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## Mass Layoffs - June 2012

Employers took 1,317 mass layoff actions in June involving 131,406 workers, seasonally adjusted, as measured by new filings for unemployment insurance benefits during the month, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Each mass layoff involved at least 50 workers from a single employer. Mass layoff events in June decreased by 63 from May, while the number of associated initial claims increased by 1,215 . Year-to-date mass layoff events $(8,085)$ and initial claims $(767,890)$ both recorded their lowest figures for a January-June period since 2007. In June, 267 mass layoff events were reported in the manufacturing sector, seasonally adjusted, resulting in 29,093 initial claims. Mass layoff data are identified using administrative data sources without regard to layoff duration. (See table 1 and the note at the end of this release.)


The national unemployment rate was 8.2 percent in June, unchanged from the prior month but down from 9.1 percent a year earlier. Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 80,000 over the month and by $1,777,000$ over the year.

## Industry Distribution (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

The number of mass layoff events in June was 1,890, not seasonally adjusted, resulting in 198,537 initial claims for unemployment insurance. (See table 2.) Over the year, the number of average weekly mass

Table A. Six-digit NAICS industries with the largest number of mass layoff initial claims in June 2012, private nonfarm, not seasonally adjusted

| Industry | Initial claims | June peak |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Year | Initial claims |
| School and employee bus transportation | 24,038 | 2012 | 24,038 |
| Food service contractors | 14,417 | 2007 | 14,527 |
| Temporary help services ${ }^{1}$ | 11,199 | 2000 | 13,815 |
| Child day care services | 8,965 | 2012 | 8,965 |
| Motion picture and video production | 5,958 | 2000 | 9,435 |
| Other individual and family services | 3,406 | 2012 | 3,406 |
| Warehouse clubs and supercenters | 2,689 | 2012 | 2,689 |
| Professional employer organizations ${ }^{1}$ | 2,540 | 2009 | 5,303 |
| Supermarkets and other grocery stores | 2,399 | 2012 | 2,399 |
| Iron and steel mills and ferroalloy mfg. | 1,975 | 2009 | 2,462 |

${ }^{1}$ See the Technical Note for more information on these industries.
layoff events decreased by 37 to 378, and associated average weekly initial claims decreased by 276 to 39,707 . Eight of the 19 major industry sectors in the private economy reported over-the-year decreases in average weekly initial claims, with the largest decrease occurring in administrative and waste services. (See table 3.) In June 2012, the six-digit industry with the largest number of private nonfarm initial claims was school and employee bus transportation. (See table A.)

In June, the manufacturing sector accounted for 17 percent of mass layoff events and 18 percent of associated initial claims in the private economy. Within manufacturing, the numbers of mass layoff claimants were highest in food and in transportation equipment. Nine of the 21 manufacturing subsectors experienced over-the-year decreases in average weekly initial claims. (See table 3.)

## Geographic Distribution (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Among the census regions, the West registered the largest number of initial claims in June. Three of the 4 regions experienced over-the-year decreases in average weekly initial claims, with the largest decrease occurring in the Midwest. (See table 4.)

Among the states, California recorded the highest number of mass layoff initial claims in June, followed by New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Florida, and New York. Twenty-eight states experienced over-the-year decreases in average weekly initial claims, led by Pennsylvania, Ohio, Texas, and Missouri. (See table 4.)

## Note

The monthly data series in this release cover mass layoffs of 50 or more workers beginning in a given month, regardless of the duration of the layoffs. For private nonfarm establishments, information on the length of the layoff is obtained later and issued in a quarterly release that reports on mass layoffs lasting more than 30 days (referred to as "extended mass layoffs"). The quarterly release provides more
information on the industry classification and location of the establishment and on the demographics of the laid-off workers. The monthly data series in this release are subjected to average weekly analysis, which mitigates the effect of differing lengths of months. See the Technical Note for more detailed definitions and for a description of average weekly analysis.

The Extended Mass Layoffs news release for the Second Quarter 2012 is scheduled to be released on Thursday, August 9, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. (EDT). The Mass Layoffs news release for July is scheduled to be released on Thursday, August 23, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. (EDT).

