

Layoff Announcements Not in Recession Territory

Challenger Gray reported layoff announcements for Mar at 55,000 vs roughly 170,000 during the 2001 recession. Because we're still relatively early in the cycle, and therefore haven't had a big increase in unemployment, layoff announcements are relatively low. This is characteristic of a mid-cycle slowdown. Late in a cycle we've had big employment gains, so that when the economy weakens there are a lot of people to lay off.

