

PC shipments to fall off cliff in 2009

The worldwide PC industry will experience its sharpest shipment decline in history this year as the global economy continues to deteriorate, said technology research group Gartner on Monday, 2 March 2009.

PC shipments are expected to decline 11.9% to 257 million units in 2009. Until now, the worst decline in PC shipments was in 2001, the height of the tech-bust-fueled recession. That year, unit shipments contracted 3.2%, according to Gartner.

The forecast Monday was largely expected, as technology heavyweights like Dell, HP and Microsoft had issued lackluster earnings and forecasts.

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