

Newspaper Job Cuts Over The Past Year

(as of August 10, 2008)

Rank	Newspaper	Owner	Circulation	Buyouts/ Layoffs	When	Notes
1	USA Today	Gannett	2,284,219	45	November	
2	Wall Street Journal	News Corp.	2,069,463	50	July	
3	New York Times	New York Times	1,077,256	100	May	Cut 500 jobs in 2005
4	Los Angeles Times	Tribune	773,884	350	February, July	Aproximately 200 cut in newsroom
5	Daily News (New York)	Daily News L.P.	703,137			
6	New York Post	News Corp.	702,488			
7	Washington Post	Washington Post	673,180	100	May	Figure is newsroom-only; cuts were also made in other departments; also did buyouts in 2003 and 2006
8	Chicago Tribune	Tribune	541,663	190	March, August	Cut 120 positions in 2006
9	Houston Chronicle	Hearst	494,131	70	October	240 jobs cut in 2004, 100 cut in 2005
10	Arizona Republic	Gannett	413,332	86	May, July	Cut 31 jobs in Nov. 2006; several sections cut in 2007
11	Newsday	Cablevision	379,613	140	May	Bought out 49 in 2005; Cablevision purchased the paper from Tribune in July
12	San Francisco Chronicle	Hearst	370,345	125	August	Cut 120 jobs in 2005, 100 in 2007
13	Dallas Morning News	A.H. Belo	368,313	40	July	Bought out 111 in 2006; cut 150 in 2004
14	Boston Globe	New York Times	350,605	60	February	Bought out 125 (24 in newsroom) in 2007; cut 160 in 2005

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15	Newark Star-Ledger	Advance	345,130	200	July	100 of buyouts in newsroom. Paper is said to be losing \$40 million/year and on "life support"; Newhouse says it will sell if cuts and union concessions not made
16	Philadelphia Inquirer	Philadelphia Media Holdings	334,150	68	February	70 newsroom jobs cut in Jan. 2007; along with Daily News, cut 160 jobs in 2005; company is in violation of loan covenants and has withheld some debt payments
17	Cleveland Plain Dealer	Advance	330,280			20% staff reduction threatened in June; several sections cut at that time; cut 64 newsroom jobs in 2006
18	Atlanta Journal-Constitution	Cox	326,907	200	July	Cut includes 85 newsroom jobs; bought out 43 jobs in 2007; also has cut zoned sections
19	Minneapolis Star Tribune	Avista Capital Partners	322,362	58	February	Having trouble making debt payments; asking for union concessions; Avista has written off much of its investment; cut 145 employees in 2007
20	St. Petersburg Times	Poynter Institute	316,007	??	May	Offered unspecified number of buyouts in May; cut 90 jobs in 2007; staff down 200 since 2006, mostly due to attrition
21	Chicago Sun-Times	Sun-Times News Group	312,274	40	January	Paper has been up for sale since February 2008; parent company in financial distress
22	Detroit Free Press	Gannett	308,944	226	October, July	Cuts include jobs in JOA and Detroit News

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23	The Oregonian (Portland)	Advance	304,399	132	August ('07), August	Did buyouts of 21 employees in 2005; recently closed three local bureaus
24	San Diego Union-Tribune	Copley	288,669	117	January	Copley recently put the paper up for sale; bought out 45 employees in 2006
25	Sacramento Bee	McClatchy	268,755	114	March, June	Laid off 20 employees in 2006
26	Indianapolis Star	Gannett	255,303			Did 20 buyouts in July 2007
27	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Lee Enterprises	255,057	91	September March	Did 130 buyouts in 2005
28	Kansas City Star	McClatchy	252,785	144	February, June	Announced 120 layoffs in June
29	Orange County Register	Freedom Communications	250,724	150	August ('07), January, April	Outsourced some copy editing to India in June
30	Miami Herald	McClatchy	240,223	290	April, June	
31	San Jose Mercury News	Media News Group	234,772	50	March	Cut 46 jobs in 2007, 101 in 2006, 52 in 2005; newsroom staffing cut by more than half since 2000
32	Baltimore Sun	Tribune	232,360	100	July	Did 41 buyouts and laid off 3 employees in 2007
33	Orlando Sentinel	Tribune	227,593	100	October, July	Fifty jobs cut in newsroom in July; unspecified cuts elsewhere
34	San Antonio Express-News	Hearst	225,447	70	August ('07), October	

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35	Denver Post	Media News Group	225,192			Cut 25 employees in 2007 and 25 in 2006; folded Business section into Metro in February
36	Rocky Mountain News	Scripps	225,066			Cut 25 employees in March 2007
37	Seattle Times	Blethen Family	220,863	286	January, April	Cuts included unfilled positions; parent company has put Maine newspapers up for sale
38	Tampa Tribune	Media General	220,522	70	April	Figure is mostly from newsroom; total of 250 jobs being cut at Tribune and related media operations; cut 70 employees in April 2007;
39	South Florida Sun-Sentinel (Ft. Lau)	Tribune	218,286	167	July	
40	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel	Journal Sentinel	217,755	190	October, July	Recently announced plans to lay off 10 percent of workforce
41	Louisville Courier-Journal	Gannett	215,328			Recently eliminated ombudsman position
42	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	PG Publishing	214,374			
43	Cincinnati Enquirer	Gannett	212,369	80	October, August	Also eliminated 53 jobs in December when Cincinnati Post was closed
44	Charlotte Observer	McClatchy	210,616	148	January, June	Announced in June that several departments and functions would be merged with the Raleigh News & Observer
45	Fort Worth Star-Telegram	McClatchy	207,045	171	March, April, June	
46	The Oklahoman (Oklahoma City)	OPUBCO	201,771			

