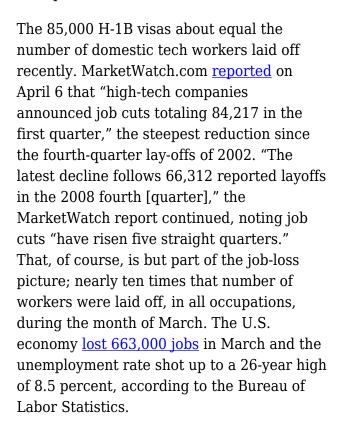
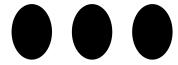




More H-1B Visas, More U.S. Tech Layoffs

The total current 85,000 includes an annual 65,000 "cap" and an additional 20,000 exemptions for applicants with advanced degrees. If precedent holds, other exemptions will add tens of thousands more; in 2008 the number of H-1B visas, including exemptions, totaled about 122,000.









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