| Idaho                               | 3,418                                     | 6,210  | 1.8                                       | 733  | 21.4   |
| Illinois                            | 76,580                                    | 155,226  | 2.0                                       | 11,981   | 15.6   |
| Indiana                             | 19,753                                    | 35,050   | 1.8                                       | 2,438  | 12.3   |
| Iowa                                | 4,440                                     | 10,119   | 2.3                                       | 560  | 12.6   |
| Kansas                              | 7,024                                     | 17,544   | 2.5                                       | 1,674  | 23.8   |
| Kentucky                            | 13,601                                    | 4,099  | .3  | 2,578  | 19.0   |
| Louisiana                           | 11,527                                    | 18,803   | 1.6                                       | 1,325  | 11.5   |
| Maine                               | 4,481                                     | 9,475  | 2.1                                       | 550  | 12.3   |
| Maryland <sup>4</sup>               | 14,766                                    | 35,061   | 2.4                                       | 2,424  | 16.4   |
| Massachusetts                       | 12,005                                    | 25,825   | 2.2                                       | 2,471  | 20.6   |
| Michigan                            | 25,928                                    | 53,017   | 2.0                                       | 5,424  | 20.9   |
| Minnesota                           | 16,519                                    | 35,551   | 2.2                                       | 2,120  | 12.8   |
| Mississippi                         | 3,432                                     | 8,876  | 2.6                                       | 746  | 21.7   |
| Missouri                            | 18,703                                    | 37,346   | 2.0                                       | 1,876  | 10.0   |
| Montana                             | 3,036                                     | 3,968  | 1.3                                       | 315  | 10.4   |
| Nebraska                            | 1,991                                     | 2,649  | 1.3                                       | 101  | 5.1  |
| Nevada                              | 20,761                                    | 22,909   | 1.1                                       | 3,287  | 15.8   |
| New Hampshire                       | 2,650                                     | 4,307  | 1.6                                       | 123  | 4.6  |
| New Jersey                          | 44,534                                    | 91,994   | 2.1                                       | 6,862  | 15.4   |
| New Mexico                          | 4,944                                     | 13,043   | 2.6                                       | 1,067  | 21.6   |
| New York                            | 75,860                                    | 147,833  | 1.9                                       | 10,863   | 14.3   |
| North Carolina                      | 8,163                                     | 19,469   | 2.4                                       | 1,988  | 24.4   |
| North Dakota                        | 2,409                                     | 3,969  | 1.6                                       | 668  | 27.7   |
| Ohio                                | 39,849                                    | 73,287   | 1.8                                       | 4,386  | 11.0   |
| Oklahoma                            | 2,574                                     | 7,269  | 2.8                                       | 620  | 24.1   |
| Oregon                              | 21,071                                    | 31,765   | 1.5                                       | 3,194  | 15.2   |
| Pennsylvania                        | 63,295                                    | 110,003  | 1.7                                       | 7,114  | 11.2   |
| Rhode Island                        | 2,234                                     | 3,726  | 1.7                                       | 82   | 3.7  |
| South Carolina                      | 6,046                                     | 11,589   | 1.9                                       | 1,094  | 18.1   |
| South Dakota                        | ( <sup>3</sup> )                          | ( <sup>3</sup> )                               | .7  | -  | -  |
| Tennessee                           | 10,887                                    | 27,808   | 2.6                                       | 3,061  | 28.1   |
| Texas                               | 35,262                                    | 76,072   | 2.2                                       | 8,056  | 22.8   |
| Utah                                | 4,594                                     | 6,912  | 1.5                                       | 447  | 9.7  |
| Vermont                             | 1,942                                     | 2,287  | 1.2                                       | 481  | 24.8   |
| Virginia                            | 16,774                                    | 30,025   | 1.8                                       | 2,393  | 14.3   |
| Washington                          | 23,284                                    | 33,120   | 1.4                                       | 3,155  | 13.6   |
| West Virginia                       | 3,291                                     | 8,577  | 2.6                                       | 73   | 2.2  |
| Wisconsin                           | 29,943                                    | 48,620   | 1.6                                       | 2,702  | 9.0  |
| Wyoming                             | 1,121                                     | 2,141  | 1.9                                       | 281  | 25.1   |
| Puerto Rico                         | 14,365                                    | 33,617   | 2.3                                       | 2,937  | 20.4   |

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

<sup>4</sup> Data starting in June 2012 may not be comparable to prior data due to improvements in state MLS data processing.

NOTE: Dash represents zero.

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics program.

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**Table 9. Claimants for unemployment insurance associated with extended mass layoff events, by industry and reason for layoff, private nonfarm sector, 2012**

