

Texas Instruments to cut 517 jobs in France

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Chipmaker Texas Instruments says will lay off more than 500 people at a research and development plant near Nice, France, in the coming months.

The Dallas-based company announced last month that it is eliminating 1,700 jobs worldwide as it cuts spending in its wireless business. As the company's biggest [smartphone](#) and tablet customers have begun developing their own chips, Texas Instruments is shifting the focus to industrial and automotive customers.

Its factory at Villeneuve-Loubet was primarily dedicated to developing OMAP [microprocessors](#) used in smartphones and tablets. Nearly all of the employees at the factory, mostly engineers, will lose their jobs. The company is working with the government to find a new owner for the site.

In all, 517 jobs will be cut. [Texas Instruments](#) employs 609 people in France.

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