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## Mass Layoffs - November 2011

Employers took 1,331 mass layoff actions in November involving 129,887 workers, seasonally adjusted, as measured by new filings for unemployment insurance benefits during the month, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Each mass layoff involved at least 50 workers from a single employer. The number of mass layoff events in November decreased by 22 from October, while the number of associated initial claims increased by 11,198. In November, 322 mass layoff events were reported in the manufacturing sector, seasonally adjusted, resulting in 36,343 initial claims. (See table 1.)


The national unemployment rate was 8.6 percent in November, down from 9.0 percent the prior month and from 9.8 percent a year earlier. In November, total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 120,000 over the month and by $1,600,000$ over the year.

## Industry Distribution (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

The number of mass layoff events in November was 1,393, not seasonally adjusted, resulting in 127,750 initial claims for unemployment insurance. (See table 2.) Over the year, the number of average weekly mass layoff events decreased by 71 to 348, and associated average weekly initial claims decreased by 7,574 to 31,938 . Thirteen of the 19 major industry sectors in the private economy reported over-the-year decreases in average weekly initial claims, with the largest decreases occurring in information, construction, and administrative and waste services. (See table 3.) The six-digit industry with the largest

Table A. Six-digit NAICS industries with the largest number of mass layoff initial claims in November 2011, private nonfarm, not seasonally adjusted

| Industry | Initial Claims | November peak |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Year | Initial claims |
| Highway, street, and bridge construction . | 9,355 | 2001 | 14,641 |
| Temporary help services ${ }^{1}$ | 8,767 | 2000 | 19,023 |
| Food service contractors | 5,672 | 2007 | 6,163 |
| School and employee bus transportation | 5,068 | 2011 | 5,068 |
| Automobile manufacturing. | 3,074 | 2007 | 8,416 |
| Motion picture and video production .. | 2,073 | 2000 | 8,664 |
| Professional employer organizations ${ }^{1}$ | 2,007 | 2008 | 5,873 |
| Travel trailer and camper manufacturing | 1,793 | 2006 | 3,548 |
| Landscaping services | 1,653 | 2002 | 2,129 |
| Industrial building construction | 1,555 | 2002 | 3,306 |

${ }^{1}$ See the Technical Note for more information on these industries.
number of private nonfarm initial claims in November 2011 was highway, street, and bridge construction. (See table A.)

The manufacturing sector accounted for 25 percent of all mass layoff events and 30 percent of initial claims filed in November. A year earlier, manufacturing made up 23 percent of events and 26 percent of initial claims. Within this sector, the numbers of mass layoff claimants in November 2011 was greatest in the transportation equipment, food, and machinery subsectors. Fifteen of the 21 manufacturing subsectors experienced over-the-year decreases in average weekly initial claims, with the largest decrease occurring in electrical equipment and appliances. (See table 3.)

## Geographic Distribution (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

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

Among the states, California recorded the highest number of mass layoff initial claims in November, followed by Wisconsin, Texas, Pennsylvania, and Michigan. Thirty-three states and the District of Columbia experienced over-the-year declines in average weekly initial claims, led by California and North Carolina. (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 Mass Layoffs news release for December 2011 and Annual Totals for 2011 is scheduled to be released on Wednesday, January 25, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. (EST).

## Revision of Seasonally Adjusted Mass Layoff Data

In accordance with usual practice, the release of mass layoff data for December 2011, scheduled for January 25, 2012, will incorporate annual updating of seasonal adjustment factors. Seasonally adjusted estimates back to January 2007 are subject to revision.

## Upcoming Changes to Mass Layoff Data

With the release of January 2012 data on February 23, 2012, the Mass Layoff Statistics program will update the basis for industry classification from the 2007 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) to the 2012 NAICS. The new classification reflects definitional changes within construction, manufacturing, and wholesale trade. Several industry codes, titles, and descriptions will also be updated. For more information on the 2012 NAICS update, visit www.census.gov/epcd/www/naics.html.