| 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>                          | 1,336,276                                 | 2,347,369                                      | 1.8                                       | 204,518  | 15.3   |
| <b>Industry</b>  |   |  |   |  |  |
| Mining   | 10,303                                    | 16,588   | 1.6                                       | 1,241  | 12.0   |
| Utilities  | 4,060                                     | 8,575  | 2.1                                       | 628  | 15.5   |
| Construction   | 199,811                                   | 331,389  | 1.7                                       | 22,990   | 11.5   |
| Manufacturing  | 186,194                                   | 370,584  | 2.0                                       | 31,859   | 17.1   |
| Wholesale trade  | 18,058                                    | 43,739   | 2.4                                       | 3,748  | 20.8   |
| Retail trade   | 115,213                                   | 202,876  | 1.8                                       | 20,932   | 18.2   |
| Transportation and warehousing                               | 71,038                                    | 106,888  | 1.5                                       | 5,944  | 8.4  |
| Information  | 162,701                                   | 213,591  | 1.3                                       | 17,321   | 10.6   |
| Finance and insurance  | 26,002                                    | 73,458   | 2.8                                       | 7,695  | 29.6   |
| Real estate and rental and leasing                           | 7,488                                     | 12,157   | 1.6                                       | 1,082  | 14.4   |
| Professional and technical services                          | 75,368                                    | 134,823  | 1.8                                       | 16,875   | 22.4   |
| Management of companies and enterprises                      | 4,642                                     | 12,161   | 2.6                                       | 1,291  | 27.8   |
| Administrative and waste services                            | 241,941                                   | 442,325  | 1.8                                       | 45,263   | 18.7   |
| Educational services   | 13,300                                    | 27,589   | 2.1                                       | 2,611  | 19.6   |
| Health care and social assistance                            | 47,348                                    | 108,332  | 2.3                                       | 7,223  | 15.3   |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation                          | 36,313                                    | 62,162   | 1.7                                       | 5,027  | 13.8   |
| Accommodation and food services                              | 97,612                                    | 143,637  | 1.5                                       | 9,888  | 10.1   |
| Other services, except public administration                 | 17,108                                    | 33,412   | 2.0                                       | 2,567  | 15.0   |
| Unclassified establishments                                  | 1,776                                     | 3,083  | 1.7                                       | 333  | 18.8   |
| <b>Reason for layoff</b>                                     |   |  |   |  |  |
| Business demand  | 583,810                                   | 907,855  | 1.6                                       | 84,174   | 14.4   |
| Contract cancellation  | 18,093                                    | 40,001   | 2.2                                       | 4,414  | 24.4   |
| Contract completion  | 476,180                                   | 704,049  | 1.5                                       | 65,657   | 13.8   |
| Domestic competition   | ( <sup>3</sup> )                          | ( <sup>3</sup> )                               | 1.3                                       | ( <sup>3</sup> )                                       | 10.8   |
| Excess inventory/saturated market                            | 5,341                                     | 4,570  | .9  | 392  | 7.3  |
| Import competition   | ( <sup>3</sup> )                          | ( <sup>3</sup> )                               | 1.5                                       | ( <sup>3</sup> )                                       | 22.4   |
| Slack work/insufficient demand/nonseasonal business slowdown | 81,865                                    | 156,131  | 1.9                                       | 13,431   | 16.4   |
| Organizational changes                                       | 51,431                                    | 135,841  | 2.6                                       | 14,612   | 28.4   |
| Business-ownership change                                    | 8,317                                     | 21,426   | 2.6                                       | 1,848  | 22.2   |
| Reorganization or restructuring of company                   | 43,114                                    | 114,415  | 2.7                                       | 12,764   | 29.6   |
| Financial issues   | 77,049                                    | 217,339  | 2.8                                       | 19,301   | 25.1   |
| Bankruptcy   | 20,561                                    | 63,583   | 3.1                                       | 3,470  | 16.9   |
| Cost control/cost cutting/increase profitability             | 37,942                                    | 98,750   | 2.6                                       | 10,225   | 26.9   |
| Financial difficulty   | 18,546                                    | 55,006   | 3.0                                       | 5,606  | 30.2   |
| Production specific  | 15,179                                    | 35,507   | 2.3                                       | 2,954  | 19.5   |
| Automation/technological advances                            | 1,935                                     | 3,176  | 1.6                                       | 283  | 14.6   |
| Energy related   | -   | -  | -   | -  | -  |
| Governmental regulations/intervention                        | 2,526                                     | 6,230  | 2.5                                       | 752  | 29.8   |
| Labor dispute/contract negotiations/strike                   | 1,392                                     | 2,856  | 2.1                                       | 257  | 18.5   |
| Material or supply shortage                                  | 560                                       | 701  | 1.3                                       | 39   | 7.0  |
| Model changeover   | 4,264                                     | 13,085   | 3.1                                       | 847  | 19.9   |
| Plant or machine repair/maintenance                          | 2,787                                     | 3,877  | 1.4                                       | 286  | 10.3   |
| Product line discontinued                                    | 1,715                                     | 5,582  | 3.3                                       | 490  | 28.6   |
| Disaster/safety  | 9,484                                     | 13,527   | 1.4                                       | 515  | 5.4  |
| Hazardous work environment                                   | ( <sup>3</sup> )                          | ( <sup>3</sup> )                               | 3.8                                       | ( <sup>3</sup> )                                       | 41.2   |
| Natural disaster (not weather related)                       | ( <sup>3</sup> )                          | ( <sup>3</sup> )                               | .2  | ( <sup>3</sup> )                                       | 1.1  |
| Nonnatural disaster  | 608                                       | 1,413  | 2.3                                       | 23   | 3.8  |
| Extreme weather-related event                                | 7,815                                     | 9,452  | 1.2                                       | 203  | 2.6  |
| Seasonal   | 390,775                                   | 681,182  | 1.7                                       | 49,498   | 12.7   |
| Seasonal   | 303,774                                   | 534,293  | 1.8                                       | 44,092   | 14.5   |
| Vacation period-school related or otherwise                  | 87,001                                    | 146,889  | 1.7                                       | 5,406  | 6.2  |
| Other/miscellaneous  | 208,548                                   | 356,118  | 1.7                                       | 33,464   | 16.0   |
| Other  | 14,222                                    | 29,340   | 2.1                                       | 3,146  | 22.1   |
| Data not provided: Refusal                                   | 66,928                                    | 104,007  | 1.6                                       | 10,298   | 15.4   |
| Data not provided: Does not know                             | 127,398                                   | 222,771  | 1.7                                       | 20,020   | 15.7   |
| <b>Other selected measures</b>                               |   |  |   |  |  |
| Worksite closures  | 87,314                                    | 253,249  | 2.9                                       | 24,047   | 27.5   |
| Recall expected  | 807,960                                   | 1,295,484                                      | 1.6                                       | 104,511  | 12.9   |
| No recall expected   | 220,006                                   | 540,183  | 2.5                                       | 52,387   | 23.8   |

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

NOTE: Dash represents zero.

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics program.

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Table 10. Unemployment insurance benefit exhaustion rates by selected claimant characteristics, private nonfarm sector, 2012

| 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> ..... | 1,336,276                                 | 204,518  | 15.3   |
| <b>Age</b>                                |   |  |  |
| Under 30 years of age .....               | 287,046                                   | 44,111   | 15.4   |
| 30-44 .....                               | 446,303                                   | 66,002   | 14.8   |
| 45-54 .....                               | 329,225                                   | 46,869   | 14.2   |
| 55 years of age or over .....             | 272,123                                   | 47,187   | 17.3   |
| Not available .....                       | 1,579                                     | 349  | 22.1   |
| <b>Gender</b>                             |   |  |  |
| Male .....                                | 800,520                                   | 111,467  | 13.9   |
| Female .....                              | 534,083                                   | 92,748   | 17.4   |
| Not available .....                       | 1,673                                     | 303  | 18.1   |
| <b>Race/ethnicity</b>                     |   |  |  |
| White .....                               | 706,101                                   | 93,777   | 13.3   |
| Black .....                               | 182,450                                   | 35,956   | 19.7   |
| Hispanic origin .....                     | 294,958                                   | 48,837   | 16.6   |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....    | 10,372                                    | 1,703  | 16.4   |
| Asian or Pacific Islander .....           | 46,248                                    | 8,374  | 18.1   |
| Not available .....                       | 96,147                                    | 15,871   | 16.5   |

<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: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics program.



