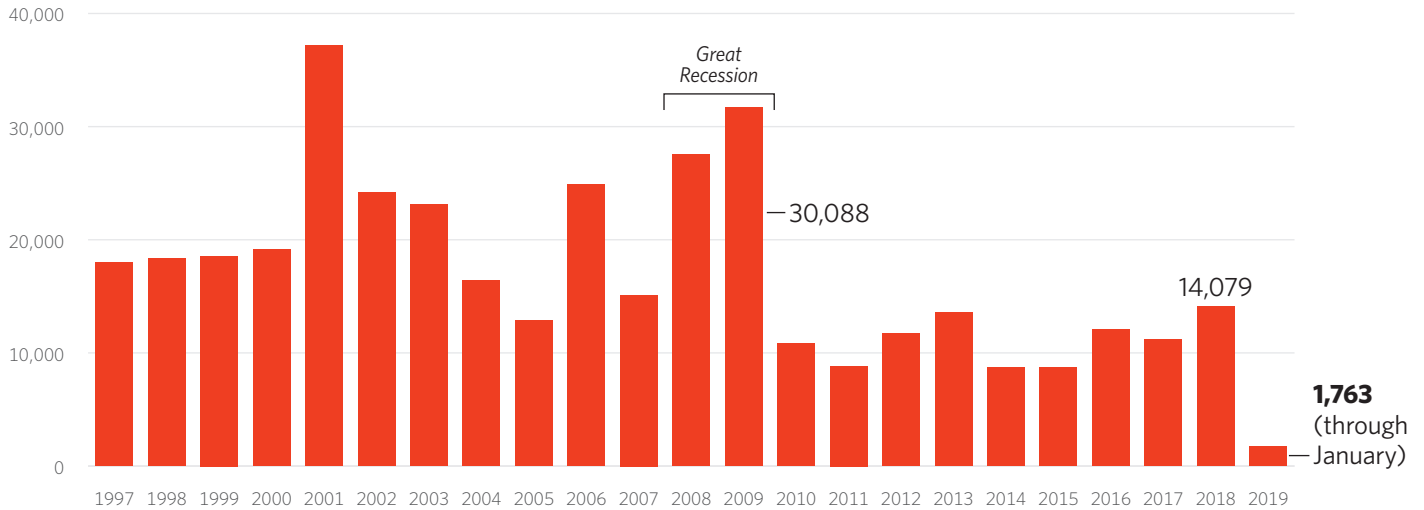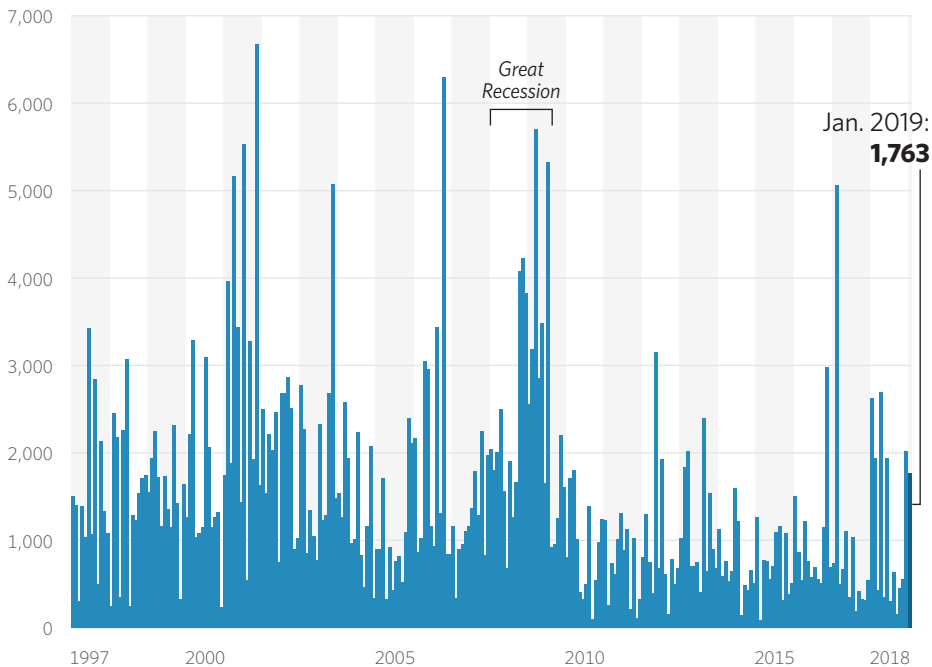# Ohio's Recovery Hindered by Mass Layoffs

While job opportunities in Ohio have increased, there are signs the state may not be making the most of the strong national economy. Jobs lost in the state from mass layoffs have spiked. There were **14,079 such layoffs in 2018**, the highest year-to-date total since the Great Recession, and the trend appears to be continuing in 2019 with a higher-than-average 1,763 layoffs.
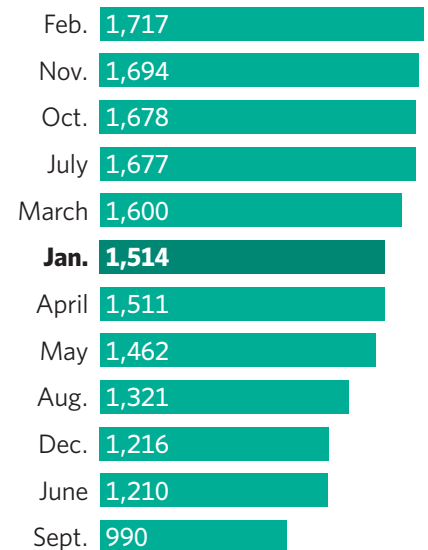
Mass Layoffs Surging in Ohio

Monthly Mass Layoffs in Ohio

Mass Layoffs by Month

Average layoffs in Ohio by month, 1997–2019

Month	Average
Feb.	1,717
Nov.	1,694
Oct.	1,678
July	1,677
March	1,600
Jan.	**1,514**
April	1,511
May	1,462
Aug.	1,321
Dec.	1,216
June	1,210
Sept.	990

SOURCE: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Current Public Notices of Layoffs and Closures, https://jfs.ohio.gov/warn/current.stm.

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