## 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.

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

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

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## Definitions

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

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

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

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

## Seasonal adjustment

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

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

The MLS data are seasonally adjusted using the X-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, December 2007 to November 2011, seasonally adjusted

| Date | Total |  | Private nonfarm |  | Manufacturing |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Events | Initial claimants | Events | Initial claimants | Events | Initial claimants |
| 2007 | 1,553 | 154,275 | 1,435 | 144,785 |  |  |
| December |  |  |  |  | 463 | 59,445 |
| 2008 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 1,437 | 146,900 | 1,302 | 135,622 | 431 | 55,562 |
| February | 1,604 | 175,128 | 1,441 | 163,475 | 471 | 59,118 |
| March | 1,500 | 150,502 | 1,388 | 140,424 | 435 | 56,156 |
| April | 1,292 | 128,901 | 1,162 | 118,016 | 449 | 58,402 |
| May | 1,582 | 161,944 | 1,444 | 152,230 | 468 | 62,452 |
| June | 1,631 | 164,508 | 1,488 | 153,014 | 491 | 68,198 |
| July | 1,581 | 164,497 | 1,443 | 153,720 | 463 | 62,425 |
| August | 1,791 | 181,107 | 1,653 | 171,705 | 583 | 77,874 |
| September | 2,192 | 233,034 | 2,024 | 219,532 | 635 | 82,471 |
| October | 2,221 | 229,254 | 2,062 | 215,787 | 697 | 92,408 |
| November | $\begin{aligned} & 2,415 \\ & 2,443 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 228,107 \\ & 245,661 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,256 \\ & 2,264 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 214,631 \\ & 231,138 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 900 \\ & 927 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 102,284 \\ & 114,280 \end{aligned}$ |
| December |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2009 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 2,272 | 238,717 | 2,103 | 224,850 | 756 | 100,927 |
| February | 2,801 | 315,507 | 2,636 | 300,042 | 1,194 | 138,583 |
| March | 2,950 | 295,543 | 2,758 | 279,027 | 1,205 | 144,713 |
| April | 2,579 | 251,032 | 2,368 | 234,796 | 997 | 121,435 |
| May | $\begin{aligned} & 2,758 \\ & 2,506 \end{aligned}$ | 288,319 | 2,557 | 271,425 | $\begin{aligned} & 1,187 \\ & 1,048 \end{aligned}$ | 147,548 |
| June |  | 250,275 | 2,293 | 232,814 |  | 135,389 |
| July | $\begin{aligned} & 2,506 \\ & 2,192 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 223,697 \\ & 220,262 \end{aligned}$ | 1,977 | 203,365 | 620 | 72,932 |
| August | $2,419$ |  | 2,177 | 201,951 | 778 | 83,837 |
| September | 2,305 | $\begin{aligned} & 220,262 \\ & 219,924 \end{aligned}$ | 2,095 | 204,596 | 799 | 91,665 |
| October . | $\begin{aligned} & 1,975 \\ & 1,754 \\ & 1,725 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 195,347 \\ & 154,223 \\ & 156,274 \end{aligned}$ | 1,780 | 177,977 | 570 | $\begin{aligned} & 63,646 \\ & 51,891 \end{aligned}$ |
| November |  |  | 1,585 | 141,439 | 464 |  |
| $\begin{array}{r} \text { December ....................... } \\ 2010 \end{array}$ |  |  | 1,545 | 141,649 | 420 | 43,584 |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 1,754 \\ & 1,725 \end{aligned}$ | 171,633 | 1,541 |  |  |  |
| January | 1,716 |  |  | 157,597 | 494 | 60,059 |
| February | 1,492 | 149,369 | 1,318 | 135,490 | 351 | 40,564 |
| March | 1,635 | 146,901 | 1,436 | 131,953 | 347 | 37,273 |
| April | 1,675 | 159,358 | 1,498 | 143,814 | 371 | 48,646 |
| May | 1,665 | 155,352 | 1,405 | 133,913 | 314 | 30,967 |
| June | 1,729 | 153,937 | 1,504 | 134,837 | 326 | 32,646 |
| July | 1,528 | 138,581 | 1,316 | 121,378 | 296 | 30,752 |
| August | 1,658 | 163,325 | 1,453 | 141,489 | 409 | 47,668 |
| September | 1,541 | 137,941 | 1,331 | 119,654 | 336 | 34,641 |
| October | 1,649 | 147,204 | 1,445 | 130,264 | 353 | 37,394 |
| November | 1,579 | 148,800 | 1,397 | 133,845 | 350 | 39,072 |
| December $\qquad$ | 1,483 | 137,992 | 1,272 | 122,688 | 319 | 35,977 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 1,534 | 149,799 | 1,344 | 132,730 | 341 | 39,189 |
| February | 1,421 | 130,818 | 1,220 | 116,190 | 291 | 26,060 |
| March | 1,286 | 118,523 | 1,128 | 105,636 | 253 | 27,619 |
| April | 1,564 | 143,927 | 1,401 | 129,702 | 327 | 35,022 |
| May | 1,599 | 143,540 | 1,405 | 127,494 | 373 | 38,673 |
| June | 1,532 | 143,444 | 1,348 | 128,105 | 341 | 35,693 |
| July | 1,579 | 145,000 | 1,363 | 124,745 | 342 | 35,460 |
| August | 1,587 | 165,547 | 1,373 | 150,136 | 391 | 48,997 |
| September | 1,495 | 153,229 | 1,347 | 139,151 | 376 | 39,929 |
| October | 1,353 | 118,689 | 1,221 | 107,101 | 345 | 33,849 |
| November | 1,331 | 129,887 | 1,192 | 119,061 | 322 | 36,343 |