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**Table 11. The 50 metropolitan areas with the largest number of initial claimants associated with extended mass layoff events in 2012, by residency of claimants, private nonfarm sector**

| Metropolitan area  | 2011   |                   | 2012   |                   |
|--|--|-------------------|--|-------------------|
|  | 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> .....                       | 1,068,310                                    | ...               | 1,142,573                                    | ...               |
| Total, top 50 metropolitan areas .....                                 | 780,442                                      | ...               | 897,171                                      | ...               |
| Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, Calif. ....                          | 202,569                                      | 1                 | 275,404                                      | 1                 |
| New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, N.Y.-N.J.-Pa. ....           | 75,115                                       | 2                 | 75,621                                       | 2                 |
| Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, Calif. ....                          | 46,007                                       | 4                 | 59,485                                       | 3                 |
| San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, Calif. ....                             | 38,172                                       | 5                 | 48,029                                       | 4                 |
| Chicago-Joliet-Naperville, Ill.-Ind.-Wis. ....                         | 48,548                                       | 3                 | 46,420                                       | 5                 |
| San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos, Calif. ....                             | 29,161                                       | 6                 | 32,645                                       | 6                 |
| Sacramento—Arden-Arcade—Roseville, Calif. ....                         | 17,131                                       | 8                 | 21,938                                       | 7                 |
| San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, Calif. ....                            | 15,718                                       | 9                 | 18,655                                       | 8                 |
| Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, Pa.-N.J.-Del.-Md. <sup>3</sup> .....   | 20,018                                       | 7                 | 18,484                                       | 9                 |
| Las Vegas-Paradise, Nev. ....  | 9,858  | 16                | 18,309                                       | 10                |
| Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura, Calif. ....                              | 11,822                                       | 11                | 16,512                                       | 11                |
| Fresno, Calif. ....  | 10,121                                       | 15                | 13,258                                       | 12                |
| Pittsburgh, Pa. ....   | 13,189                                       | 10                | 12,874                                       | 13                |
| Modesto, Calif. ....   | 9,011  | 18                | 12,004                                       | 14                |
| Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, Wash. ....                                    | 11,379                                       | 13                | 11,749                                       | 15                |
| Stockton, Calif. ....  | 9,089  | 17                | 11,390                                       | 16                |
| St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. ....   | 11,726                                       | 12                | 11,389                                       | 17                |
| Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, Texas .....                                | 10,688                                       | 14                | 11,180                                       | 18                |
| Detroit-Warren-Livonia, Mich. ....                                     | 8,843  | 20                | 10,748                                       | 19                |
| Bakersfield-Delano, Calif. ....  | 6,787  | 29                | 10,484                                       | 20                |
| Baltimore-Towson, Md. <sup>3</sup> .....                               | 6,286  | 33                | 10,382                                       | 21                |
| Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, Ore.-Wash. ....                          | 8,791  | 21                | 9,210  | 22                |
| Visalia-Porterville, Calif. ....                                       | 4,880  | 38                | 8,318  | 23                |
| Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, Mass.-N.H. ....                               | 6,721  | 30                | 7,465  | 24                |
| Phoenix-Mesa-Glendale, Ariz. ....                                      | 8,031  | 25                | 6,756  | 25                |
| Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, Minn.-Wis. ....                      | 8,081  | 24                | 6,473  | 26                |
| Kansas City, Mo.-Kan. ....   | 3,837  | 46                | 6,472  | 27                |
| Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis, Wis. ....                               | 8,736  | 22                | 6,177  | 28                |
| Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, Texas .....                               | 6,573  | 31                | 5,912  | 29                |
| Atlantic City-Hammonton, N.J. ....                                     | 6,804  | 28                | 5,881  | 30                |
| Vallejo-Fairfield, Calif. ....   | 5,225  | 36                | 5,615  | 31                |
| Cincinnati-Middletown, Ohio-Ky.-Ind. ....                              | 5,572  | 35                | 5,572  | 32                |
| Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach, Fla. ....                         | 8,967  | 19                | 5,553  | 33                |
| Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, Ga. ....                               | 8,725  | 23                | 5,166  | 34                |
| Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, D.C.-Va.-Md.-W.Va. <sup>3</sup> ..... | 5,178  | 37                | 5,148  | 35                |
| Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor, Ohio .....                                    | 7,123  | 27                | 5,078  | 36                |
| Toledo, Ohio .....   | 3,689  | 49                | 4,907  | 37                |
| Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, Va.-N.C. ....                     | 6,403  | 32                | 4,656  | 38                |
| Buffalo-Niagara Falls, N.Y. ....                                       | 7,763  | 26                | 4,272  | 39                |
| McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, Texas .....                                  | 3,018  | 62                | 4,161  | 40                |
| Rochester, N.Y. ....   | 6,219  | 34                | 4,143  | 41                |
| Indianapolis-Carmel, Ind. ....   | 3,419  | 54                | 3,913  | 42                |
| Scranton-Wilkes-Barre, Pa. ....  | 3,434  | 53                | 3,855  | 43                |
| Santa Rosa-Petaluma, Calif. ....                                       | 3,396  | 57                | 3,756  | 44                |
| Merced, Calif. ....  | 3,136  | 61                | 3,733  | 45                |
| Columbus, Ohio .....   | 4,287  | 43                | 3,695  | 46                |
| Beaumont-Port Arthur, Texas .....                                      | 2,094  | 89                | 3,649  | 47                |
| Salinas, Calif. ....   | 3,301  | 58                | 3,635  | 48                |
| Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, Pa.-N.J. ....                              | 4,145  | 44                | 3,594  | 49                |
| Peoria, Ill. ....  | 2,152  | 85                | 3,446  | 50                |

<sup>1</sup> Metropolitan areas are ranked by the number of initial claims in 2012.

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

<sup>3</sup> Data starting in June 2012 may not be comparable to prior data due to improvements in state MLS data processing.

NOTE: The geographic boundaries of the metropolitan areas shown in this table are defined in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Bulletin 10-02, December 1, 2009.

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics program.