## Technical Note

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

The monthly data present preliminary mass layoff activity in the reference month and are not revised in subsequent months except in special circumstances (e.g., layoffs in states affected by Hurricane Katrina). Counts of initial claims associated with mass layoff events reflect activity through the end of the reference month. Additional mass layoff event and initial claims activity received after data for the reference month have been published by BLS are not updated in the monthly mass layoff series and, therefore, may not match revised mass layoff data issued in state publications. However, any additional mass layoff information meeting the extended mass layoff criteria will be reflected in BLS' quarterly publication of extended mass layoff data.

A given month contains an aggregation of the weekly unemployment insurance claims filings for the Sunday through Saturday weeks in that month. All weeks are included for the particular month, except if the first day of the month falls on Saturday. In this case, the week is included in the prior month's tabulations. This means that some months will contain 4 weeks and others, 5 weeks. The number of weeks in a given month may be different from year to year, and the number of weeks in a year may vary. Therefore, data users who intend to perform analysis of over-the-year change in the not seasonally adjusted series should use the average weekly mass layoff figures displayed in tables 3 and 4 of this release. The average weekly adjustment process produces a consistent series for each month across all years, permitting over-the-year analysis to be performed using strictly comparable data.

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

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## Definitions

Average weekly mass layoff events and initial claimants. The number of events and initial claimants in a given month divided by the number of weeks contained within that month.

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

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

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

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

## Seasonal adjustment

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

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

The MLS data are seasonally adjusted using the X-12ARIMA seasonal adjustment method on a concurrent basis.

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

Table 1. Mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, July 2008 to June 2012, seasonally adjusted

| Date | Total |  | Private nonfarm |  | Manufacturing |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Events | Initial claimants | Events | Initial claimants | Events | Initial claimants |
| 2008 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| July | 1,589 | 163,572 | 1,452 | 153,060 | 465 | 62,210 |
| August | 1,763 | 181,853 | 1,632 | 172,147 | 578 | 77,464 |
| September | 2,159 | 229,180 | 1,990 | 215,749 | 629 | 82,011 |
| October ..... | 2,201 | 226,853 | 2,043 | 213,454 | 698 | 93,252 |
| November | 2,406 | 239,239 | 2,247 | 225,404 | 907 | 103,836 |
| December | 2,437 | 244,889 | 2,261 | 230,621 | 935 | 116,181 |
| 2009 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January .. | 2,254 | 235,371 | 2,083 | 221,653 | 726 | 92,293 |
| February | 3,059 | 326,392 | 2,901 | 310,378 | 1,251 | 145,839 |
| March | 2,999 | 299,322 | 2,800 | 282,414 | 1,230 | 154,168 |
| April | 2,566 | 249,129 | 2,349 | 232,632 | 1,007 | 116,051 |
| May | 2,710 | 284,468 | 2,516 | 267,869 | 1,181 | 147,184 |
| June | 2,466 | 247,597 | 2,257 | 230,502 | 1,048 | 137,649 |
| July .. | 2,186 | 222,941 | 1,979 | 203,911 | 636 | 75,728 |
| August | 2,340 | 216,047 | 2,115 | 197,172 | 751 | 77,894 |
| September | 2,261 | 214,018 | 2,048 | 198,761 | 786 | 91,125 |
| October ..... | 1,969 | 195,752 | 1,772 | 178,172 | 571 | 65,217 |
| November | 1,757 | 164,454 | 1,588 | 151,172 | 472 | 52,855 |
| December | 1,719 | 155,056 | 1,543 | 140,835 | 424 | 44,096 |
| 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January .. | 1,707 | 168,044 | 1,529 | 154,187 | 471 | 53,817 |
| February | 1,631 | 156,292 | 1,465 | 141,831 | 374 | 43,620 |
| March | 1,676 | 149,816 | 1,469 | 134,518 | 356 | 40,705 |
| April | 1,637 | 154,558 | 1,452 | 138,503 | 368 | 44,506 |
| May .. | 1,608 | 150,996 | 1,357 | 130,273 | 302 | 29,932 |
| June | 1,695 | 151,435 | 1,475 | 132,742 | 325 | 33,298 |
| July . | 1,519 | 138,091 | 1,316 | 122,162 | 304 | 32,253 |
| August | 1,588 | 159,329 | 1,399 | 136,697 | 390 | 43,154 |
| September | 1,510 | 133,576 | 1,295 | 115,349 | 328 | 34,333 |
| October ... | 1,654 | 149,589 | 1,446 | 132,146 | 354 | 38,937 |
| November | 1,592 | 161,145 | 1,410 | 145,494 | 360 | 39,977 |
| December | 1,477 | 135,849 | 1,271 | 121,171 | 322 | 36,267 |
| 2011 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ... | 1,536 | 148,952 | 1,348 | 131,869 | 337 | 37,477 |
| February | 1,434 | 131,569 | 1,242 | 116,745 | 297 | 26,696 |
| March | 1,275 | 115,391 | 1,118 | 102,722 | 251 | 28,988 |
| April | 1,548 | 145,836 | 1,383 | 131,317 | 341 | 37,053 |
| May . | 1,600 | 144,412 | 1,404 | 127,793 | 374 | 39,180 |
| June | 1,513 | 143,384 | 1,334 | 128,410 | 344 | 36,265 |
| July .... | 1,562 | 145,078 | 1,348 | 125,285 | 346 | 36,312 |
| August | 1,551 | 164,275 | 1,347 | 149,874 | 382 | 49,194 |
| September.. | 1,447 | 147,353 | 1,306 | 134,038 | 364 | 38,026 |
| October ..... | 1,335 | 118,924 | 1,205 | 107,330 | 341 | 33,926 |
| November | 1,332 | 131,627 | 1,192 | 120,760 | 324 | 36,563 |
| December | 1,384 | 145,648 | 1,238 | 130,583 | 351 | 39,081 |
| 2012 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 1,434 | 129,920 | 1,298 | 119,102 | 341 | 33,597 |
| February | 1,293 | 119,463 | 1,153 | 108,577 | 282 | 27,388 |
| March | 1,273 | 121,310 | 1,125 | 109,421 | 261 | 26,348 |
| April ... | 1,388 | 135,600 | 1,222 | 120,213 | 287 | 33,243 |
| May . | 1,380 | 130,191 | 1,222 | 117,654 | 264 | 29,675 |
| June | 1,317 | 131,406 | 1,171 | 118,451 | 267 | 29,093 |

