

## Boeing plans 2,200 layoffs at historic sites

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New York: Boeing, the U.S. aviation giant, began issuing redundancy notices on Monday as part of its plan to reduce 10pc of its global workforce.

The company announced it will eliminate nearly 2,200 jobs in Washington state, home to many of its historic factories.

Companies in the United States are required by law to submit a "WARN" notice (Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification) to local authorities sixty days before any layoffs.

In its notice, Boeing said it expects to start laying people off permanently starting December 20. 2,199 people will be affected.

The group has been plagued by production quality problems, and has just suffered a strike lasting more than 50 days that paralyzed two crucial factories.

On October 12, it unveiled plans to reduce its global workforce by 10 per cent over the coming months, without giving any further details.

Boeing's employees numbered some 170,000 people at the end of last year, with close to 67,000 of them in Washington state, where the company was founded and where it produces its best-selling 737 line of aircraft, along with the 777, 767 and several military planes.

Its plants in Renton and Everett, located near Seattle, were recently blocked by a strike involving more than 33,000 members of the local branch of the International Association of Machinists (IAM), who were negotiating over pay and work conditions.

"As previously announced, we are adjusting our workforce levels to align with our financial reality and a more focused set of priorities," a company spokesperson told news agency.

According to Boeing, most of the employees receiving redundancy notices this week will leave the company in mid-January. Benefits and health insurance will continue to be paid for up to three months after that.

The engineers' union SPEEA (Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace) was notified that 438 of its members were to be laid off, according to a spokesman.

It has more than 19,000 members across the United States, around 16,500 of whom work for Boeing.

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