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Table 12. Summary of employer expectations of a recall from extended mass layoffs, private nonfarm sector, 2005–2012

| Nature of recall   | Percent of layoff events <sup>1</sup> |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|--|---------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|  | 2005                                  | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| <b>All layoff events</b>   |                                       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Anticipate a recall .....  | 56.2                                  | 52.1 | 49.5 | 41.4 | 34.2 | 49.5 | 55.2 | 56.9 |
| <b>Timeframe</b>   |                                       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Within 6 months .....  | 87.1                                  | 88.7 | 86.5 | 77.2 | 72.0 | 70.2 | 68.3 | 63.4 |
| Within 3 months .....  | 50.1                                  | 53.5 | 49.0 | 45.0 | 44.2 | 42.5 | 41.8 | 39.6 |
| <b>Size of recall</b>  |                                       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| At least half .....  | 90.6                                  | 92.2 | 90.2 | 79.6 | 73.0 | 72.6 | 71.8 | 66.1 |
| All workers .....  | 47.9                                  | 49.4 | 49.8 | 38.9 | 33.9 | 35.5 | 33.7 | 29.9 |
| <b>Layoff events due to seasonal work and vacation period</b>                      |                                       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Anticipate a recall .....  | 94.8                                  | 93.6 | 94.7 | 95.3 | 94.1 | 93.1 | 94.5 | 92.9 |
| <b>Timeframe</b>   |                                       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Within 6 months .....  | 91.5                                  | 91.0 | 91.6 | 88.8 | 88.3 | 86.6 | 87.3 | 85.7 |
| Within 3 months .....  | 45.6                                  | 48.2 | 46.6 | 43.5 | 48.8 | 48.8 | 48.1 | 48.7 |
| <b>Size of recall</b>  |                                       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| At least half .....  | 96.7                                  | 96.8 | 96.0 | 92.3 | 90.8 | 91.1 | 92.2 | 90.5 |
| All workers .....  | 55.0                                  | 57.0 | 59.1 | 51.8 | 49.7 | 49.2 | 47.2 | 45.2 |
| <b>All layoff events, excluding those due to seasonal work and vacation period</b> |                                       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Anticipate a recall .....  | 31.6                                  | 29.4 | 25.1 | 24.4 | 20.5 | 27.7 | 34.4 | 38.3 |
| <b>Timeframe</b>   |                                       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Within 6 months .....  | 78.5                                  | 84.7 | 76.1 | 62.9 | 54.7 | 42.6 | 40.6 | 35.5 |
| Within 3 months .....  | 58.7                                  | 62.7 | 53.8 | 46.8 | 39.4 | 31.9 | 32.6 | 28.2 |
| <b>Size of recall</b>  |                                       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| At least half .....  | 78.9                                  | 84.3 | 78.3 | 63.9 | 54.2 | 41.7 | 42.0 | 35.4 |
| All workers .....  | 34.3                                  | 36.2 | 31.0 | 22.9 | 17.2 | 12.6 | 14.2 | 10.7 |

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

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics program.

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**Table 13. Distribution of extended mass layoff events with expected recall, by industry and reason for layoff, private nonfarm sector, 2005–2012**

