

Google trims Bay Area jobs at offices it had leased a few years ago

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Google has revealed plans to trim dozens of jobs in the Bay Area in a fresh round of job cuts—but these most recent reductions represent a tiny fraction of the layoffs the tech titan had disclosed early this year.



Mountain View-based Google has decided to cut 75 jobs at two adjacent locations in downtown San Francisco. The cutbacks could pose a fresh economic blow to the feeble economy of the Bay Area's second-largest city.

The job cuts are being conducted at 199 and 215 Fremont Street in San Francisco.

In 2019, Google rented 140,000 square feet in one of those office sites. Google leased 140,000 square feet in the 215 Fremont building, which totals 373,900 square feet overall, the LoopNet commercial property listing service states.

In January 2023, Google disclosed its decision to cut 1,608 jobs at various Bay Area locations. Those early 2023 Google layoffs involved offices in Mountain View, Palo Alto, San Bruno, and at Moffett Field.

The latest Google layoffs were sketched out in official WARN letters the search giant sent to the state Employment Development Department. The layoff WARN was dated Sept. 13 and received by the EDD on Oct. 30.

The effective date of the 75 Google layoffs in San Francisco is Nov. 25, the WARN letter states. However, it's possible that some of the job cuts began last Friday.

"Employee separations at the facilities resulting from this action are expected to occur between Oct. 27, 2023, and Nov. 25, 2023," Lindsey MacLean, vice president of Googler Experience, wrote in the WARN notice.

Over a nearly two-year period consisting of 2022 and the first 10 months of 2023, <u>tech companies</u> have revealed plans to chop more than 29,200



jobs in the Bay Area.

Without question, these and other job cuts are painful for those being impacted by the downsizing.

Still, the recent Google layoffs represent just 4.7% of the 1,600-plus job cuts the tech company conducted earlier this year.

"Separations resulting from this action are expected to be permanent," Google stated in its WARN letter to the EDD.

Google has provided information regarding benefits available to the affected employees.

"Affected employees will continue to receive any pay and <u>benefits</u> due to them as a Google employee, up until the termination of their employment," MacLean wrote in the WARN letter.

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