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

| Date | Total |  | Private nonfarm |  | Manufacturing |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Events | Initial claimants | Events | Initial claimants | Events | Initial claimants |
| 2007 | 2,167 | 224,214 | 2,071 | 216,898 | 699 | 91,754 |
| December |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ....................... |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1,647 | 154,503 | 1,520 | 144,191 | 488 | 54,418 |
| February | 1,269 | 119,508 | 1,178 | 113,587 | 361 | 42,527 |
| March | 1,089 | 114,541 | 1,039 | 110,147 | 333 | 43,740 |
| April | 1,272 | 130,810 | 1,172 | 121,625 | 394 | 48,188 |
| May | 1,552 | 159,471 | 1,438 | 150,462 | 388 | 51,698 |
| June | 1,622 | 166,742 | 1,315 | 140,916 | 309 | 42,097 |
| July | 1,891 | 200,382 | 1,687 | 186,018 | 760 | 108,733 |
| August | 1,427 | 139,999 | 1,343 | 133,146 | 414 | 51,912 |
| September | 1,292 | 129,586 | 1,202 | 122,505 | 361 | 46,391 |
| October | 2,125 | 221,784 | $\begin{aligned} & 1,917 \\ & 2389 \end{aligned}$ | 205,553 | 689 | 100,457 |
| November | $\begin{aligned} & 2,574 \\ & 3,377 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 241,589 \\ & 351,305 \end{aligned}$ |  | 226,657 | 997 | 107,620 |
| December |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2,389 \\ & 3,232 \end{aligned}$ | 340,220 | 1,378 | 172,529 |
| 2009 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January $\qquad$ <br> February |  | 3,806 | 388,813 | 3,633 | 375,293 | 1,461945 | 172,757 |
|  | 2,262 | 218,438 | 2,173 | 210,755 | 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 | $\begin{aligned} & 2,738 \\ & 2,519 \end{aligned}$ | 289,628 | 2,572 | 274,047 | 1,005 | 123,683 |
| June |  | 256,357 | 2,051 | 216,063 | 674 | 85,726 |
| July | $\begin{aligned} & 2,519 \\ & 3,054 \end{aligned}$ | 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 . | $\begin{aligned} & 1,934 \\ & 1,870 \\ & 2,310 \end{aligned}$ | 193,904 | 1,678 | 172,883 | 566 | 69,655 |
| November |  | 164,496 | 1,679 | 150,751 | 517 | 55,053 |
| $\begin{array}{r} \text { December ....................... } \\ 2010 \end{array}$ |  | 214,648 | 2,166 | 203,655 | 615 | 64,540 |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 1,8 / 0 \\ & 2,310 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 | $\begin{aligned} & 1,197 \\ & 1,810 \end{aligned}$ | 111,727 | 1,111 | 105,514 | 273 | 29,745 |
| April |  | 199,690 | 1,697 | 184,654 | 424 | 55,178 |
| May . | $\begin{aligned} & 1,840 \\ & 1,354 \end{aligned}$ | 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 |