| Measure  | Percent of layoff events |                  |       |       |       |       |      |       |
|--|--------------------------|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|
|  | 2005                     | 2006             | 2007  | 2008  | 2009  | 2010  | 2011 | 2012  |
| Total, private nonfarm <sup>1</sup>                          | 56.2                     | 52.1             | 49.5  | 41.4  | 34.2  | 49.5  | 55.2 | 56.9  |
| <b>Industry</b>  |                          |                  |       |       |       |       |      |       |
| Mining   | 90.9                     | 75.0             | 76.9  | 67.3  | 43.9  | 59.3  | 70.5 | 48.2  |
| Utilities  | 53.8                     | 72.7             | 55.6  | 36.4  | 52.4  | 41.2  | 80.0 | 44.4  |
| Construction   | 80.2                     | 58.9             | 53.8  | 56.4  | 56.4  | 71.2  | 75.9 | 76.3  |
| Manufacturing  | 48.2                     | 45.6             | 43.1  | 36.9  | 28.1  | 38.9  | 45.0 | 44.0  |
| Wholesale trade  | 44.1                     | 36.9             | 31.6  | 20.5  | 14.7  | 32.9  | 38.8 | 30.1  |
| Retail trade   | 31.3                     | 29.1             | 29.9  | 19.3  | 11.7  | 21.3  | 24.9 | 21.3  |
| Transportation and warehousing                               | 65.3                     | 72.3             | 76.0  | 51.9  | 46.7  | 59.7  | 62.4 | 68.4  |
| Information  | 17.5                     | 26.5             | 23.7  | 9.8   | 4.1   | 19.1  | 37.4 | 42.3  |
| Finance and insurance  | 8.2                      | 5.0              | .5    | .2    | 1.3   | 2.4   | 1.6  | 2.3   |
| Real estate and rental and leasing                           | 31.6                     | 29.4             | 10.7  | 15.7  | 16.8  | 25.0  | 29.3 | 44.7  |
| Professional and technical services                          | 46.8                     | 52.9             | 40.4  | 31.5  | 22.8  | 38.6  | 46.5 | 55.7  |
| Management of companies and enterprises                      | 42.9                     | 33.3             | 42.9  | 33.3  | 22.2  | 40.0  | 40.7 | 37.5  |
| Administrative and waste services                            | 42.6                     | 41.1             | 56.2  | 41.3  | 32.0  | 45.6  | 53.2 | 62.6  |
| Educational services   | 50.0                     | 60.9             | 55.6  | 51.2  | 39.0  | 60.9  | 41.3 | 52.6  |
| Health care and social assistance                            | 69.1                     | 79.7             | 77.7  | 66.5  | 62.6  | 62.8  | 63.5 | 65.3  |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation                          | 77.8                     | 81.5             | 84.2  | 71.9  | 64.6  | 73.2  | 84.0 | 81.4  |
| Accommodation and food services                              | 65.8                     | 73.8             | 74.3  | 53.9  | 44.9  | 55.7  | 64.4 | 63.8  |
| Other services, except public administration                 | 71.3                     | 81.5             | 69.9  | 57.8  | 43.2  | 64.8  | 73.0 | 65.3  |
| Unclassified establishments                                  | –                        | –                | 25.0  | –     | –     | –     | 50.0 | 46.7  |
| <b>Reason for layoff</b>                                     |                          |                  |       |       |       |       |      |       |
| Business demand  | 48.9                     | 43.5             | 39.1  | 40.7  | 33.4  | 48.7  | 57.9 | 64.9  |
| Contract cancellation  | 15.5                     | 14.1             | 21.9  | 17.7  | 17.2  | 11.5  | 19.7 | 20.2  |
| Contract completion  | 42.8                     | 36.6             | 36.3  | 51.1  | 50.2  | 62.2  | 68.3 | 74.9  |
| Domestic competition   | ( <sup>2</sup> )         | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 26.7  | 28.6  | 33.3  | 12.5  | 20.0 | 11.1  |
| Excess inventory/saturated market                            | ( <sup>2</sup> )         | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 34.2  | 37.5  | 42.9  | 38.5  | 41.7 | 40.0  |
| Import competition   | 5.4                      | 9.4              | 2.7   | 5.6   | 4.5   | –     | –    | –     |
| Slack work/insufficient demand/nonseasonal business slowdown | 64.8                     | 63.0             | 47.6  | 38.6  | 29.1  | 41.0  | 45.1 | 46.9  |
| Organizational changes                                       | 4.5                      | 5.0              | 6.0   | 3.3   | 3.8   | 6.3   | 4.2  | 5.8   |
| Business-ownership change                                    | 1.9                      | 4.8              | 3.0   | 3.2   | 3.5   | 12.5  | 5.3  | 9.7   |
| Reorganization or restructuring of company                   | 5.2                      | 5.1              | 7.1   | 3.3   | 3.9   | 4.3   | 3.8  | 4.6   |
| Financial issues   | 4.0                      | 5.0              | 4.4   | 3.8   | 6.6   | 5.9   | 3.9  | 2.9   |
| Bankruptcy   | 2.2                      | 1.8              | –     | 1.5   | 3.4   | 1.7   | 3.9  | 1.1   |
| Cost control/cost cutting/increase profitability             | ( <sup>2</sup> )         | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 4.0   | 4.3   | 8.5   | 5.8   | 3.8  | 3.7   |
| Financial difficulty   | 5.2                      | 6.1              | 6.1   | 4.4   | 4.6   | 7.5   | 3.9  | 2.8   |
| Production specific  | 40.2                     | 44.7             | 53.6  | 44.9  | 38.7  | 42.6  | 53.2 | 44.0  |
| Automation/technological advances                            | 33.3                     | 12.5             | 12.5  | 50.0  | 20.0  | 33.3  | 50.0 | 30.0  |
| Energy related   | –                        | 100.0            | –     | 20.0  | –     | 100.0 | –    | –     |
| Governmental regulations/intervention                        | ( <sup>2</sup> )         | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 7.1   | 19.0  | 26.7  | 5.6   | 13.3 | 22.2  |
| Labor dispute/contract negotiations/strike                   | 55.6                     | 72.2             | 55.6  | 47.4  | 14.3  | 42.9  | 40.0 | 37.5  |
| Material or supply shortage                                  | 50.0                     | 70.0             | 100.0 | 66.7  | 100.0 | 100.0 | 69.6 | 100.0 |
| Model changeover   | 71.4                     | 66.7             | 66.7  | 66.7  | 100.0 | 75.0  | 84.6 | 77.8  |
| Plant or machine repair/maintenance                          | 90.0                     | 83.3             | 82.4  | 87.5  | 100.0 | 100.0 | 85.7 | 80.0  |
| Product line discontinued                                    | 15.0                     | 11.1             | 28.6  | 9.1   | –     | 25.0  | 10.0 | –     |
| Disaster/safety  | 42.9                     | 80.6             | 84.4  | 37.9  | 68.4  | 75.0  | 64.5 | 68.9  |
| Hazardous work environment                                   | 100.0                    | 25.0             | –     | –     | 66.7  | 100.0 | 40.0 | –     |
| Natural disaster (not weather related)                       | 50.0                     | 60.0             | 66.7  | 100.0 | –     | 100.0 | –    | –     |
| Nonnatural disaster  | 100.0                    | 60.0             | 80.0  | 25.0  | 66.7  | 60.0  | –    | 60.0  |
| Extreme weather-related event                                | 42.5                     | 89.6             | 95.5  | 37.3  | 70.0  | 81.8  | 85.7 | 80.0  |
| Seasonal   | 94.8                     | 93.6             | 94.7  | 95.3  | 94.1  | 93.1  | 94.5 | 92.9  |
| Seasonal   | 94.5                     | 93.3             | 93.5  | 94.3  | 92.9  | 91.5  | 93.6 | 91.4  |
| Vacation period–school related or otherwise                  | 100.0                    | 98.2             | 99.3  | 99.2  | 98.0  | 99.4  | 98.4 | 98.2  |
| Other/miscellaneous  | 5.0                      | 4.8              | 3.3   | 2.5   | 1.4   | 1.4   | 2.5  | 2.2   |
| Other  | 17.0                     | 19.1             | 46.3  | 39.3  | 27.0  | 27.3  | 27.2 | 27.6  |
| Data not provided: Refusal                                   | –                        | –                | –     | –     | –     | –     | –    | –     |
| Data not provided: Does not know                             | –                        | .9               | .5    | .1    | –     | .1    | –    | –     |

<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 data from the first quarter of 2007.

NOTE: Dash represents zero.

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics program.

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Table 14. Permanent worksite closures: extended mass layoff events and separations by primary reason for layoff, private nonfarm sector, 2008–2012

