

BRITISH AIRWAYS CUT 1,200



More and more airlines are making serious cuts to their budgets in order to stay in the sky at the current moment. This time the company making the cuts is not a small, regional airline, but it is British Airways. British Airways recently made an announcement that they are going to cut about 1,200 jobs as part of a move to cut down after taking on British Midland International, which they recently purchased from the German airline, Lufthansa Group. The airline, which services passengers primarily in the UK is a smaller regional airline. At the current moment they are not giving out too many details, but we do have some information about where the cuts will come from. The majority of the cuts will come from the corporate headquarters in Castle Donington. The cuts are expected to impact about 1,100 pilots, and 400 customer service jobs. For the current moment the company employs about 2,700 people, which makes the cuts significant. A little less than half of the overall jobs gained by the sale will be cut in these job changes. At the current moment the company has not put out any word on how they expect that these staffing cuts will change the number of flights offered to the customers and how it may impact the overall flight experience. For those of you who missed out on our [earlier coverage](#) of some of the massive job cuts to another airline, American Eagle Airlines, here is an excerpt that will get you up to speed in no time at all: "We've talked about ARM before and the devastating job cuts that they have already made to one of their airlines, American Airlines. Don't worry if you missed out on that earlier coverage, we will catch you up on that a little bit later because today's coverage isn't about cuts ARM is making to American Airlines. Today it's about the job cuts they are making to another airline they own, American Eagle. American Eagle, not to be confused with the somewhat trendy brand of clothing found in many mid-sized suburban American malls, this American Eagle is a regional air carrier that is in some serious trouble. The airline must cut back about by \$75 million from the carrier. What does that mean in terms of jobs? Well, for the current moment it means that about 600 jobs are on the chopping block. Of course these 600 people who are going to put out of work are not nearly enough to cover all of that. More of the money will be saved by asking workers to take a pay cut, if by ask you mean demand, and by cutting back on the amount of extra hours that are available to workers who are paid by the hour. At the current moment no details have been given about the nature of the employees who are going to be cut, how many from which positions and what, if any, kind of severance or benefits they will be entitled to once they are cut loose by their employer. We do know however that unions for both the pilots and the flight attendants have already chimed in about the job cuts. So we know that both of those groups expect to suffer cuts as the airline goes through its changes and, it is expected, begins to produce a lesser number of flights than before."

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