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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.

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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 JANUARY 2025

- [This Connecticut mall is adding a new athletic shoe retailer](#)
- [Great Wolf Lodge to open in Connecticut in May](#)
- [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](#)
- [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 redevelopment plans](#)
- [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](#)