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 |  |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { November } \\ 2010 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { November } \\ 2011 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { November } \\ 2010 \end{gathered}$ | November $2011$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { November } \\ 2010 \end{gathered}$ | November $2011$ | November $2010$ | November $2011$ |
| Total ${ }^{2}$ | 1,676 | 1,393 | 158,048 | 127,750 | 419 | 348 | 39,512 | 31,938 |
| Total, private | 1,614 | 1,332 | 152,651 | 123,294 | 404 | 333 | 38,163 | 30,824 |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting ..... | 137 | 87 | 10,060 | 5,820 | 34 | 22 | 2,515 | 1,455 |
| Total, private nonfarm | 1,477 | 1,245 | 142,591 | 117,474 | 369 | 311 | 35,648 | 29,369 |
| Mınıng | 13 | 10 | 943 | 739 | 3 | 3 | 236 | 185 |
| Utilities | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) |
| Construction | 325 | 260 | 26,767 | 21,526 | 81 | 65 | 6,692 | 5,382 |
| Construction of buildings | 37 | 32 | 2,817 | 2,772 | 9 | 8 | 704 | 693 |
| Heavy and civil engineering construction | 189 | 156 | 16,720 | 13,320 | 47 | 39 | 4,180 | 3,330 |
| Specialty trade contractors .................... | 99 | 72 | 7,230 | 5,434 | 25 | 18 | 1,808 | 1,359 |
| Manufacturing | 389 | 349 | 41,383 | 37,799 | 97 | 87 | 10,346 | 9,450 |
| Food ....... | 69 | 64 | 7,242 | 6,312 | 17 | 16 | 1,811 | 1,578 |
| Beverage and tobacco products | 7 | 12 | 655 | 925 | 2 | 3 | 164 | 231 |
| Textile mills | 15 | 11 | 1,631 | 1,181 | 4 | 3 | 408 | 295 |
| Textile product mills | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | 4 | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | 362 | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | 1 | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | 91 |
| Apparel. | 8 | 7 | 993 | 1,198 | 2 | 2 | 248 | 300 |
| Leather and allied products | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | - | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | - | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | - | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | - |
| Wood products. | 28 | 25 | 2,568 | 2,410 | 7 | 6 | 642 | 603 |
| Paper ........ | 8 | 12 | 653 | 851 | 2 | 3 | 163 | 213 |
| Printing and related support activities | 14 | 8 | 1,312 | 624 | 4 | 2 | 328 | 156 |
| Petroleum and coal products ............ | 8 | 3 | 796 | 160 | 2 | 1 | 199 | 40 |
| Chemicals. | 9 | 5 | 685 | 394 | 2 | 1 | 171 | 99 |
| Plastics and rubber products | 20 | 13 | 1,912 | 947 | 5 | 3 | 478 | 237 |
| Nonmetallic mineral products | 21 | 20 | 1,839 | 1,360 | 5 | 5 | 460 | 340 |
| Primary metals | 17 | 13 | 1,352 | 1,092 | 4 | 3 | 338 | 273 |
| Fabricated metal products .. | 21 | 17 | 1,766 | 1,315 | 5 | 4 | 442 | 329 |
| Machinery | 24 | 26 | 2,980 | 3,223 | 6 | 7 | 745 | 806 |
| Computer and electronic products | 12 | 17 | 990 | 990 | 3 | 4 | 248 | 248 |
| Electrical equipment and appliances | 11 | 8 | 1,808 | 745 | 3 | 2 | 452 | 186 |
| Transportation equipment | 60 | 63 | 7,754 | 10,771 | 15 | 16 | 1,939 | 2,693 |
