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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.

The Office of Research does not disclose information about individual companies which it collects as part of its statistical programs. This report is based only on information that has been publicly reported through the media for use by jobseekers, public policy makers, economic development professionals, and anyone with an interest in the Connecticut economy. While the Office of Research regularly monitors the media for announcement of business changes, some announcements may have been missed.

In addition to reports in the media, companies may be required to report on the WARN Act. Information about the WARN act is available here: <https://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/progsupt/bussrvce/rrwarn.htm>. A listing of WARN notices is available here: <https://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/progsupt/bussrvce/warnreports/warnreports.htm>. Information about the Department of Labor’s Rapid Response Unit is available here: <https://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/progsupt/bussrvce/rrt.htm>.

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WARN NOTICES FOR 2024

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



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STARTUPS AND EXPANSIONS IN FEBRUARY 2025

- [Department of Energy and Environmental Protection looking to hire for seasonal jobs](#)
- [Square Peg Pizzeria to open new spot in Shelton with help from ex-UConn basketball star Maria Conlon](#)
- [Electric Boat to hire 3000 workers in 2025: What's the state of manufacturing in eastern CT?](#)
- [Barnes & Noble announces opening dates for 3 new CT stores in wake of #BookTok trend](#)
- [J. Crew Factory opens in Southbury Green shopping plaza; Barnes & Noble, other retailers to follow](#)
- [CT's first Wegmans announces official Norwalk opening date in summer: 'We can't wait'](#)
- [Ross Dress for Less is opening in Connecticut next month](#)
- [Popular fast food chicken chain applies for permit to open another location in CT](#)
- [New Mexican restaurant Speedy Tacos opens in Torrington](#)
- [Here's where western and workwear Boot Barn is opening its next two stores in Connecticut](#)
- [Martha Stewart to open restaurant at Foxwoods](#)
- [Sally's Apizza is open at Westfarms mall](#)
- [CVS opens new store on Bridgeport's North Avenue, at former Walgreens site](#)
- [Developer gets go-ahead to build 2 warehouses; CT town's industrial space growing scarcer](#)
- [Ex-Bob's Stores outlet will bounce with new life under plan in central CT town](#)
- [New Connecticut Aldi locations? Grocery chain likely to grow as inflation continues, experts say.](#)
- [A Wegmans is coming to CT for the first time ever. Here's when and where](#)
- [Two sisters open Cozy Cup Bakery & Café in Berlin](#)
- [3 shopping centers in Stamford expand with 8 new retailers, including medical and spa services](#)
- [The Pearl Sports Bar opens in former downtown Manchester burger restaurant space](#)

STARTUPS AND EXPANSIONS IN JANUARY 2025

- [This Connecticut mall is adding a new athletic shoe retailer](#)

- [Newtown entrepreneur opens second Metal Supermarkets in Bridgeport Connecticut](#)
- [The Laurel, a restaurant with 'no set cuisine,' opens in West Hartford from former Millwright's chef](#)
- [Dave's Hot Chicken to open first location in Connecticut](#)
- [National smoothie chain and hibachi buffet find new homes in busy CT plaza. Here's when they open](#)
- [Eyewear retailer Warby Parker opens in Canton over the weekend](#)
- [Planet Fitness opens New Milford location ahead of schedule, fills former space TJ Maxx space](#)

LAYOFFS AND RELOCATIONS FOR JANUARY 2025

- [Wethersfield Diner announces final days open; building to be vacated by Jan. 31](#)
- [Pratt & Whitney to cut some jobs](#)
- [Well-known CT brewery closing next week after 10 years in business. 'A lot of great memories': customer](#)
- [Amazon lays off dozens of corporate workers in latest round of job cuts](#)
- [These Connecticut breweries have closed so far in 2025](#)
- [Southington-based manufacturer Rex Forge says it will close, lay off 103 workers](#)
- [Another Wave Of Layoffs Announced At Hartford Insurer](#)
- [Undergrounds Record Cafe in Oakville closes its doors: 'Best path forward at this time'](#)
- [Joann fabrics and craft store to close these 10 Connecticut locations amid new bankruptcy filing](#)
- [After more than 1,000 layoffs, worries persist about CVS Health's future in Connecticut](#)
- [Walgreens to close two Connecticut stores in March amid financial pressures](#)
- [Three of six Forever 21 Connecticut stores to close amid bankruptcy talks](#)
- [Duracell to relocate R&D HQ from CT to Atlanta by summer 2026](#)
- [How IRS layoffs could impact your tax filing process and speed of your return](#)
- [Bridgeport Flyer Diner in Milford closing its doors after 85 years](#)
- [END OF AN ERA: Milford's Bridgeport Flyer Diner closing](#)
- [120 doctors in CT are at risk for losing their jobs. A lawmaker says 'the stakes are very high'](#)
- [Starbucks to lay off 1,100 corporate workers as sales sag](#)
- [CT-based Pitney Bowes cuts workforce by over 30% amid cost reduction and sale of unit](#)
- [Rheem Manufacturing Co. laying off 76 workers in Waterbury](#)
- [Hundreds of weather forecasters fired in latest wave of DOGE cuts](#)

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- [Wethersfield Diner announces final days open; building to be vacated by Jan. 31](#)
- [Imminent gym shutdown in central CT is latest closure by national chain](#)
- [Macy's closing 66 stores around country. See the list of locations here.](#)
- [Casual dining chain closes restaurant in Meriden Mall, leaving only two in Connecticut](#)
- [Williams Sonoma, Old Navy to close Westbrook Outlets stores amid](#)

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- [Crystal Mall's FYE store to close, leaving Trumbull as its last Connecticut location](#)
- [Italian restaurant Caputo Trattoria closes at Foxwoods Resort Casino after 7 years](#)
- [Kohl's to close 27 'underperforming' stores by April. Here's the list](#)
- [Two Connecticut cannabis stores close less than two years after opening, the state's first](#)
- [Video game retailer GameStop closes at least five Connecticut stores amid poor sales](#)
- [Advance Auto Parts to close 700 stores nationwide, including at least one at this CT location](#)
- [Walgreens turnaround continues with 450 stores to be closed this year](#)
- [Santander Bank to close its branch in New Haven this spring](#)