| Reason for layoff <sup>1</sup>  | Layoff events    |                  |                  |                  |                  | Separations      |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|   | 2008             | 2009             | 2010             | 2011             | 2012             | 2008             | 2009             | 2010             | 2011             | 2012             |
| Total, all reasons .....  | 899              | 1,099            | 602              | 497              | 544              | 215,647          | 237,333          | 119,234          | 103,682          | 121,972          |
| Business demand .....   | 236              | 405              | 186              | 118              | 130              | 51,480           | 73,808           | 33,413           | 24,055           | 26,739           |
| Contract cancellation .....   | 26               | 40               | 30               | 21               | 40               | 8,453            | 5,918            | 6,125            | 3,870            | 10,111           |
| Contract completion .....   | 16               | 41               | 24               | 20               | 19               | 4,259            | 7,412            | 4,731            | 5,778            | 3,458            |
| Domestic competition .....  | 4                | 5                | 4                | 3                | 6                | 1,080            | 595              | 1,384            | 279              | 1,617            |
| Excess inventory/saturated market .....                               | 8                | 10               | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 6                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 2,064            | 1,069            | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 2,352            | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Import competition .....  | 34               | 12               | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 4                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 6,046            | 2,237            | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 1,110            | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Slack work/insufficient demand/nonseasonal<br>business slowdown ..... | 148              | 297              | 123              | 64               | 60               | 29,578           | 56,577           | 20,485           | 10,666           | 10,503           |
| Organizational changes .....  | 223              | 193              | 123              | 101              | 110              | 50,435           | 41,430           | 25,179           | 18,575           | 26,659           |
| Business-ownership change .....                                       | 50               | 45               | 35               | 33               | 33               | 16,379           | 12,902           | 10,217           | 5,157            | 10,795           |
| Reorganization or restructuring of company .....                      | 173              | 148              | 88               | 68               | 77               | 34,056           | 28,528           | 14,962           | 13,418           | 15,864           |
| Financial issues .....  | 373              | 431              | 242              | 218              | 239              | 97,787           | 109,509          | 52,737           | 50,296           | 53,671           |
| Bankruptcy .....  | 113              | 134              | 53               | 64               | 74               | 31,779           | 42,348           | 12,305           | 17,591           | 21,990           |
| Cost control/cost cutting/increase profitability .....                | 103              | 131              | 92               | 71               | 65               | 18,010           | 24,382           | 16,089           | 12,437           | 13,702           |
| Financial difficulty .....  | 157              | 166              | 97               | 83               | 100              | 47,998           | 42,779           | 24,343           | 20,268           | 17,979           |
| Production specific .....   | 26               | 16               | 13               | 16               | 21               | 7,145            | 3,651            | 2,480            | 2,901            | 3,722            |
| Automation/technological advances .....                               | 3                | –                | –                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 562              | –                | –                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Energy related .....  | 3                | –                | –                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | –                | 510              | –                | –                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | –                |
| Governmental regulations/intervention .....                           | 12               | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 9                | 7                | 7                | 4,254            | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 2,014            | 620              | 1,251            |
| Labor dispute/contract negotiations/strike .....                      | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | –                | –                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | –                | –                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Material or supply shortage .....                                     | 3                | –                | –                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | –                | 291              | –                | –                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | –                |
| Model changeover .....  | –                | –                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | –                | –                | –                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | –                |
| Plant or machine repair/maintenance .....                             | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | –                | –                | –                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | –                | –                | –                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Product line discontinued .....                                       | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 8                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 9                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 1,386            | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 1,558            |
| Disaster/safety .....   | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 5                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 1,056            | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Hazardous work environment .....                                      | –                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | –                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | –                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | –                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Natural disaster (not weather related) .....                          | –                | –                | –                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | –                | –                | –                | –                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | –                |
| Nonnatural disaster .....   | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | –                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | –                | –                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | –                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | –                | –                |
| Extreme weather-related event .....                                   | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | –                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | –                |
| Seasonal .....  | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 3                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 417              | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Seasonal .....  | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 3                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 417              | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Vacation period–school related or otherwise .....                     | –                | –                | –                | –                | –                | –                | –                | –                | –                | –                |
| Other/miscellaneous .....   | 34               | 49               | 33               | 36               | 41               | 6,109            | 7,768            | 4,378            | 6,382            | 10,713           |
| Other .....   | 16               | 32               | 15               | 27               | 26               | 2,924            | 5,471            | 2,068            | 5,126            | 4,699            |
| Data not provided: Refusal .....                                      | 6                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | –                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 1,225            | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | –                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Data not provided: Does not know .....                                | 12               | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 18               | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 1,960            | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 2,310            | ( <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. For additional information see the technical note.

NOTE: Dash represents zero.

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics program.

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Table 15. Permanent worksite closures: extended mass layoff events and separations by major industry sector, private nonfarm sector, 2008–2012

| Industry                                     | Layoff events    |       |                  |                  |                  | Separations      |         |                  |                  |                  |
|--|------------------|-------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|  | 2008             | 2009  | 2010             | 2011             | 2012             | 2008             | 2009    | 2010             | 2011             | 2012             |
| Total, private nonfarm <sup>1</sup>          | 899              | 1,099 | 602              | 497              | 544              | 215,647          | 237,333 | 119,234          | 103,682          | 121,972          |
| Mining                                       | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 19    | 7                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 15               | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 4,154   | 936              | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 2,399            |
| Utilities                                    | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | —     | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | —       | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Construction                                 | 30               | 33    | 24               | 20               | 13               | 4,783            | 4,859   | 4,497            | 4,071            | 2,621            |
| Manufacturing                                | 382              | 480   | 198              | 167              | 178              | 83,487           | 91,476  | 37,711           | 33,579           | 38,372           |
| Wholesale trade                              | 41               | 51    | 28               | 21               | 34               | 6,591            | 7,881   | 3,653            | 3,779            | 6,008            |
| Retail trade                                 | 145              | 214   | 84               | 104              | 95               | 51,381           | 66,679  | 19,879           | 21,618           | 19,251           |
| Transportation and warehousing               | 50               | 59    | 31               | 29               | 23               | 15,844           | 12,125  | 5,384            | 4,886            | 7,629            |
| Information                                  | 20               | 29    | 15               | 9                | 14               | 3,059            | 4,838   | 2,398            | 1,370            | 5,163            |
| Finance and insurance                        | 69               | 49    | 28               | 20               | 27               | 11,367           | 11,303  | 8,722            | 3,349            | 6,610            |
| Real estate and rental and leasing           | 7                | 11    | 26               | 11               | 5                | 981              | 2,645   | 6,043            | 1,508            | 2,729            |
| Professional and technical services          | 18               | 28    | 15               | 21               | 14               | 3,729            | 5,211   | 2,634            | 4,719            | 2,898            |
| Management of companies and enterprises      | 7                | 7     | 5                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 1,415            | 1,098   | 1,241            | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Administrative and waste services            | 37               | 43    | 42               | 32               | 44               | 9,073            | 9,383   | 8,121            | 14,410           | 13,498           |
| Educational services                         | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 5     | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 10               | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 527     | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 1,387            |
| Health care and social assistance            | 28               | 25    | 29               | 25               | 21               | 9,337            | 4,412   | 6,099            | 3,896            | 6,249            |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation          | 8                | 7     | 6                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 9                | 2,100            | 1,529   | 1,231            | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 804              |
| Accommodation and food services              | 44               | 29    | 48               | 26               | 33               | 10,789           | 7,292   | 8,882            | 5,312            | 4,676            |
| Other services, except public administration | 6                | 10    | 10               | 5                | 5                | 660              | 1,921   | 1,356            | 537              | 784              |
| Unclassified establishments                  | —                | —     | —                | —                | —                | —                | —       | —                | —                | —                |

<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: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics program.

