



## Foundry Closures and Layoffs 2014-2016

Listed below are the names of foundries that have closed since 2014, as well as a list of foundry layoffs. The list was compiled in January 2016. The American Foundry Society (AFS) anticipates additional foundry closures will be announced in 2016.

FOUNDRY NAME & LOCATION	CLOSURE & # OF JOBS	TYPE OF FOUNDRY
Advance Die Casting Co. Milwaukee, WI	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter - 2015 <b>75 Employees</b> <b>Union</b>	Aluminum & Zinc Foundry - Castings for Caterpillar and other industry sectors <sup>1</sup>
Allegheny Technologies LaPorte, IN	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter - 2014 <b>120 Employees</b> <b>Union</b>	Gray and Ductile Iron Foundry – Castings for wind turbines, industrial gas turbines, railroad diesel engines, and machine tools <sup>2</sup>
Avalon Precision Metalsmiths Euclid, OH	2015 <b>50 Employees</b>	Investment Casting Foundry – Castings for pumps & valves <sup>3</sup>
Black Hills Bronze Hill City, SD	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter - 2014 <b>Family-owned</b>	Bronze Cast Foundry – art and presidential sculptures <sup>4</sup>
Bloomfield Foundry Bloomfield, IA	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter - 2014 <b>90 Employees</b>	Gray and Ductile Iron Foundry <sup>5</sup>
Bradken Ltd Chehalis, WA	1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter - 2015 <b>91 Employees</b> <b>Union</b>	Steel Foundry - steel and stainless steel energy, industrial and military castings <sup>6</sup>
Caterpillar Inc. Toccoa, GA	2015 <b>125 Employees</b> <b>Union</b>	Iron Foundry – Castings for construction and mining equipment; diesel and natural gas engines, industrial gas turbines and diesel-electric locomotives <sup>7</sup>
Crescent Brass Manufacturing Corp. Reading, PA	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter – 2015 <b>25 Employees</b>	Brass Foundry – Castings for lamp parts, fire engine parts and refrigerator doors. <sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Advance Die Casting to close, ending 75 jobs, March 24, 2015, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel -

<http://www.jsonline.com/business/advance-die-casting-to-close-cut-75-jobs-b99468583z1-297444551.html>

<sup>2</sup> 80-year-old foundry has poured its last casting, July 10, 2014, The Times -

[http://www.nwtimes.com/business/local/year-old-foundry-has-poured-its-last-casting/article\\_d4bcd5cc-c872-509e-854a-1d52fcd54ac4.html](http://www.nwtimes.com/business/local/year-old-foundry-has-poured-its-last-casting/article_d4bcd5cc-c872-509e-854a-1d52fcd54ac4.html)

<sup>3</sup> Avalon Precision MetalSmiths closing its Euclid plant: one of four plant locations, November 11, 2014, The Plain Dealer,

[http://www.cleveland.com/business/index.ssf/2014/11/avalon\\_precision\\_metalsmiths\\_c.html](http://www.cleveland.com/business/index.ssf/2014/11/avalon_precision_metalsmiths_c.html)

<sup>4</sup> Black Hills Bronze to pour last sculpture, November 11, 2014, Rapid City Journal,

[http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/local/black-hills-bronze-to-pour-last-sculpture/article\\_5285e1bb-07da-5a01-b5a2-f1df5993a787.html](http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/local/black-hills-bronze-to-pour-last-sculpture/article_5285e1bb-07da-5a01-b5a2-f1df5993a787.html)

<sup>5</sup> Bloomfield Foundry closes its doors after over 48 years of business, April 16, 2014, KTVO,

<http://ktvo.com/news/local/bloomfield-foundry-closes-its-doors-after-over-48-years-of-business?id=1032380>

<sup>6</sup> Bradken to Close Washington Steel Foundry, January 26, 2015, Foundry Management & Technology

<http://foundrymag.com/materials/bradken-close-washington-steel-foundry>

<sup>7</sup> Caterpillar Foundry Marked for Closing, February 2, 2015, Foundry Management & Technology,

<http://foundrymag.com/moldscores/caterpillar-foundry-marked-closing>

<sup>8</sup> 25 employees out of work as Crescent Brass, an industrial casting company, shuts its doors, April 2, 2015, Reading Eagle, <http://www.readingeagle.com/money/article/25-employees-out-of-work-as-crescent-brass-an-industrial-casting-company-shutters-its-doors&template=mobileart>

