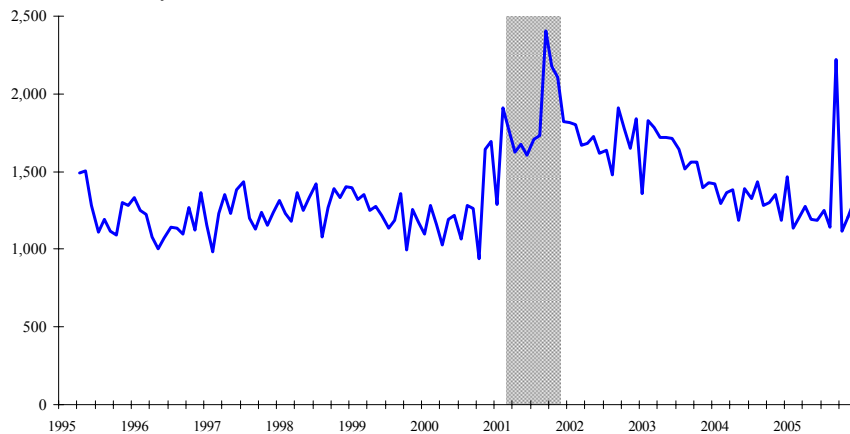


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Number of mass layoff events



NOTE: Shaded area represents recession. Data are seasonally adjusted.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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- A mass layoff event occurs when fifty or more initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits are filed against an establishment during a 5-week period.
- The number of mass layoff events rose sharply in September 2005 in the aftermath of the Gulf Coast hurricanes, with 2,219 layoff actions affecting nearly 284,000 workers. The number of layoff actions had been on a declining trend since September 2001.