# BOEING IN WASHINGTON STATE

## 1916

1934

1944

1950s

Company founded

# 1940

Aero Mechanics' Union threatens to strike. Boeing threatens to move to Portland or San Fransciso

# 1945

US Government cancels most B-29 contracts and Boeing cuts down workforce to 11,000

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Cold war military contracts creates demand for military aircraft

Accused of monopolistic practices and forced

Due to the buildup of World War II, employment

tops 50,000. The Company expands along

Duwamish River and into Renton

to dissolve United Aircraft and Transport

(passenger airline system)

# 1957

Employment tops 100,000 for the first time

## 1960s

Diversification into Aerospace

#### 1963

Boeing buys 320 acres of farmland in Kent to build the Kent Space Center as headquarters for space related projects

#### 1968

Boeing employment at 142,400

#### 1966

Boeing acquires Paine Field in Everett and converts it into an assembly plant for the 747

#### 1972

Boeing starts to sell to international airline companies

#### 1971

Boeing Bust: a statewide economic downturn that resulted in 86,000 jobs lost. Company at a low of 56,300 employed. Washington unemployment at 14 percent.

# 1970s and 1980s

Washington policy makers and business leaders look to diversify the state's economy.

#### 1980

Employment rebounds to 100,000

# 1992

Boeing lays off 28,000 workers due to competition from the European company Airbus

#### 1997

Boeing merges with McDonnell Douglas

#### 2001

The company moves its corporate headquarters to Chicago.

#### 2001

September 11 attacks leads to downturn in airplan demand. Boeing lays of 30,000 people. The workforce in Washington drops to 54,000.

#### 2013

Boeing hints at moving the new 777X project to South Carolina, Utah, or Texas. Washington Legislature passes \$9 million in tax breaks and \$8 million for aerospace training as incentives.

# **2015** any employs more than 80.000

Company employs more than 80,000 workers in Washington