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47	Columbus Dispatch	Columbus Dispatch	199,524			Did 25 buyouts in February 2007
48	St. Paul Pioneer Press	Media News Group	191,768			Contractually barred from layoffs during 2008; reduced size of daily paper in July; cut 9 jobs in January 2007 and 30 jobs in 2006
49	Detroit News	Media News Group	188,171			See Detroit Free Press
50	Contra Costa Times	Media News Group	183,086	136	March, June	Latest cuts are deeper but figures not announced
51	Boston Herald	Patrick Purcell	182,350	160	June	Outsourcing printing
52	Arkansas Democrat Gazette	Wehco Media	182,212			
53	New Orleans Times-Picayune	Advance	179,834			
54	Omaha World-Herald	Employee-owned	178,545			
55	Buffalo News	Berkshire Hathaway	178,365			
56	Raleigh News & Observer	McClatchy	176,083	103	April, June	Announced in June that several departments and functions would be merged with the Charlotte Observer
57	Richmond Times-Dispatch	Media General	175,265	??	June	Media General announced in May it was cutting 11 percent of its workforce; details of Richmond cuts unclear
58	Virginian-Pilot	Landmark	175,005			Landmark is seeking buyers for the company
59	Las Vegas Review-Journal	Stephens Media	174,341			Cut and combined some sections in late July
60	Austin American-Statesman	Cox	170,309			
61	Hartford Courant	Tribune	168,158	102	February, July	Also cut news pages 25 percent
62	Palm Beach Post	Cox	164,474	300	June	130 jobs in newsroom to be cut

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63	Riverside Press-Enterprise	A.H. Belo	164,189	??	July	Belo announced 14 percent company-wide cuts July 28; effect on Press-Enterprise unclear; cut 50 jobs in 2006
64	Bergen Record	North Jersey Media Group	163,329	12	May	Combined copy desk and photo department with nearby Herald News
65	Investor's Business Daily	William O'Neil	161,421			
66	Nashville Tennessean	Gannett	161,131	24	August ('07)	
67	Pittsburgh Tribune-Review	Richard Mellon Scaife	150,911			
68	Fresno Bee	McClatchy	150,334	44	June	Cut 7 positions in July 2007 when it outsourced some ad design to India
69	Memphis Commercial Appeal	Scripps	146,961	55	May	
70	Rochester Democrat & Chronicle	Gannett	145,913			
71	Florida Times-Union	Morris Communications	144,391	60	August ('07)	
72	Daily Herald (Arlington Heights, IL)	Paddock Publications	143,152	40	August ('07)	Cut pay by 5 percent; one-day-per-pay-period furloughs begun in April
73	Albany Times Union	Hearst	141,064	25	May	
74	Asbury Park Press	Gannett	140,919	138	May	Cuts include affiliated papers in New Jersey
75	Birmingham News	Advance	140,438	80	July	Buyouts offered to 80 eligible employees; final number will probably be about half that
76	Honolulu Advertiser	Gannett	140,331	54	July	Cut 30 jobs in June 2007
77	Harrisburg Patriot-News	Advance	140,217			Washington bureau closing after November election as part of Advance cuts
78	Providence Journal	A.H. Belo	139,055	54	July	
79	Des Moines Register	Gannett	138,519	8	December, March	Publisher recently said cost-cutting "wasn't enough;" job cuts expected soon

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80	Los Angeles Daily News	Media News Group	137,344	22	February	"No jeans" dress code implemented recently--and then dropped
81	Arizona Daily Star (Tucson)	Lee Enterprises	137,129	11	December	
82	Wichita Eagle	McClatchy	130,333	12	June	Cut 10 jobs in late 2006
83	Seattle Post-Intelligencer	Hearst	129,563			Publisher Roger Oglesby: "The P-I has no layoffs planned at this time, but that is not to say layoffs won't happen here at some point."
84	Grand Rapids Press	Advance	128,930			
85	Salt Lake Tribune	Media News Group	121,699			Implemented hiring freeze in June
86	Akron Beacon Journal	Black Press	119,929			Cut 67 jobs in 2006
87	Toledo Blade	Block Communications	119,901			Cut 37 jobs in May 2007
88	Springfield Republican	Advance	119,021			
89	Knovxlle News Sentinel	Scripps	117,262			
90	Dayton Daily News	Cox	116,690			
91	Sarasota Herald-Tribune	New York Times	114,904	33	August	Staff down one-third since 2006; some editions eliminated; offered buyouts to 58 employees in July 2007
92	La Opinion (Los Angeles)	Impremedia	114,892			
93	Spokane Spokesman-Review	Cowles	113,081	40	October	
94	Tulsa World	Lorton family	112,968	18	March	
95	Tacoma News Tribune	McClatchy	111,778	84	June	
96	Fort Myers News-Press	Gannett	111,516	46	July	
97	Fort Wayne Journal Gazette	Journal Gazette	111,485			
98	Wilmington News Journal	Gannett	110,171			
99	Syracuse Post-Standard	Advance	110,061			Cut staff approximately 10 percent (25 jobs) in late 2006 through buyouts
100	Lexington Herald-Leader	McClatchy	109,624	32	May, June	Announced buyouts Aug. 11

TOTAL 6,311

Information about cutbacks is from local newspaper reports and similar sources, and includes all departments.

Circulation rank is based on average daily circulation, March 2008 Audit Bureau of Circulations report.

In some cases, Sunday circulation is used when daily circulation was not available.

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