

# CONNECTICUT

## BUSINESS EMPLOYMENT CHANGES ANNOUNCED IN THE MEDIA

This publication lists start-ups, expansions, staff reductions, and layoffs reported by the media, both current and future. The report provides company name, the number of workers involved, date of the action, the principal product or service of the company, a brief synopsis of the action, and the source and date of the media article.

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<https://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/progsupt/bussrvce/warnreports/warn2024.htm>



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## STARTUPS AND EXPANSIONS IN AUGUST 2024

- [Square Peg Pizzeria opens newest location in Plainville](#)
- [European-style wine bar coming soon to West Hartford Center](#)
- [The first Connecticut Wegmans Food Markets begins hiring full time workers for its Norwalk store.](#)
- [Chipotle Mexican Grill opens in Waterford.](#)
- [Remediated plaza in Plainville to get Jersey Mike's, cannabis retailer, urgent care center](#)
- [Spirit Halloween stores set August opening in Connecticut](#)
- [The first Connecticut Wegmans Food Markets begins hiring full time workers for its Norwalk store.](#)
- [Avelo to serve Bradley Airport in addition to Tweed, adds international flights](#)
- [Opening Date Announced For New Burlington Store In Milford](#)
- [Milford Mall Adds New Retailer To Its Lineup](#)

## STARTUPS AND EXPANSIONS IN JULY 2024

- [Construction begins on new L.L. Bean location in CT](#)
- [Electric Boat in Groton is hiring another 2,500 people.](#)
- [Five new Chipotle locations coming to CT by end of 2024](#)
- [A CT company is hiring thousands of workers. A coalition wants to broaden job opportunities across state.](#)
- [Some CT restaurants, like Nardelli's and Haven Hot Chicken, have figured out expansion](#)
- [Restoration Hardware opens outlet in Fairfield retail center, taking space of former Bob's Stores](#)
- [Timex moves to Shelton office, stays in Connecticut after selling Middlebury headquarters](#)
- [From P.F. Changs to pickleball, these stores and restaurants expected to open at CT malls soon](#)

## STARTUPS AND EXPANSIONS IN MAY 2024

- [Mamajuana Cafe, Kanoon Restaurant expected to open in Waterbury](#)
- [Two more Wingstop locations are coming to Connecticut](#)
- [Burlington's store at Ridgeway Center in Stamford set to open this summer](#)
- [Sonic opens 7th CT location with new drive-thru restaurant in Torrington](#)
- [From Sally's Apizza to 'Arthur Avenue style' Italian deli, SoNo sees a flurry of change with openings, closings](#)
- [Stafford manufacturer to add 124 CT jobs in next seven years](#)
- [Stamford Shake Shack announces May opening date](#)
- [Babies R Us is set to return to Connecticut in three Kohl's stores](#)
- [New Bridgeport grocery store coming to State Street at former fried chicken restaurant site](#)
- [New Puerto Rican restaurant opens in New Britain](#)
- [In this CT town, manufacturing keeps growing. How they're making it work](#)
- [Connecticut-based manufacturer, Whitman Controls, to add up to 30 new workers with \\$4.5 million investment](#)
- [Danbury-based LesserEvil expands snack biz, adds job at New Milford facility](#)
- [Jersey Mike's, cannabis retailer coming](#)

## STARTUPS AND EXPANSIONS IN APRIL 2024

- [Southington couple opens new mochi donut shop in Plainville](#)
- [Four Dads Pub closes last location; The Bear's Den to open in its Granby space](#)
- [Apple Cinemas closes Waterbury location before opening another at Brass Mill Center mall](#)
- [Sally's Apizza to open 4 more locations in Connecticut](#)
- [Big Y to begin hiring for positions at new Middletown grocery store](#)
- [New restaurants planned near CT outdoor mall. Does it mean a famous pizza is heading this way?](#)
- [PetSmart and T.J. Maxx set to open new stores in Waterbury's largest shopping center](#)

## STARTUPS AND EXPANSIONS IN MARCH 2024

- [New shop to open in long-vacant Wolcott St. location, bringing 40 jobs to Waterbury](#)
- [Norwalk's first cannabis dispensary opens on Main Street](#)
- [Texas Roadhouse in Cromwell opens Monday](#)
- [State launches sports betting at Bridgeport arena](#)
- [Aldi 800 store expansion will likely include a few in Connecticut, experts say](#)
- [Sayulita, a Glastonbury restaurant serving Mexican-inspired cuisine, is set to open its 2nd location in Essex](#)
- [New Milford to welcome new Dairy Queen this summer; serving ice cream and more at Grill and Chill](#)
- [Boston-based biotech company Cure Rare Disease relocating to Woodbridge](#)
- [Barnes & Noble to open in Meriden shopping center next week](#)
- [Waterbury's iconic Drescher's Restaurant reopening, just in time for St. Patrick's](#)

