

# 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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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 APRIL 2025

- [Boot Barn opens new location at New Britain Ave. plaza in Plainville](#)
- [New York-style bagel shop to open 2nd CT location in Oxford this week](#)
- [ESPN to relocate 35 jobs from LA to Bristol amid change to 'SportsCenter' programming](#)
- [Popular Outer Banks donut shop to open first CT location on Saturday](#)
- [Hershey company announces deal to acquire Danbury-based snack food company](#)
- [Connecticut aerospace manufacturer looks to expand headquarters in East Hartford](#)
- [Aroma Joe's to serve up coffee, breakfast soon at new location on the Berlin Turnpike](#)
- [Amazon eyes property on Waterbury-Naugatuck line for 650,000-square-foot distribution center](#)
- [This Connecticut aerospace manufacturer is looking to expand its headquarters in this town](#)
- [Chase bank to expand in Connecticut with branches in three locations](#)
- [Viral drive-thru coffee spot to open new location in Vernon](#)
- [CT shoppers flock to new Fresh Market that opened Wednesday in Wethersfield](#)
- [J. Crew Factory continues expansion with new Farmington Valley store](#)

## STARTUPS AND EXPANSIONS IN MARCH 2025

- [Department of Energy and Environmental Protection looking to hire for seasonal jobs](#)
- [Construx Co. opens headquarters in Hartford](#)
- [Wingstop opens on Hartford's Main Street, its second in the city](#)
- [Three restaurants planned for former Bank of America property in Fairfield](#)
- [New Greenwich Avenue boutique music store to sell high-end guitars, vinyl records](#)
- [New Starbucks, with a drive-thru, is now open on South Main Street in West Hartford](#)
- [Boot Barn opens new location at New Britain Ave. plaza in Plainville](#)
- [New York-style bagel shop to open 2nd CT location in Oxford this week](#)
- [DSW returns to Stamford with new Ridgeway Shopping Center location](#)

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- [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](#)
- [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](#)
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- [National smoothie chain and hibachi buffet find new homes in busy CT plaza. Here's when they open](#)
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## LAYOFFS AND RELOCATIONS FOR APRIL 2025

- [More than half of the 7,200 federal employees in Conn. work for one agency, and it's about to get cut](#)
- [62 nontenured New Milford teachers to receive pink slips due to 'uncertainty' with budget cuts](#)
- [UPS to cut 20,000 jobs, close some facilities as it reduces amount of Amazon shipments it handles](#)
- [Walgreens to Close Hundreds of Stores, Additional Connecticut Locations Impacted](#)
- [Chain restaurant closings are becoming more frequent in Connecticut, but the reason why varies](#)
- [Is it game over for GameStop? Here are the stores closing in Connecticut](#)
- [27 Kohl's stores are set to close Saturday. See list of the closures in 15 states](#)
- [Aroma Joe's to serve up coffee, breakfast soon at new location on the Berlin Turnpike](#)
- [Forever 21 set to close all stores, including 6 in Connecticut. Here's where](#)
- [Nardelli's closes Wallingford location after almost a decade in business](#)
- [Bristol Health announces layoffs as Conn. hospitals face 'headwinds'](#)
- [Paier College in Bridgeport sends closure notice to state](#)
- [Civic organization abruptly lays off employees, leaving programs in limbo](#)
- [Popular Connecticut doughnut maker facing eviction in two towns after closing others](#)
- [Some Joann locations in CT have already closed. The rest close at the end of May](#)
- [CVS Health to lay off 55 more workers at Aetna HQ in Hartford](#)

## LAYOFFS AND RELOCATIONS FOR MARCH 2025

- [Wethersfield Diner announces final days open; building to be vacated by Jan. 31](#)
- [Department of Veterans Affairs plans major job cuts, including 80,000 positions](#)
- [CT organization that has helped thousands of refugees closing its doors. It comes after Trump orders](#)
- [Bridgeport record shop The Emporium to close its doors this month](#)
- [Red Robins plans to close 70 restaurants: Could Connecticut locations be affected?](#)
- [Duracell to relocate R&D HQ from CT to Atlanta by summer 2026](#)
- [Following private equity deal, Barnes Group to close its Bristol headquarters, cut](#)

## 28 jobs

- Two TD bank branches in Connecticut are closing.
- Windsor's, Michael's Jewelers to be leaving the Meriden Mall for locations elsewhere
- Dollar General to close nearly 100 stores in U.S. Will CT stores in your city or town survive?
- Walgreens is closing two more Connecticut stores, moving prescriptions, in these towns
- CT manufacturer to close corporate headquarters, lay off workers. Here's what will stay open.
- A CT volunteer fire department is closing down after 68 years. It's an 'end of an era,' mayor says.
- CT's oldest Army Navy store is closing for good. They served the community for 40+ years
- Chain restaurant closings are becoming more frequent in Connecticut, but the reason why varies

## **LAYOFFS AND RELOCATIONS FOR FEBRUARY 2025**

- 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 76workers in Waterbury
- Hundreds of weather forecasters fired in latest wave of DOGE cuts

## **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
- Williams Sonoma, Old Navy to close Westbrook Outlets stores amid