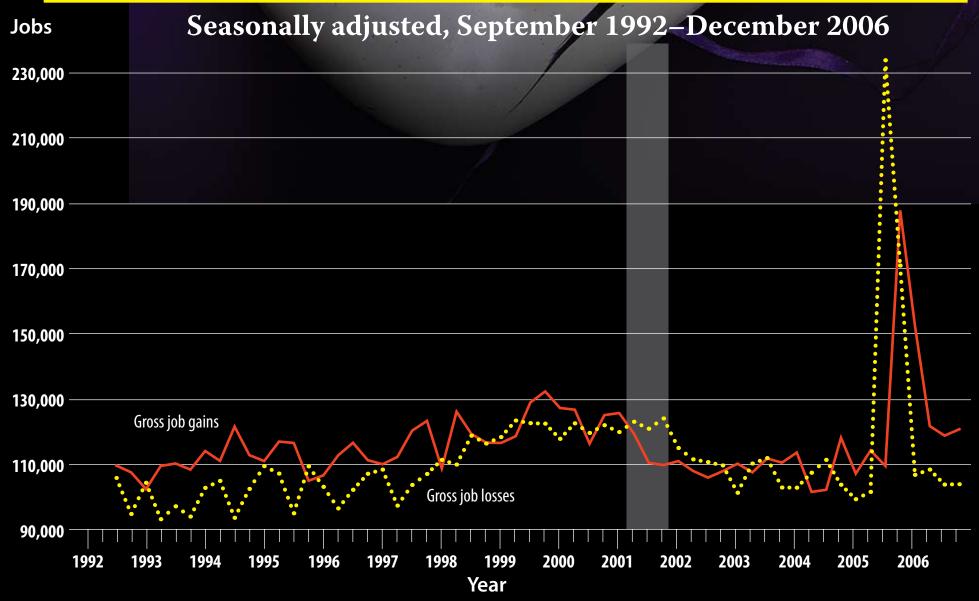
In Louisiana, both gross job gains and gross job losses returned to more historical levels, by December 2006.

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In Louisiana, gross job losses grew from about 100,000 immediately prior to Hurricane Katrina to a peak of more than 230,000 after the storm made landfall.

The quarter after the hurricane, gross job gains grew by nearly 60,000, due largely to the State's recovery efforts.

CHART Louisiana private-sector gross job gains and gross job losses



NOTE: Shaded area represents recession from March 2001–November 2001. Data presented are for the third month of each quarter.