

Oracle reported to lay off up to 30,000 workers globally via email

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According to news reports, Oracle has begun a sweeping layoff campaign that is impacting as many as 30,000 workers globally. The reports say the tech corporation sent termination notices by email starting at 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday.

Segments of the email have been published by Business Insider and other websites, though the full message has not been officially released by Oracle. The quoted text says: “After careful consideration of Oracle’s current business needs, we have made the decision to eliminate your role as part of a broader organizational change. As a result, today is your last working day.”

The portions published also say affected employees must provide a personal email address for severance follow-up and that access to company systems will be deactivated soon. Oracle has not issued a press statement or provided official reasons for the job cuts.

Neither has the global corporation—which has approximately 162,000 employees worldwide—publicly disclosed an exact number of layoffs. Reporting indicates the company is cutting thousands of jobs, with some accounts placing the figure as high as 18 percent of the workforce, or even 20,000 to 30,000 positions.

Reuters has reported that Oracle is laying off thousands of employees, while earlier reporting said the cuts could begin in March and affect multiple departments as part of restructuring tied to artificial intelligence (AI) data-center spending.

Reporting from Business Insider and Reuters also says Oracle is trimming staff as it pours money into the data centers, with some positions reportedly targeted because the company believes they will be made redundant.

The layoffs were communicated with no warning to the affected workers. Employees in the United States, India, Canada, Mexico and Uruguay reportedly received messages from “Oracle Leadership” in the morning, with no prior notice from human resources or managers.

This method of mass layoffs has followed the now-common corporate practice of using abrupt digital communications to implement job cuts and avoiding any meaningful confrontation with the workforce. The language in the email reportedly reduced the destruction of livelihoods to a bland “broader organizational change.”

Some workers have openly expressed their anger, especially on Reddit and other social media accounts, as they described the layoff method as “evil,” “disgusting” and “cowardly.” One widely circulated account quoted a family member saying, “My dad has worked for Oracle for 20 years. ... Not even a phone call. These companies are evil.”

Other bitter comments include a post from an Oracle worker, who said the company had created “widespread fear, frustration, and uncertainty.” Another laid-off employee called the process “not right” because people who “were the backbone in building the company” were dismissed by email.

Wall Street responded enthusiastically to the announcement as Oracle’s shares rose 4 percent to 6 percent on the layoff news. The reports in the financial press framed the cuts as a sign of “AI efficiencies” and a cost-saving move to help the company’s market position in the context of the expensive data-center expansion.

Oracle’s announcement comes amid the continuing wave of tech layoffs in 2025 and 2026. Previously, the WSWS reported that tech giants led all industries in layoffs in 2025, with more than 153,000 job cuts through November, and that AI and automation were central to major reductions at Microsoft, Intel, Amazon, Verizon and HP.

The WSWS report also noted that the announcement of layoffs at Block is especially revealing because it shows an ideological shift in the tech industry. Block CEO Jack Dorsey bragged that “the intelligence tools we’re creating and using, paired with smaller and flatter teams, are

enabling a new way of working,” while insisting the company was “ahead of the curve” and that “within the next year” most companies would make similar structural changes.

In other words, the corporate and financial elite are boasting that AI implementation is being used as a mechanism for intensifying exploitation, cutting labor costs and transferring the gains of productivity to shareholders and executives.

Oracle is one of the central firms in enterprise computing, database software, cloud services and business applications used by governments, banks, hospitals, retailers and large corporations around the world. Its software and cloud infrastructure sit deep inside the operations of global capitalism, making the company strategically important far beyond the tech sector itself.

Founded in the late 1970s, Oracle built its power on database software and later expanded into tech infrastructure services. Its present role is tied to the broader reorganization of the economy around digital systems, AI computing and data-center expansion, which makes its investment choices and labor policies significant indicators of wider capitalist trends.

Oracle is a giant on Wall Street with market capitalization reported at roughly \$422.5 billion in late March 2026. Reuters and other financial reporting noted that Oracle shares had suffered steep declines in recent months even while the company attempted to reassure investors through earnings and other AI-related announcements.

Larry Ellison, Oracle’s cofounder and longtime chairman, has become one of the defining tech billionaires of the Trump era. Ellison has a long history of support for Trump, while he has been an advocate of Trump’s interventions into business matters as president, such as the takeover of TikTok by US corporations from China’s ByteDance conglomerate and Stargate, the AI infrastructure venture unveiled at the White House.

Ellison’s personal wealth is estimated in 2026 at between \$225.8 billion and \$393 billion, depending on the index and date. Both Forbes’ real-time wealth list and Bloomberg place Ellison at sixth richest person in the world.

In the tech sector alone in March, more than 40,000 jobs had already been cut, with many firms explicitly connecting reductions to AI and automation. Tech industry observers say the wave is far from over. One report citing RationalFX analyst Alan Cohen warned that if layoffs continue at the current pace, they could place

sustained upward pressure on unemployment.

AI is not being used to eliminate jobs only in the tech industry, although the industry is leading all others in job cuts. Across business generally, AI is being used in three interlocking ways: to justify layoffs, to speed up restructuring and to extract more output from fewer workers.

In customer service and support, AI is being deployed to replace human agents with chatbots, automated ticketing systems and AI-assisted “self-service” tools that eliminate the jobs of live workers. While material from Salesforce claims AI is creating “new” roles, firms are widely using AI to compress staffing, flatten teams and make fewer workers do more work under constant monitoring.

In finance, the jobs elimination drive is similar: banks and financial firms are using AI for data entry, reconciliation, fraud detection, forecasting and trading analysis, which allows them to reduce back-office labor and narrow the number of staff needed for clerical and analytical work. CNBC reported that JPMorgan Chase and Goldman Sachs are already using AI to reduce their workforce, while executives across business have warned that white-collar tasks could be fully automated, making the threat to jobs systemic rather than temporary.

For workers, the message from Oracle and its peers is unmistakable. AI is being turned into a corporate bludgeon on livelihoods, while the billionaires who control these firms and their Wall Street backers celebrate “efficiency” and “transformation” with the expectation that earnings, dividends and stock values will increase.



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