## STARTUPS AND EXPANSIONS IN FEBRUARY 2024

- [Apple Cinemas coming to Brass Mill Center mall](#)
- [Foot Locker opens store in Bridgeport, after closing one in Trumbull](#)
- [New automated warehouse ramping up for Stop & Shops across CT](#)
- [Fairfield toy store with European brands aims to be an alternative to "big-box"](#)
- [Electric Boat pres. predicts annual hiring of 5,000 employees for years to come](#)
- [East Hartford-based American Eagle Credit Union seeks merger w/ smaller Hartford credit union](#)
- [Alina's Cakes and Cookies expands to Westport after 10 years in Fairfield](#)
- [Big Y supermarket eyes mid-May opening in Middletown](#)
- [Japanese restaurant moving into former Denny's on Elm Street in Enfield](#)
- [New-Haven based drug developer launches IPO](#)
- [Shake Shack is looking to open a location on Route 44 in Avon](#)
- [Former North Haven construction owner opens latest Hard Hat Tavern in Durham](#)

- [Coffee chain Caffè Nero to replace former frozen yogurt shop in West Hartford](#)
- [Consumer Cellular opens in Bristol](#)
- [New Aldi supermarket is coming to vacant storefront in Plainville](#)
- [Restoration Hardware to fill Fairfield space vacated by Bob's Stores closure](#)
- [Cava opens in Westport this week, serving Mediterranean fast casual](#)

## **STARTUPS AND EXPANSIONS IN JANUARY 2024**

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- [Six Flags New England announces over 2,000 job opportunities](#)
- [Haven Hot Chicken fans line up for Middletown grand opening](#)
- [Aldi grocery store continues expansion, set to open its doors in Plainville](#)
- [Cozy new CT cafe to be 'another living room' for customers](#)
- [Studio 10 salon opens new Berlin location with help from state loan program](#)
- [CT reinsurance giant Gen Re expected to open offices in downtown Stamford in 2025](#)
- [Texas Roadhouse to open in Cromwell March 18, company says](#)
- [Big Y coming to Brookfield, Westport](#)
- [The Oliver Cromwell Tavern, a new restaurant and banquet hall, to open in February in Cromwell](#)
- [Ecuadorian deli, restaurant, juice bar opens at former Meriden Agway](#)
- [PopUp Bagels eyes expansion, could open 100 new locations](#)
- [Here are some of the new Starbucks stores opening in Connecticut this year](#)
- [Peruvian restaurant coming to Hartford](#)
- [Target advances Norwalk store plan, replacing Walmart](#)
- [Vernon's third Dollar General, opening this month, designed to maintain town's 'historic character'](#)
- [Green & Tonic opens in Darien, three more coming to Fairfield County this year](#)
- [Egg and Cheese cafe to open second location in Willimantic](#)
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## LAYOFFS AND RELOCATIONS FOR AUGUST 2024

- [Big Lots to close additional Connecticut stores, nine in total](#)
- [Stamford-based Pitney Bowes sells e-commerce unit. Layoffs could follow](#)
- [CT-based bioscience firm Cara Therapeutics eliminates most of workforce, filing indicates](#)
- [How many employees is Indeed laying off in CT? The number has been secret, but email offers clue](#)
- [Fairfield-based firearms manufacturer Sturm, Ruger reduces workforce; officials unaware](#)
- [LL Flooring chain to close four CT stores as the company files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection](#)
- ['Hard Decision': After 9 Months, Ridgefield Mail Room Closes Doors](#)