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**Table 16. Census region and division: extended mass layoff events, separations, and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, private nonfarm sector, 2010–2012**

| Census region and division       | Layoff events |       |       | Separations |           |           | Initial claimants for unemployment insurance |           |           |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------------|-----------|-----------|--|-----------|-----------|
|                                  | 2010          | 2011  | 2012  | 2010        | 2011      | 2012      | 2010   | 2011      | 2012      |
| United States <sup>1</sup> ..... | 7,247         | 6,596 | 6,500 | 1,257,134   | 1,112,710 | 1,257,212 | 1,415,766                                    | 1,295,273 | 1,336,276 |
| Northeast .....                  | 1,545         | 1,301 | 1,215 | 238,754     | 184,422   | 199,501   | 286,402                                      | 231,162   | 213,921   |
| New England .....                | 235           | 213   | 199   | 42,605      | 39,025    | 34,223    | 37,549                                       | 30,550    | 30,232    |
| Middle Atlantic .....            | 1,310         | 1,088 | 1,016 | 196,149     | 145,397   | 165,278   | 248,853                                      | 200,612   | 183,689   |
| South .....                      | 1,377         | 1,278 | 1,062 | 247,990     | 207,852   | 186,376   | 285,304                                      | 233,767   | 180,827   |
| South Atlantic .....             | 789           | 702   | 527   | 142,963     | 109,965   | 89,534    | 168,175                                      | 130,368   | 84,413    |
| East South Central .....         | 275           | 261   | 241   | 49,929      | 42,888    | 43,033    | 48,891                                       | 43,184    | 37,009    |
| West South Central .....         | 313           | 315   | 294   | 55,098      | 54,999    | 53,809    | 68,238                                       | 60,215    | 59,405    |
| Midwest .....                    | 1,671         | 1,537 | 1,427 | 281,874     | 261,171   | 242,490   | 292,196                                      | 268,633   | 243,198   |
| East North Central .....         | 1,259         | 1,174 | 1,091 | 211,273     | 200,229   | 183,361   | 226,339                                      | 213,150   | 192,053   |
| West North Central .....         | 412           | 363   | 336   | 70,601      | 60,942    | 59,129    | 65,857                                       | 55,483    | 51,145    |
| West .....                       | 2,654         | 2,480 | 2,796 | 488,516     | 459,265   | 628,845   | 551,864                                      | 561,711   | 698,330   |
| Mountain .....                   | 379           | 327   | 354   | 80,584      | 69,731    | 79,377    | 60,455                                       | 50,567    | 57,067    |
| Pacific .....                    | 2,275         | 2,153 | 2,442 | 407,932     | 389,534   | 549,468   | 491,409                                      | 511,144   | 641,263   |

<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: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics program.

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**Table 17. State distribution: extended mass layoff events, separations, and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, private nonfarm sector, 2010–2012**