Table 2. Mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, July 2008 to June 2012, not seasonally adjusted

| Date | Total |  | Private nonfarm |  | Manufacturing |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Events | Initial claimants | Events | Initial claimants | Events | Initial claimants |
| 2008 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| July | 1,891 | 200,382 | 1,687 | 186,018 | 760 | 108,733 |
| August | 1,427 | 139,999 | 1,343 | 133,146 | 414 | 51,912 |
| September | 1,292 | 129,586 | 1,202 | 122,505 | 361 | 46,391 |
| October | 2,125 | 221,784 | 1,917 | 205,553 | 689 | 100,457 |
| November | 2,574 | 241,589 | 2,389 | 226,657 | 997 | 107,620 |
| December | 3,377 | 351,305 | 3,232 | 340,220 | 1,378 | 172,529 |
| 2009 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 3,806 | 388,813 | 3,633 | 375,293 | 1,461 | 172,757 |
| February | 2,262 | 218,438 | 2,173 | 210,755 | 945 | 103,588 |
| March | 2,191 | 228,387 | 2,107 | 221,397 | 940 | 114,747 |
| April | 2,547 | 256,930 | 2,385 | 243,321 | 887 | 100,872 |
| May | 2,738 | 289,628 | 2,572 | 274,047 | 1,005 | 123,683 |
| June | 2,519 | 256,357 | 2,051 | 216,063 | 674 | 85,726 |
| July | 3,054 | 336,654 | 2,659 | 296,589 | 1,133 | 154,208 |
| August | 1,428 | 125,024 | 1,334 | 117,193 | 436 | 41,151 |
| September | 1,371 | 123,177 | 1,258 | 115,141 | 448 | 51,126 |
| October | 1,934 | 193,904 | 1,678 | 172,883 | 566 | 69,655 |
| November | 1,870 | 164,496 | 1,679 | 150,751 | 517 | 55,053 |
| December | 2,310 | 214,648 | 2,166 | 203,655 | 615 | 64,540 |
| 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 2,860 | 278,679 | 2,682 | 265,074 | 962 | 104,846 |
| February | 1,183 | 102,818 | 1,091 | 96,022 | 282 | 30,728 |
| March | 1,197 | 111,727 | 1,111 | 105,514 | 273 | 29,745 |
| April | 1,840 | 199,690 | 1,697 | 184,654 | 424 | 55,178 |
| May | 1,354 | 123,333 | 1,170 | 109,203 | 216 | 19,334 |
| June | 1,861 | 171,190 | 1,355 | 125,872 | 212 | 21,083 |
| July | 2,124 | 206,254 | 1,732 | 172,248 | 532 | 64,200 |
| August | 976 | 92,435 | 897 | 83,021 | 230 | 23,088 |
| September | 920 | 77,654 | 806 | 67,987 | 187 | 19,403 |
| October | 1,642 | 148,638 | 1,373 | 127,865 | 351 | 40,861 |
| November | 1,676 | 158,048 | 1,477 | 142,591 | 389 | 41,383 |
| December | 1,931 | 184,130 | 1,763 | 172,881 | 465 | 52,816 |
| 2011 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 2,558 | 246,463 | 2,372 | 229,765 | 693 | 75,006 |
| February | 1,024 | 85,585 | 919 | 78,718 | 222 | 18,471 |
| March | 908 | 85,095 | 844 | 80,014 | 191 | 20,869 |
| April | 1,750 | 189,919 | 1,625 | 176,478 | 397 | 47,104 |
| May | 1,367 | 119,911 | 1,221 | 108,531 | 270 | 25,199 |
| June | 1,661 | 159,930 | 1,238 | 122,821 | 226 | 22,986 |
| July | 2,176 | 216,774 | 1,759 | 174,078 | 602 | 71,814 |
| August | 961 | 99,213 | 875 | 93,159 | 228 | 26,916 |
| September | 1,189 | 117,232 | 1,095 | 107,300 | 296 | 32,058 |
| October | 1,101 | 96,914 | 950 | 83,748 | 265 | 28,447 |
| November | 1,393 | 127,750 | 1,245 | 117,474 | 349 | 37,799 |
| December | 2,433 | 263,665 | 2,258 | 247,916 | 658 | 75,033 |
| 2012 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 1,705 | 141,703 | 1,587 | 132,754 | 415 | 38,021 |
| February | 895 | 73,974 | 820 | 69,076 | 196 | 16,555 |
| March | 1,125 | 117,817 | 1,040 | 110,954 | 242 | 24,241 |
| April | 1,421 | 146,358 | 1,293 | 132,697 | 256 | 32,518 |
| May | 1,201 | 109,259 | 1,081 | 100,434 | 186 | 18,800 |
| June | 1,890 | 198,537 | 1,485 | 158,334 | 255 | 28,570 |

