U.S. Monthly Employment Change
Gains/Losses in Employment

Absolute Level of Employment Growth
In Thousands

Lost 2.1 million jobs
Lost 3.1 million jobs

Jan-99 Jan-00 Jan-01 Jan-02 Jan-03 Jan-04 Jan-05 Jan-06 Jan-07 Jan-08 Jan-09

Date
Source: BLS
HISTORICAL JOB LOSSES

Peak to Trough

Source: BLS

Past Recessionary Years

So Far
INITIAL CLAIMS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT
Monthly Average

Source: Dept. of Labor