## LAYOFFS AND RELOCATIONS FOR JULY 2024

- [Indeed plans about 1,000 layoffs, but CT impact unclear](#)
- [Stop & Shop Closing Stores: See list of Connecticut stores closing](#)
- [Big Lots is closing 35-40 stores: Here's how many Connecticut stores are on the list](#)
- [Five Guys in New Milford is shuttered, again: Signs removed, dining room emptied](#)
- [Corner Pug in West Hartford to close in August](#)
- [Rocky Hill restaurateur says deciding to close Rudy's Little Italy was the 'toughest decision'](#)
- [West Hartford home interior business to close, site could become multifamily housing](#)
- ['Sad to go:' Shelton's Taco Co. latest Market Place eatery to close](#)
- [CT-based parent company to shut down Redbox kiosks across country, lay off 1,000 employees](#)
- [Labyrinth Brewing Company in Manchester to close after 6 years](#)
- [Seven years after acquiring Meriden biotech pioneer, Sanofi to close facility and exit CT](#)
- [Bob's Stores confirms store closures, including all 10 Connecticut locations](#)

- [Hooters restaurant in Manchester closes, leaving only one left operating in CT](#)
- [Greenwich-based Chicken Soup for the Soul, which owns Redbox, declares bankruptcy](#)

## **LAYOFFS AND RELOCATIONS FOR JUNE 2024**

- [Walgreens to close 'significant' number of stores across U.S., impact to Connecticut unclear](#)
- [TD Bank to close two Connecticut branches later this year](#)
- [J Restaurant Bar in Hartford is closing after 54 years](#)
- [Red Lobster moves ahead with plans to close North Haven restaurant amid bankruptcy fallout](#)
- [Postal Service plans to cut back on places to process letters, cards in central Connecticut](#)
- [Bob's Stores, EMS file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection following Connecticut store closures](#)
- [Stop & Shop will close 'underperforming stores.' Here's what experts in Connecticut expect to happen](#)
- [Two Trumbull Center restaurants close, another has a new owner](#)

## **LAYOFFS AND RELOCATIONS FOR MAY 2024**

- [Bob's Stores announces layoffs](#)
- [EMS cutting about 150 jobs at Connecticut facility](#)
- [Great Harvest Bread Co. in Vernon is for sale as longtime owners plan to retire](#)
- [Blaming 'endless shrimp' promotion and costs, Red Lobster files for bankruptcy](#)
- [After 20 years in the heart of downtown, the Blissworks Yoga & Healing Arts studio is preparing to shutter its doors for good](#)
- [Indeed to lay off 1,000 employees](#)
- [Hartford's Tisane Euro-Asian Café abruptly closes after two decades of business](#)
- [Wethersfield Diner being forced to close](#)
- [Plymouth School district to eliminate 4 jobs](#)

- [Shelton schools eliminate 8 teachers and 1 custodian to address budget deficit](#)
- [Rue21 to close two Connecticut mall stores after bankruptcy filing](#)
- [Not just Sikorsky: Here are other recent mass layoffs in Connecticut](#)
- [More than 30 Hartford school employees sent lay-off notices](#)

## **LAYOFFS AND RELOCATIONS FOR APRIL 2024**

- [Express files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy announces store closures, possible sale](#)
- [Eli's Orange to close on Sunday after nearly a decade, company announces](#)
- [Hartford Public Schools to cut nearly 400 positions, citing funding issues](#)
- [Sikorsky to lay off hundreds in Connecticut after Army helicopter decision](#)
- [Four Corners Grocery Store is closing after 83 years: 'End of an era'](#)
- [American Steakhouse to close Meriden location after 53 years](#)
- [Fairfield's Small Medium Large Coffee Co. shuts down after 8 months in business](#)
- [Westport's oldest toy store to close in April after 40 years in business](#)
- [Mancuso's Restaurant & Bar in Fairfield to close its doors after nearly 50 years](#)
- [Walgreen Distribution Center in Dayville to close](#)

## **LAYOFFS AND RELOCATIONS FOR MARCH 2024**

- [Leading baked goods company Bimbo Bakeries closes three CT outlet stores](#)
- [Crafts retailer Joann files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy; it has 10 stores in CT](#)
- [Texas Roadhouse in Cromwell opens Monday](#)
- [Berkins Blend Cafe closes one of its Hartford locations](#)
- [Thomas Baxer Music, the last music store in New Britain, closing in May](#)
- [Discount furniture retailer American Freight closes one Connecticut store](#)
- [Ballou's Restaurant & Wine Bar announces closing after 15 years in Guilford](#)
- [Dick's Sporting Goods closing store at Meriden Mall](#)
- [Layoffs coming at fuel-cell maker HyAxiom sited in South Windsor & East Hartford](#)
- [Hartford loses its 'Steam': City Steam Brewery closing March 31](#)
- [Sudden closing of Branford's Chowder Pot leaves customers w/ worthless gift](#)