| Furniture and related products . | 23 | 14 | 2,945 | 2,285 | 6 | 4 | 736 | 571 |
| Miscellaneous manufacturing | 9 | 7 | 775 | 654 | 2 | 2 | 194 | 164 |
| Wholesale trade | 28 | 18 | 2,347 | 1,414 | 7 | 5 | 587 | 354 |
| Retail trade ${ }^{4}$ | 99 | 69 | 8,433 | 6,001 | 25 | 17 | 2,108 | 1,500 |
| Building material and garden supply stores | 12 | 11 | 1,075 | 826 | 3 | 3 | 269 | 207 |
| Food and beverage stores ....................... | 21 | 16 | 1,561 | 1,372 | 5 | 4 | 390 | 343 |
| Clothing and clothing accessories stores ... | 13 | 4 | 726 | 183 | 3 | 1 | 182 | 46 |
| General merchandise stores | 33 | 23 | 3,600 | 2,525 | 8 | 6 | 900 | 631 |
| Transportation and warehousing ${ }^{4}$ | 68 | 72 | 6,236 | 6,993 | 17 | 18 | 1,559 | 1,748 |
| Truck transportation .............. | 14 | 10 | 771 | 521 | 4 | 3 | 193 | 130 |
| Transit and ground passenger transportation | 42 | 49 | 4,456 | 5,242 | 11 | 12 | 1,114 | 1,311 |
| Support activities for transportation ............ | 4 | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | 404 | (3) | 1 | ( ${ }^{3}$ | 101 | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ |
| Information | 48 | 33 | 10,136 | 3,682 | 12 | 8 | 2,534 | 921 |
| Finance and insurance . | 22 | 17 | 1,742 | 2,061 | 6 | 4 | 436 | 515 |
| Real estate and rental and leasing... | 5 | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | 287 | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | 1 | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | 72 | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) |
| Professional and technical services | 57 | 48 | 6,284 | 4,724 | 14 | 12 | 1,571 | 1,181 |
| Management of companies and enterprises | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | 6 | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | 449 | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | 2 | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | 112 |
| Administrative and waste services . | 225 | 206 | 20,778 | 16,714 | 56 | 52 | 5,195 | 4,179 |
| Educational services | 3 | 7 | 147 | 434 | 1 | 2 | 37 | 109 |
| Health care and social assistance .. | 31 | 26 | 2,523 | 2,233 | 8 | 7 | 631 | 558 |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation ..... | 32 | 30 | 2,703 | 2,864 | 8 | 8 | 676 | 716 |
| Accommodation and food services | 112 | 78 | 10,219 | 8,560 | 28 | 20 | 2,555 | 2,140 |
| Accommodation | 47 | 20 | 3,639 | 1,866 | 12 | 5 | 910 | 467 |
| Food services and drinking places ........ | 65 | 58 | 6,580 | 6,694 | 16 | 15 | 1,645 | 1,674 |
| Other services, except public administration. | 15 | 9 | 1,168 | 710 | 4 | 2 | 292 | 178 |
| Unclassified | 1 | - | 79 | - | - | - | 20 | - |
| Government | 62 | 61 | 5,397 | 4,456 | 16 | 15 | 1,349 | 1,114 |
| Federal | 10 | 11 | 945 | 913 | 3 | 3 | 236 | 228 |
| State ...... | 17 | 19 | 1,472 | 1,384 | 4 | 5 | 368 | 346 |
| State government education .... | 4 | 3 | 414 | 174 | 1 | 1 | 104 | 44 |
| Local | 35 | 31 | 2,980 | 2,159 | 9 | 8 | 745 | 540 |
| Local government education ... | 7 | 8 | 1,125 | 496 | 2 | 2 | 281 | 124 |

