

Economic Development Activity Report April 2011

Labor statistics –

February 2011

Not Seasonally Adjusted	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
STATE OF CONNECTICUT	1,879,800	1,699,100	180,700	9.6%
UNITED STATES	152,635,000	138,093,000	14,542,000	9.5%

Milford	32,683	29,905	2,778	8.5

March 2011

Not Seasonally Adjusted	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
STATE OF CONNECTICUT	1,886,200	1,711,300	174,900	9.3%
UNITED STATES	153,022,000	138,962,000	14,060,000	9.2%

Milford	32,815	30,184	2,631	8.0
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Developments

500 Bic Drive. 3PL Worldwide, Subway, Ebeanstalk, Donghia, Encore Sales, PSI Services and Milford Fabricating are already located in the former Bic buildings. Donghia is relocating its corporate headquarters from Mt. Vernon, NY to join its warehouse operation at Bic Drive and Sikorsky Aircraft is leasing 53,000sf for storage of research and development machinery.

Western International has leased 11,212 square feet of industrial flex space at 290 Quarry Road in Milford, Connecticut. Located less than a half mile from the Milford Transit District and under one mile from Interstate 95, the property is well-suited to the needs of the occupant. After an extensive search throughout Connecticut, the property's balance of warehouse and office space, combined with its accessibility to I-95, made it the ideal location for their Transcube Distribution Center.

Two sewing shops opened in Walnut Beach. Sew What?, owned by Andrea DeBartolomeo owner on Naugatuck Ave. and the Walnut Beach Pier Sewing Center opened on Broadway.

Devon saw a number of new businesses. Z Hair Studio, opened at 92 Bridgeport Ave., Stacey Laudon-Zulo, owner, Dave's Auto Sales & Service, 360 Naugatuck Ave., Reggino Pizza and Pasta House opened in the Sun Nails Plaza on Bridgeport Ave., Liberty Tax Services, Flip Salon and Boutique, and Companion Animal Hospital are located at 100 Lansdale Ave., Avenue Awards and Canvas Products is located at 457 Bridgeport Ave.

Antelope Networks had their grand opening at 2 Broad St.

Van Wilgrens will open a seasonal location across from the 295 Boston Post Road Milford Bank location.

Westfield Connecticut Post has a number of changes coming. LA Fitness is coming in space formally occupied by Krazy City. Pedestrian bridge and road improvements to East Town Road have been approved by DEP. Other improvements involve increased exterior visibility, improved/more dining options and a return of events like the circus and carnival.

Stevens Ford has begun construction on their new showroom.

Aya Japanese Fusion Bistro has opened at 17 Turnpike Square.