Table 3. Industry distribution: Mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, not seasonally adjusted

| Industry | Mass layoff totals |  |  |  | Average weekly mass layoffs ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Events |  | Initial claimants |  | Events |  | Initial claimants |  |
|  | June <br> 2011 | June 2012 | June <br> 2011 | June 2012 | June <br> 2011 | June 2012 | June <br> 2011 | June <br> 2012 |
| Total ${ }^{2}$ | 1,661 | 1,890 | 159,930 | 198,537 | 415 | 378 | 39,983 | 39,707 |
| Total, private | 1,282 | 1,539 | 125,944 | 162,321 | 321 | 308 | 31,486 | 32,464 |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting | 44 | 54 | 3,123 | 3,987 | 11 | 11 | 781 | 797 |
| Total, private nonfarm | 1,238 | 1,485 | 122,821 | 158,334 | 310 | 297 | 30,705 | 31,667 |
| Mining ............ | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | 8 | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | 824 | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | 2 | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | 165 |
| Utilities | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | $\left(^{3}\right.$ ) | $\left(^{3}\right)$ |
| Construction | 84 | 91 | 6,847 | 7,909 | 21 | 18 | 1,712 | 1,582 |
| Construction of buildings ....... | 18 | 21 | 1,467 | 1,999 | 5 | 4 | 367 | 400 |
| Heavy and civil engineering construction ............ | 22 | 25 | 2,227 | 2,808 | 6 | 5 | 557 | 562 |
| Specialty trade contractors .... | 44 | 45 | 3,153 | 3,102 | 11 | 9 | 788 | 620 |
| Manufacturing ... | 226 | 255 | 22,986 | 28,570 | 57 | 51 | 5,747 | 5,714 |
| Food. | 51 | 63 | 5,011 | 6,158 | 13 | 13 | 1,253 | 1,232 |
| Beverage and tobacco products ..... |  | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ |  | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ |  | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) |  | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ |
| Textile mills . | 8 | 8 | 1,131 | 1,335 | 2 | 2 | 283 | 267 |
| Textile product mills. | 6 | 10 | 420 | 1,028 | 2 | 2 | 105 | 206 |
| Apparel .... | 10 | 8 | 1,119 | 758 | 3 | 2 | 280 | 152 |
| Leather and allied products .......... | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ |
| Wood products | 12 | 5 | 1,083 | 290 | 3 | 1 | 271 | 58 |
| Paper. | 5 | 5 | 427 | 551 | 1 | 1 | 107 | 110 |
| Printing and related support activities ...... | 5 | 9 | 383 | 744 | 1 | 2 | 96 | 149 |
| Petroleum and coal products ......... | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | $\left(^{3}\right)$ | $\left(^{3}\right)$ |
| Chemicals .... | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | 5 | $\left(^{3}\right.$ ) | 549 | ( ${ }^{\text {) }}$ | 1 | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | 110 |
| Plastics and rubber products .... | 11 | 5 | 880 | 374 | 3 | 1 | 220 | 75 |
| Nonmetallic mineral products .... | 5 | 4 | 380 | 1,007 | 1 | 1 | 95 | 201 |
| Primary metals .. | 11 | 12 | 914 | 2,741 | 3 | 2 | 229 | 548 |
| Fabricated metal products . | 10 | 12 | 607 | 1,139 | 3 | 2 | 152 | 228 |
| Machinery .... | 16 | 25 | 2,042 | 2,489 | 4 | 5 | 511 | 498 |
| Computer and electronic products | 10 | 17 | 716 | 1,240 | 3 | 3 | 179 | 248 |
| Electrical equipment and appliances ... | 9 | 6 | 915 | 414 | 2 | 1 | 229 | 83 |
| Transportation equipment .. | 34 | 39 | 4,871 | 5,618 | 9 | 8 | 1,218 | 1,124 |
| Furniture and related products ....... | 7 | 15 | 771 | 1,361 | 2 | 3 | 193 | 272 |
| Miscellaneous manufacturing ..... | 9 | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | 826 | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | 2 | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | 207 | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ |
