

workforce**workforce** [workforce workforces] *BrE* ['wɜːkfoːɪs] *NAmE* ['wɜːrkfoːɪs]

noun countable + singular or plural verb

1. all the people who work for a particular company, organization, etc.

Syn: ↑staff

- The factory has a 1 000-strong workforce.
- Two thirds of the workforce is/are women.

2. all the people in a country or an area who are available for work

- A quarter of the local workforce is/are unemployed.
- an educated workforce

Collocations:**Unemployment***Losing your job*

lose your job

(BrE) become/be made redundant

be offered/take voluntary redundancy/early retirement

face/be threatened with dismissal/(*BrE*) the sack/(*BrE*) compulsory redundancydismiss/fire/ (*especially BrE*) sack an employee/a worker/a manager

lay off staff/workers/employees

(AustralE, NZE, SAfrE) retrench workers

cut/reduce/downsize/slash the workforce

(BrE) make staff/workers/employees redundant*Being unemployed*

be unemployed/out of work/out of a job

seek/look for work/employment

be on/collect/draw/get/receive (*both BrE*) unemployment benefit/jobseeker's allowancebe/go/live/sign (*BrE, informal*) on the doleclaim/draw/get (*BrE, informal*) the dolebe on/qualify for (*NAmE*) unemployment (compensation)be/go/live/depend (*NAmE*) on welfarecollect/receive (*NAmE*) welfare

combat/tackle/cut/reduce unemployment

Example Bank:

- A quarter of the local workforce is unemployed.
- Companies are under pressure to hire a more diverse workforce.
- One person in the workforce is always responsible for the same job.
- The company employs a workforce of nearly 5 000.
- The increase in the number of people entering the workforce has increased unemployment figures.
- The management always consults with the workforce before introducing major changes.
- The new management decided to retrain the entire workforce.
- The shipyard has a total workforce of 9 000.
- The workforce numbers 500.
- There is a change in the distribution of skills among the workforce.
- a highly skilled workforce
- The factory will have to lose half of its 1 000-strong workforce.
- Two thirds of the workforce are women.

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" Women now represent almost 50% of the workforce.

" The company is cutting its workforce.

skilled/educated/flexible etc workforce

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THESAURUS

- **worker** someone who does a particular type of job, or someone who works for an organization but is not a manager: a post-office worker | The workers are threatening to go on strike. | The report shows that male manual workers earn twice as much as female workers.
- **employee** someone who has a job, especially a permanent job, with a particular company or organization: Employees of the airline get generous reductions on the cost of flights.
- **member of staff/staff member** one of the people who work for a company, organization, school etc - used especially in official contexts: Training opportunities are available to all members of staff. | Several staff members complained about his increasing strange behaviour.
- **colleague** (*also coworker especially American English*) someone you work with – use this especially about people who do professional jobs in offices, schools etc: I'd like you to meet a colleague of mine, Jean-Michel Blanc. | What should you do if a co-worker is injured?

- **workforce** all the people that work in a country, industry, or large organization: Women make up 41% of the workforce.
- **staff** all the people who work in a company, organization, school etc: The staff were clearly worried about rumours of job losses.
| sales staff

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