| State                                     | Layoff events    |                  |                  | Separations      |                  |                  | Initial claimants for unemployment insurance |                  |                  |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--|------------------|------------------|
|   | 2010             | 2011             | 2012             | 2010             | 2011             | 2012             | 2010   | 2011             | 2012             |
| Total, private nonfarm <sup>1</sup> ..... | 7,247            | 6,596            | 6,500            | 1,257,134        | 1,112,710        | 1,257,212        | 1,415,766                                    | 1,295,273        | 1,336,276        |
| Alabama .....                             | 47               | 41               | 44               | 10,752           | 9,836            | 8,133            | 12,741                                       | 10,561           | 9,089            |
| Alaska .....                              | 48               | 35               | 35               | 13,681           | 14,044           | 12,508           | 11,055                                       | 8,604            | 8,125            |
| Arizona .....                             | 73               | 67               | 63               | 14,714           | 11,423           | 14,051           | 12,844                                       | 12,452           | 10,114           |
| Arkansas .....                            | 31               | 51               | 45               | 4,238            | 8,036            | 8,802            | 7,586  | 9,575            | 10,042           |
| California .....                          | 1,984            | 1,868            | 2,141            | 356,179          | 333,617          | 493,420          | 431,866                                      | 451,374          | 588,039          |
| Colorado .....                            | 73               | 49               | 64               | 19,052           | 12,925           | 13,999           | 9,806  | 6,822            | 9,079            |
| Connecticut .....                         | 64               | 49               | 47               | 14,775           | 10,244           | 6,920            | 12,011                                       | 6,953            | 6,920            |
| Delaware .....                            | 15               | 20               | 15               | 1,990            | 2,431            | 1,403            | 1,717  | 3,391            | 1,915            |
| District of Columbia .....                | 12               | 13               | 12               | 1,501            | 1,764            | 1,596            | 1,501  | 1,735            | 1,597            |
| Florida .....                             | 264              | 219              | 120              | 66,590           | 37,573           | 21,953           | 64,522                                       | 36,318           | 18,332           |
| Georgia .....                             | 76               | 129              | 79               | 8,542            | 17,529           | 13,475           | 14,096                                       | 28,526           | 13,529           |
| Hawaii .....                              | 10               | 10               | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 1,153            | 1,699            | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 1,143  | 1,639            | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Idaho .....                               | 31               | 39               | 30               | 5,262            | 6,538            | 4,333            | 3,989  | 5,163            | 3,418            |
| Illinois .....                            | 460              | 430              | 408              | 81,890           | 80,573           | 74,252           | 86,397                                       | 79,988           | 76,580           |
| Indiana .....                             | 114              | 109              | 106              | 12,835           | 12,423           | 13,710           | 20,314                                       | 22,048           | 19,753           |
| Iowa .....                                | 33               | 34               | 27               | 5,832            | 4,639            | 3,507            | 8,545  | 7,239            | 4,440            |
| Kansas .....                              | 49               | 41               | 38               | 6,843            | 5,596            | 7,191            | 8,996  | 5,173            | 7,024            |
| Kentucky .....                            | 92               | 100              | 107              | 15,401           | 13,893           | 18,844           | 11,500                                       | 11,810           | 13,601           |
| Louisiana .....                           | 89               | 95               | 78               | 18,259           | 19,098           | 13,813           | 14,075                                       | 14,440           | 11,527           |
| Maine .....                               | 31               | 29               | 31               | 5,210            | 5,361            | 5,612            | 4,576  | 3,930            | 4,481            |
| Maryland <sup>3</sup> .....               | 79               | 70               | 105              | 13,788           | 11,084           | 18,143           | 11,280                                       | 9,733            | 14,766           |
| Massachusetts .....                       | 82               | 76               | 74               | 11,917           | 12,883           | 13,302           | 11,831                                       | 10,766           | 12,005           |
| Michigan .....                            | 162              | 160              | 149              | 20,798           | 21,681           | 24,058           | 23,278                                       | 26,185           | 25,928           |
| Minnesota .....                           | 128              | 127              | 123              | 18,609           | 22,348           | 20,675           | 18,515                                       | 19,154           | 16,519           |
| Mississippi .....                         | 41               | 40               | 30               | 7,077            | 5,305            | 5,667            | 4,979  | 5,102            | 3,432            |
| Missouri .....                            | 156              | 122              | 115              | 31,562           | 23,105           | 24,117           | 23,824                                       | 19,079           | 18,703           |
| Montana .....                             | 31               | 26               | 28               | 5,411            | 4,150            | 5,614            | 3,336  | 2,663            | 3,036            |
| Nebraska .....                            | 24               | 25               | 15               | 5,172            | 3,845            | 1,561            | 2,827  | 2,895            | 1,991            |
| Nevada .....                              | 80               | 60               | 92               | 13,923           | 13,647           | 21,471           | 16,845                                       | 12,194           | 20,761           |
| New Hampshire .....                       | 18               | 14               | 21               | 3,627            | 3,186            | 3,647            | 2,789  | 2,084            | 2,650            |
| New Jersey .....                          | 224              | 251              | 231              | 51,004           | 44,695           | 48,205           | 44,875                                       | 43,843           | 44,534           |
| New Mexico .....                          | 45               | 43               | 40               | 8,387            | 7,508            | 7,202            | 6,000  | 5,210            | 4,944            |
| New York .....                            | 642              | 472              | 441              | 93,181           | 54,803           | 69,307           | 118,151                                      | 89,975           | 75,860           |
| North Carolina .....                      | 126              | 91               | 54               | 12,318           | 10,153           | 7,187            | 33,151                                       | 21,336           | 8,163            |
| North Dakota .....                        | 21               | 13               | 17               | 2,433            | 1,289            | 1,986            | 3,005  | 1,816            | 2,409            |
| Ohio .....                                | 318              | 276              | 266              | 51,466           | 46,772           | 42,230           | 54,566                                       | 47,076           | 39,849           |
| Oklahoma .....                            | 13               | 25               | 23               | 2,981            | 3,583            | 2,840            | 3,156  | 3,108            | 2,574            |
| Oregon .....                              | 94               | 103              | 106              | 20,972           | 23,168           | 22,649           | 22,378                                       | 24,346           | 21,071           |
| Pennsylvania .....                        | 444              | 365              | 344              | 51,964           | 45,899           | 47,766           | 85,827                                       | 66,794           | 63,295           |
| Rhode Island .....                        | 25               | 18               | 14               | 4,282            | 2,925            | 2,254            | 4,126  | 2,891            | 2,234            |
| South Carolina .....                      | 87               | 38               | 38               | 15,974           | 8,595            | 5,264            | 16,608                                       | 6,505            | 6,046            |
| South Dakota .....                        | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> )                             | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Tennessee .....                           | 95               | 80               | 60               | 16,699           | 13,854           | 10,389           | 19,671                                       | 15,711           | 10,887           |
| Texas .....                               | 180              | 144              | 148              | 29,620           | 24,282           | 28,354           | 43,421                                       | 33,092           | 35,262           |
| Utah .....                                | 39               | 37               | 30               | 9,352            | 9,420            | 8,818            | 6,482  | 4,973            | 4,594            |
| Vermont .....                             | 15               | 27               | 12               | 2,794            | 4,426            | 2,488            | 2,216  | 3,926            | 1,942            |
| Virginia .....                            | 109              | 99               | 78               | 17,947           | 17,095           | 14,701           | 21,953                                       | 19,573           | 16,774           |
| Washington .....                          | 139              | 137              | 154              | 15,947           | 17,006           | 20,247           | 24,967                                       | 25,181           | 23,284           |
| West Virginia .....                       | 21               | 23               | 26               | 4,313            | 3,741            | 5,812            | 3,347  | 3,251            | 3,291            |
| Wisconsin .....                           | 205              | 199              | 162              | 44,284           | 38,780           | 29,111           | 41,784                                       | 37,853           | 29,943           |
| Wyoming .....                             | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 7                | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 3,889            | ( <sup>2</sup> )                             | ( <sup>2</sup> ) | 1,121            |
| Puerto Rico .....                         | 48               | 64               | 56               | 5,353            | 9,449            | 7,872            | 14,154                                       | 18,628           | 14,365           |

<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.

<sup>3</sup> Data starting in June 2012 may not be comparable to prior data due to improvements in state MLS data processing.

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mass Layoff Statistics program.





# Technical Notes

The Mass Layoff Statistics (MLS) program is a federal-state program that uses a standardized, automated approach to identify, describe, and track 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 last more than 30 days; and, if so, the state obtains information 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 when 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 by including economic reasons for extended mass layoffs. Thus, reason-for-layoff data beginning with the first quarter of 2007 are not strictly comparable with data from previous quarters. This report uses the latest metropolitan area definitions as published in the Office of Management and Budget Bulletin 10-02 and the 2012 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) definitions.

## Definitions

*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; this week 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 against 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.

*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.* 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.

*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.

*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.

*Worksite closure.* The complete closure of an employer's worksite without regard to whether other worksites operated by the same employer, if any, remain open.

## Movement-of-work concepts and questions

Because of the employer interview component of the MLS program, BLS decided to use the program as a vehicle for collecting additional information on offshoring and outsourcing associated with job loss, by adding questions that address movement of work. (Before 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 with 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:

"Did this layoff include your company moving work from this location(s) to a different geographic location(s) within your company?"

"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 the open/closed status of the worksite.

## 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 2012, outright refusal to participate in the employer interview accounted for 4.6 percent of all private nonfarm events.

## Additional information

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