| Wholesale trade . | 18 | 20 | 1,440 | 1,476 | 5 | 4 | 360 | 295 |
| Retail trade ${ }^{4}$.. | 82 | 132 | 7,177 | 12,962 | 21 | 26 | 1,794 | 2,592 |
| Building material and garden supply stores .... | 12 | 15 | 845 | 1,320 | 3 | 3 | 211 | 264 |
| Food and beverage stores .... | 17 | 28 | 1,175 | 2,540 | 4 | 6 | 294 | 508 |
| Clothing and clothing accessories stores ..... | 7 | 6 | 345 | 393 | 2 | 1 | 86 | 79 |
| General merchandise stores | 27 | 55 | 3,454 | 6,283 | 7 | 11 | 864 | 1,257 |
| Transportation and warehousing ${ }^{4}$ | 144 | 191 | 19,513 | 25,973 | 36 | 38 | 4,878 | 5,195 |
| Truck transportation | 4 | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | 228 | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | 1 | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | 57 | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ |
| Transit and ground passenger transportation ... | 126 | 177 | 17,854 | 25,086 | 32 | 35 | 4,464 | 5,017 |
| Support activities for transportation | 5 | 4 | 583 | 249 | 1 | 1 | 146 | 50 |
| Information. | 41 | 48 | 5,721 | 8,612 | 10 | 10 | 1,430 | 1,722 |
| Finance and insurance | 18 | 24 | 1,158 | 2,099 | 5 | 5 | 290 | 420 |
| Real estate and rental and leasing. | 7 | 11 | 779 | 821 | 2 | 2 | 195 | 164 |
| Professional and technical services ..... | 32 | 37 | 3,378 | 4,057 | 8 | 7 | 845 | 811 |
| Management of companies and enterprises ...... | 5 | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | 351 | ${ }^{3}$ ) | 1 | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | 88 | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ |
| Administrative and waste services . | 170 | 201 | 16,582 | 18,652 | 43 | 40 | 4,146 | 3,730 |
| Educational services | 26 | 41 | 1,604 | 2,955 | 7 | 8 | 401 | 591 |
| Health care and social assistance | 177 | 201 | 14,975 | 17,167 | 44 | 40 | 3,744 | 3,433 |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation ... | 30 | 40 | 1,664 | 2,812 | 8 | 8 | 416 | 562 |
| Accommodation and food services ....... | 120 | 131 | 14,179 | 18,642 | 30 | 26 | 3,545 | 3,728 |
| Accommodation .................. | 16 | 13 | 1,074 | 901 | 4 | 3 | 269 | 180 |
| Food services and drinking places ...................... | 104 | 118 | 13,105 | 17,741 | 26 | 24 | 3,276 | 3,548 |
| Other services, except public administration .............................................................. | 53 | 47 | 4,129 | 3,718 | 13 | 9 | 1,032 | 744 |
| Unclassified. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Government. | 379 | 351 | 33,986 | 36,216 | 95 | 70 | 8,497 | 7,243 |
| Federal ................... | 18 | 6 | 1,942 | 499 | 5 | 1 | 486 | 100 |
| State ... | 29 | 36 | 2,086 | 3,028 | 7 | 7 | 522 | 606 |
| State government education ........................ | 19 | 24 | 1,450 | 1,731 | 5 | 5 | 363 | 346 |
| Local. | 332 | 309 | 29,958 | 32,689 | 83 | 62 | 7,490 | 6,538 |
| Local government education ........................ | 286 | 266 | 26,127 | 29,008 | 72 | 53 | 6,532 | 5,802 |
| ${ }^{1}$ Average weekly analysis mitigates the effect of differing lengths of months. There were 4 weeks in June 2011 and 5 weeks in June 2012. Average weekly events and initial claimants may not sum to subtotals and totals |  |  |  | ${ }^{2}$ Data were reported by all states and the District of Columbia. <br> ${ }^{3}$ Data do not meet BLS or state agency disclosure standards. <br> ${ }^{4}$ Includes other industries not shown. <br> NOTE: Dash represents zero. |  |  |  |  |

