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 In September 2008, gross job gains exceeded gross job losses by 2,000.


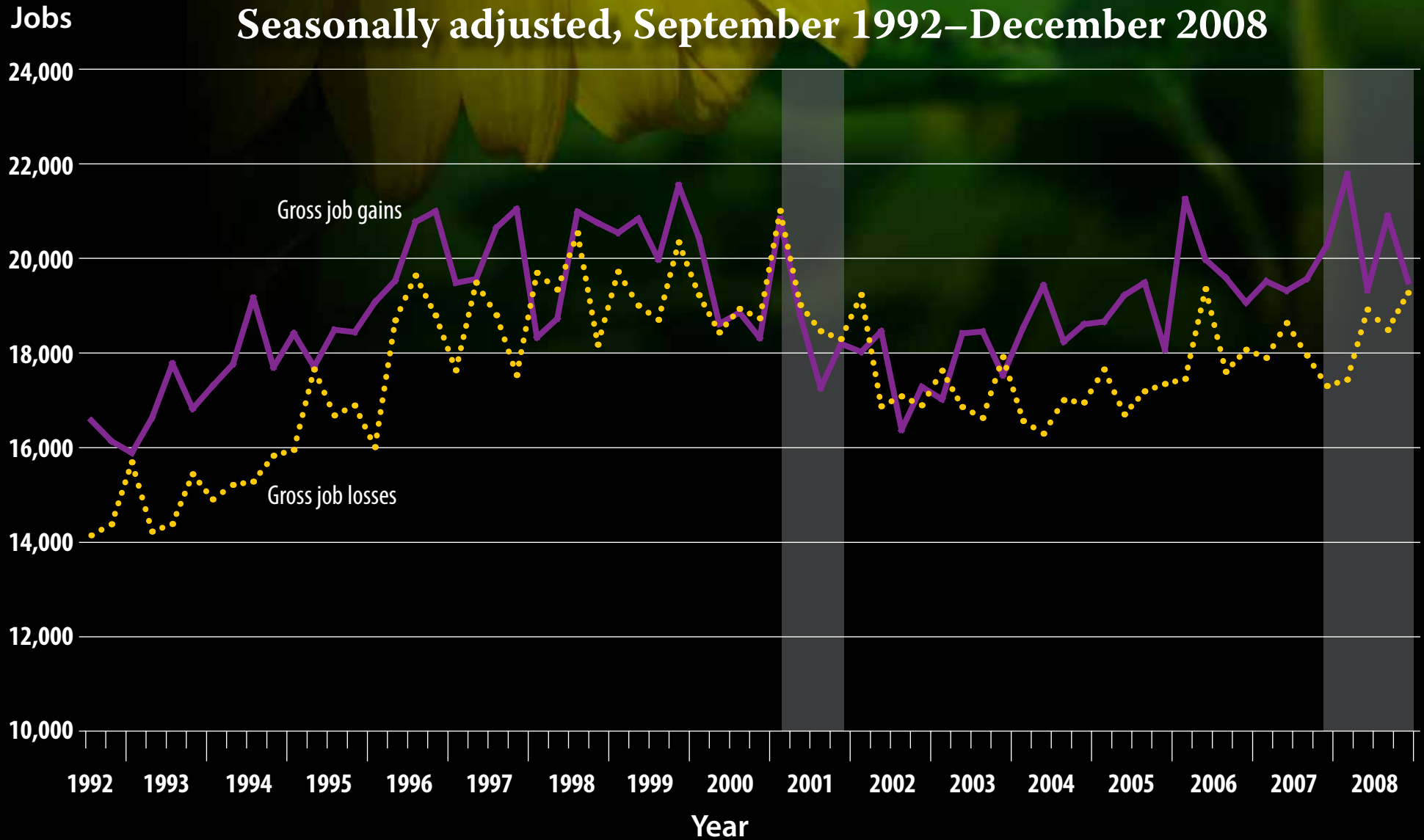
 North Dakota was one of only two States where gross job gains exceeded gross job losses in the fourth quarter of 2008.

FIGURE 20 North Dakota private-sector gross job gains and gross job losses



NOTE: Shaded areas represent recession periods. Data presented are for the third month of each quarter.