

**NEW WEEKLY JOB POSTINGS FROM
HELP WANTED ONLINE
Office of Research**

**Week Ending October 24th, 2020
Total New Jobs Ads Have Most Stable Four Week Period of Year.**

WETHERSFIELD, October 30, 2020 – During the week ending October 24, 2020, there were 4,738 new postings. New postings are down 182 new ads from a week ago and up 1,239 from the week ending September 26th. Since then, new ads averaged 4,811 over the subsequent four weeks and had a range of 261, the smallest of any four-week period in 2020. In contrast, the largest four-week range of 3,851 occurred in March during the Covid-shutdown, when total new ads fell from 7,242 during the week ending March 7th to 3,391 new ads during the week ending March 28th. Though overall ads counts have stayed relatively flat for most of October, many industries have had larger shifts. The largest increase over the week occurred in Health Care & Social Assistance (+254 new ads or +34%) and the largest decrease occurred in Finance & Insurance (-86 new ads or -18%).

**Industries** with the most new postings include Health & Social Assistance, Retail Trade, and Finance & Insurance.

**Occupations** with the most new postings include Registered Nurses, Retail Salespersons, and Computer Occupations, All Other.

**Employers** with the most new postings include Hartford Healthcare, Walmart/Sam’s, and Amazon.

**The three industries with the most new job postings where**

* **Health Care and Social Assistance** (1,003 new postings, +34%% over the week)
* **Retail Trade** (902 new postings, +17% over the week)
* **Finance and Insurance** (384 new postings, -18% over the week)

  15 sector had job posting decreases over the week and 6 had increases. Some of the largest percent decreases occurred in Public Administration (-41% or -33 new ads), Administrative & Support (-34% or -40 new ads), and Utilities (-31% or -17 new ads). The 6 increasing industries accounted for a combined 417 new ads over the week, with 61% occurring within Health Care & Social Assistance (+34% or +254 new ads).

A majority of industries had increases over four weeks, the largest being Health Care & Social Assistance (+68% or +405 new ads) and Retail Trade (+62% or +344 new ads). The four decreasing industries represented a combined 60 new ad decrease.

For more information on total job ads by industry for Connecticut and its labor market areas, see the monthly report available here: <https://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/hwol.asp>

The June 2020 edition of the Connecticut Economic Digest features an article on HWOL: <https://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/digest/pdfs/cedjun20.pdf>

**New Job Postings by Occupation**

**The occupations with the most new postings were:**

* Registered Nurses (237 new postings, +55%% over the week)
* Retail Salespersons (206 new postings, -10% over the week)
* Computer Occupations, All Others (134 new postings, -3% over the week)



**Employers with the Most New Job Postings** 

Employers with the most new job postings for the week ending October 24th were mostly in Retail Trade, Finance & Insurance, and Health Care. The 25 employers shown above account for 29 percent of all new ads. The employers with the largest increase over the week were Walmart / Sam’s (+263 new ads), Hartford Healthcare (+237 new ads), and St Vincent’s Medical Center (+55 new ads). Eight of the top 25 employers had decreases over the week, the largest being Cigna Corporation (-42 new ads) and CVS Health (-23 new ads).

**Covid-19 and Weekly New Job Postings**
In recent months, the pandemic Coronavirus (Covid-19) has caused significant social and economic implications throughout the world.

This HWOL report includes new weekly job postings to illustrate how Covid-19 has impacted Connecticut in the short term and highlight recent job postings in the weeks since the virus disrupted both the economy and labor markets.

**What is HWOL?**The **Conference Board Help Wanted Online**® Data Series (HWOL) measures the number of new, first-time Online job postings and jobs reposted from the previous month for over 16,000 Internet job boards, corporate boards and smaller job sites that serve niche markets and smaller geographic areas.

**To view more HWOL data, go to:** [**https://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/pubs/HWOL2020.pdf**](https://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/pubs/HWOL2020.pdf)