Domestic Castings Shippensburg, PA	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter - 2015 <b>80 Employees</b> <b>Union</b>	Gray & Ductile Iron Foundry – Castings in size up to 500 lbs <sup>9</sup>
Esco Portland, OR	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter - 2016 <b>247 Employees</b>	Steel Foundry – large cast steel parts used for mining <sup>10</sup>
FlowServe Dayton, OH	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter - 2016 <b>80 Employees</b> <b>Union</b>	Steel Foundry - Pumps and valves <sup>11</sup>
GE Lufkin Industries Lufkin, TX	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2015 <b>260 Employees</b> <b>Union</b>	Gray & Ductile Iron Foundry – castings for heavy equipment, valve and machine tool markets <sup>12</sup>
Grede Foundry Berlin, WI	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter - 2015 <b>157 Employees</b> <b>Union</b>	Gray & Ductile Iron Foundry - supplier for transportation and industrial castings <sup>13</sup>
Johnson Metall Lorain, OH	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter - 2015 <b>35 Employees</b> <b>Union</b>	Bronze Foundry –castings for wind turbines, oil and gas industry <sup>14</sup>
Keokuk Steel Castings Keokuk, IA	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter - 2016 <b>192 Employees</b> <b>Union</b>	Steel Foundry – valves, mining, drilling, military transportation, and other heavy industries <sup>15</sup>
National Aluminum & Brass Foundry Independence, MO	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter - 2015 <b>25 Employees</b>	Aluminum & Brass & Bronze Foundry – pole line hardware, electrical terminals, pump components, lighting products, tile and cabinet hardware <sup>16</sup>
Navistar Indianapolis, IN	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter - 2015 <b>140 Employees</b> <b>Union</b>	Iron Foundry - Engine blocks and heads for trucks and heavy equipment <sup>17</sup>
Premier Tool and Die Cast Lakewood, NY	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter - 2014 <b>74 Employees</b>	Aluminum Die Casting Foundry – strong, light-weight parts, for auto industry and other sectors <sup>18</sup>

<sup>9</sup> Domestic Castings closed in Shippensburg, no plans for site, June 24, 2015, WITF,

<http://www.witf.org/news/2015/06/domestic-castings-closed-in-shippensburg-no-plans-for-site.php>

<sup>10</sup> Esco closing another part of foundry, but R&D remains, December 11, 2015, Portland Tribune,

<http://www.pamplinmedia.com/pt/239-business/285017-159250-finishing-plant>

<sup>11</sup> Flowserve to close Dayton foundry, November 5, 2015, Dayton Daily News,

<http://www.daytondailynews.com/news/news/flowserve-to-close-dayton-foundry/npGsM/>

<sup>12</sup> GE Cuts Jobs, Closes Foundry at Lufkin Unit, August 24, 2015, Wall Street Journal,

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/ge-cuts-jobs-closes-foundry-at-lufkin-unit-1440451950>

<sup>13</sup> Grede to close foundry in Berlin, cutting 157 jobs, June 26, 2015, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel,

<http://www.jsonline.com/business/grede-to-close-foundry-in-berlin-cutting-157-jobs-b99527675z1-310185021.html>

<sup>14</sup> Johnson Metall to close Lorain shop, cut 35 jobs, May 26, 2016, Morning Journal,

<http://www.morningjournal.com/article/MJ/20150526/NEWS/150529660>

<sup>15</sup> Keokuk Steel Castings closing its doors; statement from Matrix Metals, LLC, December 9, 2015, KHQA

<http://khqa.com/news/local/keokuk-steel-casting-to-close>

<sup>16</sup> Online Auction of the Former National Aluminum and Brass Foundry in Independence MO - Bidding will open on Monday, January 25th, 2016 and will continue until the auction closes on Wednesday, February 10th, 2016, FLS Auction Services,

<http://www.bidspotter.com/en-us/auction-catalogues/timed/bscf/catalogue-id-bscf10015>

<sup>17</sup> Navistar shuts its vintage Eastside foundry, June 30, 2015, Indy Star,

<http://www.indystar.com/story/money/2015/06/30/navistar-shuts-vintage-eastside-foundry/29540465>

<sup>18</sup> Chautauqua County manufacturer to close, eliminate 75 jobs, February 11, 2014, Buffalo News,

