

What is UAW? What to know about the union at the heart of industry-wide auto workers strike

A breakdown in negotiations late Thursday night has led to major union movement in the automotive industry.

UAW, the labor union representing hundreds of thousands of auto industry workers, called a strike when the deadline to make a new deal passed at 11:59 p.m. Thursday, leading to 13,000 members walking off the job. The “Stand Up Strike,” as union leaders have called it, is set to potentially become one of the largest in the industry’s history, as it is targeting not just one but all of the “Detroit Three,” the largest automotive manufactures in the country.

With workers from at least three states joining the picket line, the ripple effect is expected to be felt far and wide. Here is what we know so far about the 2023 UAW strike.

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