Table 4. Region and state distribution: Mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, not seasonally adjusted

| Census region and state | Mass layoff totals |  |  |  | Average weekly mass layoffs ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Events |  | Initial Claimants |  | Events |  | Initial Claimants |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 2011 \end{aligned}$ | June $2012$ | June $2011$ | June $2012$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 2011 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | June $2012$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 2011 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 2012 \end{aligned}$ |
| Total ${ }^{2}$.. | 1,661 | 1,890 | 159,930 | 198,537 | 415 | 378 | 39,983 | 39,707 |
| Northeast .. | 276 | 382 | 30,513 | 46,039 | 69 | 76 | 7,628 | 9,208 |
| Connecticut | 10 | 15 | 807 | 2,233 | 3 | 3 | 202 | 447 |
| Maine . | 7 | 6 | 458 | 399 | 2 | 1 | 115 | 80 |
| Massachusetts | 16 | 19 | 1,133 | 1,850 | 4 | 4 | 283 | 370 |
| New Hampshire | 3 | 6 | 614 | 1,154 | 1 | 1 | 154 | 231 |
| New Jersey ...... | 44 | 90 | 6,432 | 15,028 | 11 | 18 | 1,608 | 3,006 |
| New York ...... | 55 | 99 | 5,185 | 10,248 | 14 | 20 | 1,296 | 2,050 |
| Pennsylvania | 124 | 130 | 13,892 | 12,394 | 31 | 26 | 3,473 | 2,479 |
| Rhode Island | 10 | 11 | 1,276 | 1,925 | 3 | 2 | 319 | 385 |
| Vermont. | 7 | 6 | 716 | 808 | 2 | 1 | 179 | 162 |
| South ... | 482 | 540 | 45,180 | 53,862 | 121 | 108 | 11,295 | 10,772 |
| Alabama | 20 | 26 | 1,922 | 2,333 | 5 | 5 | 481 | 467 |
| Arkansas ... | 29 | 19 | 3,185 | 2,008 | 7 | 4 | 796 | 402 |
| Delaware . | 6 | 4 | 415 | 345 | 2 | 1 | 104 | 69 |
| District of Columbia | ( ${ }^{3}$ | 3 | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | 335 | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | 1 | $\left(^{3}\right.$ ) | 67 |
| Florida .... | 114 | 127 | 9,161 | 11,476 | 29 | 25 | 2,290 | 2,295 |
| Georgia . | 43 | 50 | 4,789 | 5,246 | 11 | 10 | 1,197 | 1,049 |
| Kentucky ... | 22 | 26 | 2,003 | 2,452 | 6 | 5 | 501 | 490 |
| Louisiana .. | 28 | 26 | 2,056 | 2,192 | 7 | 5 | 514 | 438 |
| Maryland ${ }^{4}$ | 12 | 34 | 1,102 | 3,891 | 3 | 7 | 276 | 778 |
| Mississippi | 5 | 17 | 240 | 1,243 | 1 | 3 | 60 | 249 |
| North Carolina | 45 | 58 | 4,871 | 5,320 | 11 | 12 | 1,218 | 1,064 |
| Oklahoma | 6 | 4 | 481 | 802 | 2 | 1 | 120 | 160 |
| South Carolina | 23 | 23 | 1,878 | 2,047 | 6 | 5 | 470 | 409 |
| Tennessee | 13 | 21 | 1,438 | 2,193 | 3 | 4 | 360 | 439 |
| Texas .. | 86 | 76 | 9,229 | 9,341 | 22 | 15 | 2,307 | 1,868 |
| Virginia ..... | 25 | 26 | 2,071 | 2,638 | 6 | 5 | 518 | 528 |