<http://www.buffalonews.com/city-region/chautauqua-county/chautauqua-county-manufacturer-to-close-eliminate-75-jobs-2014021>

Richland Center Foundry Richland Center, WI	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter - 2015 <b>74 Employees</b> Union	Gray & Ductile Iron Foundry - construction and mining equipment; heavy-duty truck engines; water and pumping equipment; & military vehicles and ships <sup>19</sup>
Rolls Royce Pascagoula, MI	2014/2015 <b>24 Employees</b>	Stainless Steel Foundry - Casting and finishing of large propellers for U.S. Navy <sup>20</sup>
US Pipe & Foundry Council Bluffs, Iowa	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter - 2014 <b>250 Employees</b>	Ductile Iron Foundry – Castings for drinking water transmission and distribution. <sup>21</sup>
Weir Minerals Hazleton, MN	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter - 2014 <b>76 Employees</b>	Fabricated and manufactured submersible and vertical pumps for the mining steel, power, chemical, refinery, and general industrial applications <sup>22</sup>
Zurn Industries Erie, PA	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter - 2016 <b>50 Employees</b> Union	Gray & Ductile Iron Foundry - Water systems for toilets, faucets, and plumbing <sup>23</sup>

### Foundry Layoffs - 2015/2016

FOUNDRY NAME & LOCATION	LAYOFF & # OF EMPLOYEES	TYPE OF FOUNDRY
Gainesville Foundry Gainesville, TX	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2015 <b>30 Employees</b>	Gray and Ductile Iron - Castings for the oil and gas industry, mining, industrial machinery, power and transmission, construction and other industries <sup>24</sup>
John Deere Foundry Waterloo, IA	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2015 <b>90 Employees</b> Union	Gray & Ductile Iron Foundry – castings for agricultural equipment <sup>25</sup>
John Deere Foundry Waterloo, IA	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2016 <b>45 Employees</b> Union	Gray & Ductile Iron Foundry – castings for agricultural equipment <sup>26</sup>

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<sup>19</sup> Plant closure leaves more than 70 unemployed, December 16, 2015, NBC15.com, <http://www.nbc15.com/home/headlines/Plant-closure-leaves-more-than-70-unemployed-362741591.html>

<sup>20</sup> Rolls Royce closing Pascagoula foundry in 18 months, cutting 24 jobs, June 26, 2014, GulfLive.com, [http://blog.gulflive.com/mississippi-press-business/2014/06/rolls\\_royce\\_closing\\_pascagoula.html](http://blog.gulflive.com/mississippi-press-business/2014/06/rolls_royce_closing_pascagoula.html)

<sup>21</sup> Griffin Pipe Foundry Marked for Shutdown, March 14, 2014, Foundry Magazine, Foundry and Management Technology, <http://foundrymag.com/materials/griffin-pipe-foundry-marked-shutdown>

<sup>22</sup> Weir Minerals will close its doors today, March 27, 2015, Standard Speaker.Com, <http://standardspeaker.com/news/weir-minerals-will-close-its-doors-today-1.1854473>

<sup>23</sup> Zurn Industries Moving Foundry out of Erie, October 13, 2015, Erie News Now, <http://www.erienewsnow.com/story/30252594/zurn-industries-moving-foundry-out-of-erie>

<sup>24</sup> Gainesville Foundry lays off workers, March 18, 2015, Gainesville Daily Register, [http://www.gainesvilleregister.com/community/gainesville-foundry-lays-off-workers/article\\_ab22653c-cd7d-11e4-afed-0742589b5556e.html](http://www.gainesvilleregister.com/community/gainesville-foundry-lays-off-workers/article_ab22653c-cd7d-11e4-afed-0742589b5556e.html)

<sup>25</sup> 565 layoffs announced at Deere in Waterloo, 910 total, January 23, 2015, KWWL.com, <http://www.kwwl.com/story/27922597/2015/01/23/more-layoffs-announced-at-deere>

<sup>26</sup> Deere to lay off 45 foundry workers, December 14, 2015, Cedar Valley Business, [http://wcfcourier.com/business/local/deere-to-lay-off-foundry-workers/article\\_a8510cd5-5403-5608-8f88-aaf769a75d01.html](http://wcfcourier.com/business/local/deere-to-lay-off-foundry-workers/article_a8510cd5-5403-5608-8f88-aaf769a75d01.html)