${ }^{1}$ Average weekly analysis mitigates the effect of differing
lengths of months. There were 4 weeks in November 2010
and 4 weeks in November 2011. Average weekly events
and initial claimants may not sum to subtotals and totals
due to rounding.
${ }^{2}$ Data were reported by all states and the District of Columbia.
${ }^{3}$ Data do not meet BLS or state agency disclosure standards.
${ }^{4}$ Includes other industries not shown.
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 |  |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { November } \\ 2010 \end{gathered}$ | November $2011$ | November 2010 | $\begin{gathered} \text { November } \\ 2011 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { November } \\ 2010 \end{gathered}$ | November 2011 | $\begin{gathered} \text { November } \\ 2010 \end{gathered}$ | November 2011 |
| Total ${ }^{2}$. | 1,676 | 1,393 | 158,048 | 127,750 | 419 | 348 | 39,512 | 31,938 |
| Northeast | 223 | 237 | 20,305 | 21,086 | 56 | 59 | 5,076 | 5,272 |
| Connecticut ..... | 9 | 9 | 837 | 805 | 2 | 2 | 209 | 201 |
| Maine .. | 6 | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | 528 | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | 2 | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | 132 | (3) |
| Massachusetts | 17 | 16 | 1,449 | 1,248 | 4 | 4 | 362 | 312 |
| New Hampshire . | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | 4 | (3) | 296 | ( ${ }^{3}$ | 1 | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | 74 |
| New Jersey ........ | 33 | 35 | 4,247 | 4,114 | 8 | 9 | 1,062 | 1,029 |
| New York ........ | 54 | 61 | 4,471 | 5,520 | 14 | 15 | 1,118 | 1,380 |
| Pennsylvania | 95 | 102 | 7,709 | 8,178 | 24 | 26 | 1,927 | 2,045 |
| Rhode Island | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ |  | $\left({ }^{3}\right.$ ) | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ |
| Vermont. |  | 5 | 736 | 543 | 1 | 1 | 184 | 136 |
| South . | 426 | 349 | 38,416 | 33,887 | 107 | 87 | 9,604 | 8,472 |
| Alabama | 26 | 19 | 2,499 | 1,798 | 7 | 5 | 625 | 450 |
| Arkansas | 10 | 19 | 1,224 | 1,843 | 3 | 5 | 306 | 461 |
| Delaware .... | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) |
| District of Columbia | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) |
| Florida .... | 72 | 53 | 3,911 | 3,420 | 18 | 13 | 978 | 855 |
| Georgia .. | 28 | 28 | 3,012 | 2,372 | 7 | 7 | 753 | 593 |
| Kentucky ... | 21 | 25 | 1,744 | 2,934 | 5 | 6 | 436 | 734 |
| Louisiana ... | 17 | 17 | 1,351 | 1,404 | 4 | 4 | 338 | 351 |
| Maryland. | 7 | 7 | 529 | 643 | 2 | 2 | 132 | 161 |
| Mississippi . | 25 | 17 | 1,964 | 1,607 | 6 | 4 | 491 | 402 |
| North Carolina | 78 | 30 | 8,019 | 2,524 | 20 | 8 | 2,005 | 631 |
| Oklahoma . | 5 | 7 | 441 | 1,464 | 1 | 2 | 110 | 366 |
| South Carolina | 19 | 9 | 1,501 | 894 | 5 | 2 | 375 | 224 |