| West Virginia | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | - | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | - | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | - | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | - |
| Midwest .... | 326 | 355 | 33,813 | 37,944 | 82 | 71 | 8,453 | 7,589 |
| Illinois ..... | 61 | 65 | 6,436 | 6,223 | 15 | 13 | 1,609 | 1,245 |
| Indiana .. | 28 | 32 | 2,722 | 2,965 | 7 | 6 | 681 | 593 |
| lowa. | 14 | 17 | 1,359 | 1,513 | 4 | 3 | 340 | 303 |
| Kansas .. | 8 | 14 | 682 | 1,607 | 2 | 3 | 171 | 321 |
| Michigan . | 55 | 64 | 5,413 | 8,103 | 14 | 13 | 1,353 | 1,621 |
| Minnesota | 17 | 20 | 1,249 | 1,989 | 4 | 4 | 312 | 398 |
| Missouri .. | 42 | 26 | 3,176 | 1,927 | 11 | 5 | 794 | 385 |
| Nebraska | 5 | 5 | 441 | 360 | 1 | 1 | 110 | 72 |
| North Dakota ... | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | $\left(^{3}\right.$ ) | $\left(^{3}\right.$ ) |  | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ |  |  |
| Ohio ........... |  |  | 6,150 | 5,491 | 11 | 10 | 1,538 | 1,098 |
| South Dakota . | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | $\left(^{3}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | $\left(^{3}\right.$ ) | $\left(^{3}\right.$ ) |
| Wisconsin | 50 | 58 | 5,681 | 7,202 | 13 | 12 | 1,420 | 1,440 |
| West .... | 577 | 613 | 50,424 | 60,692 | 144 | 123 | 12,606 | 12,138 |
| Alaska ... | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | ( ${ }^{1}$ ) | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | $1^{3}$ ) |
| Arizona | 18 | 13 | 1,561 | 1,319 | 5 | 3 | 390 | 264 |
| California .. | 462 | 489 | 39,788 | 49,090 | 116 | 98 | 9,947 | 9,818 |
| Colorado. | 9 | 12 | 708 | 1,138 | 2 | 2 | 177 | 228 |
| Hawaii. |  | 5 | 275 | 467 | 1 | 1 | 69 | 93 |
| Idaho . | 8 | ( ${ }^{3}$ | 832 | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | 2 | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | 208 | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) |
| Montana . | 6 | 7 | 531 | 514 | 2 | 1 | 133 | 103 |
| Nevada | 12 | 18 | 1,292 | 1,870 | 3 | 4 | 323 | 374 |
| New Mexico | 8 | 8 | 663 | 520 | 2 | 2 | 166 | 104 |
| Oregon .... | 28 | 30 | 2,967 | 2,865 | 7 | 6 | 742 | 573 |
| Utah . | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | 5 |  | 422 | $\left(^{3}\right)$ | 1 |  | 84 |
| Washington ........ | 17 | 20 | 1,231 | 2,064 | 4 | 4 | 308 | 413 |
| Wyoming ................... |  |  |  |  | - | - | - | - |
| Puerto Rico ...... | 10 | 16 | 941 | 2,596 | 3 | 3 | 235 | 519 |

[^0]${ }^{4}$ Data starting in June 2012 may not be comparable to prior data due to a change in MLS unemployment insurance procedures.
NOTE: Dash represents zero.


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ See footnote 1 , table 3.
    ${ }^{2}$ See footnote 2 , table 3 .
    ${ }^{3}$ Data do not meet BLS or state agency disclosure standards.

