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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 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

- [Iconic chicken chain Raising Cane's opening 3 CT locations](#)
- [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](#)
- [These businesses are expected to open in Connecticut in 2024](#)

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 cards](#)
- [Walgreens will lay off hundreds of people; close distribution center](#)
- [Hundreds of Family Dollar stores to close, CT impact unclear](#)
- [Watertown nursing home Trinity Terraces closing](#)
- [Bristol Hospital announces dozens of layoffs, including eliminating 60 positions](#)

LAYOFFS AND RELOCATIONS FOR FEBRUARY 2024

- [Vernon shopping plaza loses another business as Salvation Army closes](#)
- [Bob's Stores to close in Norwalk, but plans to reopen elsewhere in city](#)
- [Rita's Italian Ice closing after 20 years on Queen Street in Southington](#)
- [National bank eyes more CT branch closures](#)
- [Rural CT ice cream shop, The Ice Box, closes its doors amid legal battle with town of Brooklyn](#)
- [Last anchor store in Waterford's Crystal Mall, JCPenney, to close](#)
- [New Haven biotech firm cuts 45 percent of its workforce](#)
- [Newtown manufacturing facility closing in April, eliminating 71 jobs](#)
- [Banking giant Wells Fargo plans to close another Connecticut branch in May](#)
- [Berlin collectibles store Clutch Cards closes without issuing refunds to customers with orders](#)
- [In huge blow for Sikorsky, Army scraps armed scout helicopter program](#)
- [Chute Gates Steakhouse and Saloon, a popular western and rodeo themed restaurant, closes](#)
- [Over 100 UPS employees are being laid off in Connecticut](#)
- [Freight Handlers LLC will lay off 383 employees when closes Manchester location](#)