| Tennessee | 11 | 14 | 975 | 988 | 3 | 4 | 244 | 247 |
| Texas .. | 66 | 73 | 7,445 | 8,862 | 17 | 18 | 1,861 | 2,216 |
| Virginia ...... | 32 | 26 | 3,111 | 2,788 | 8 | 7 | 778 | 697 |
| West Virginia | 5 | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | 457 | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | 1 | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | 114 | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) |
| Midwest. | 431 | 391 | 43,401 | 40,372 | 108 | 98 | 10,850 | 10,093 |
| Illinois ..... | 59 | 57 | 5,386 | 5,056 | 15 | 14 | 1,347 | 1,264 |
| Indiana ... | 30 | 32 | 3,799 | 4,367 | 8 | 8 | 950 | 1,092 |
| lowa .... | 24 | 22 | 3,716 | 2,797 | 6 | 6 | 929 | 699 |
| Kansas ... | 8 | ( ${ }^{3}$ | 1,205 | (3) | 2 | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | 301 | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ |
| Michigan | 74 | 54 | 7,199 | 7,046 | 19 | 14 | 1,800 | 1,762 |
| Minnesota ..... | 39 | 36 | 3,316 | 2,991 | 10 | 9 | 829 | 748 |
| Missouri | 29 | 22 | 2,159 | 1,440 | 7 | 6 | 540 | 360 |
| Nebraska | 8 | 6 | 643 | 399 | 2 | 2 | 161 | 100 |
| North Dakota | 6 | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | 528 | $\left(^{3}\right.$ ) | 2 | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | 132 | (3) |
| Ohio ........... | 64 | 66 | 6,234 | 6,017 | 16 | 17 | 1,559 | 1,504 |
| South Dakota | - | - | - |  | - | - | - | - |
| Wisconsin | 90 | 90 | 9,216 | 9,359 | 23 | 23 | 2,304 | 2,340 |
| West ..... | 596 | 416 | 55,926 | 32,405 | 149 | 104 | 13,982 | 8,101 |
| Alaska | 5 | 6 | 266 | 395 | 1 | 2 | 67 | 99 |
| Arizona | 5 | 7 | 365 | 666 | 1 | 2 | 91 | 167 |
| California | 424 | 275 | 40,704 | 19,677 | 106 | 69 | 10,176 | 4,919 |
| Colorado | 17 | 16 | 1,379 | 1,358 | 4 | 4 | 345 | 340 |
| Hawaii ..... | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | $\left(^{3}\right)$ |  | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) |  |
| Idaho .... | 21 | 17 | 2,085 | 1,214 | 5 | 4 | 521 | 304 |
| Montana | 12 | 10 | 1,074 | 895 | 3 | 3 | 269 | 224 |
| Nevada | 28 | 15 | 2,186 | 1,754 | 7 | 4 | 547 | 439 |
| New Mexico ..... | 8 | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | 636 | $\left(^{3}\right.$ ) | 2 | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | 159 | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) |
| Oregon ....... | 28 | 21 | 2,676 | 2,225 | 7 | 5 | 669 | 556 |
| Utah ..... | 9 | 10 | 977 | 704 | 2 | 3 | 244 | 176 |
| Washington ..... | 37 | 33 | 3,294 | 3,033 | 9 | 8 | 824 | 758 |
| Wyoming ........... | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) | $\left({ }^{3}\right)$ | ( ${ }^{3}$ ) |
| Puerto Rico | 11 | 10 | 1,046 | 1,048 | 3 | 3 | 262 | 262 |

${ }^{1}$ See footnote 1 , table 3.
${ }^{2}$ See footnote 2, table 3.
${ }^{3}$ Data do not meet BLS or state agency disclosure standards.
NOTE: Dash represents zero.

