

## Industrial Closures and Layoffs since 1997 in Leake County, Mississippi

<i>Year</i>	<i>Company</i>	<i>Number Jobs at Closure</i>	<i>Year Company Opened</i>
1997	Active Apparel	50	1980
1997	Walnut Grove Apparel	30	1984
1997	Sunsports Apparel	75	1987
1997	JohnJes Apparel	40	1992
1998	Walnut Grove Manufacturing	40	1966
1998	Carthage Company	130	1951
1999	Arbor Acres Farm, Inc.	100	1959
2000	Garan, Inc. - layoff	200	1963
2001	Marco Apparel - layoff	100+	1984
2002	Carbone of America:SCP	20	1984
2002	American Apparel -layoff	80	1977
2003	Margrove	25	
2004	Taylor Machine Works Parts	16	1985
2004	Taylor Machine Works Reman	15	1986
2004-05	Choctaw Manufacturing Consolidation 3 to 2 Plants	130	1986
<b>Total</b>		<b>1051 jobs</b>	

## Industrial Announcements since 1997 in Leake County, Mississippi

<i>Year Opened</i>	<i>Company</i>	<i>Number of Jobs</i>
1997	Choctaw Maid Farms	Tripled Employment to 1480 Doubled Size to 325,000 sq ft. Grand opening - May 1997
1998	Choctaw Maid Farms	40,000 sq ft expansion of debone and further processing \$6 - \$8 million investment; 400 jobs; increasing from 1700 jobs to 2100
1999	Taylor Machine Works Reman	Expansion adding 6,000 Sq Ft with 20-Ton Bridge Crane; \$600,000 investment
2000	Choctaw Manufacturing Plant III	Expansion- Ground breaking held August 1999; 45,000 Sq Ft completed May 2000
2001	Choctaw Maid Farms	Added 300 jobs totaling 2,600
2001	Walnut Grove Youth Correctional Facility	175 new jobs growing to 200 in 2006
2002	Carbone of America	Purchased Superior Carbon Products of Mississippi
2003	HiSAN	Announcement of Location in existing Garan building; 7 employees
2003	Central Snacks, Inc.	Expansion doubling production adding 3,900 sq ft and 8 jobs
2003	Tyson Foods	Purchased Choctaw Maid Farms
2004	HiSAN	Expansion moving into 25,000 square foot building with 19 employees
2004	Tyson Foods	Consolidation of Jackson facility into Carthage facility; no new jobs; Automation brought total jobs to 1800
2005	HiSAN	First Year anniversary - total of 33 employees
2005	Carthage Distribution Center	Announcement of Location at Arbor Acres Facility for distribution for Strutmasters
2005	Trace Textiles	Relocation from Thomastown to Walnut Grove

## Summary

In the manufacturing community, Leake County has celebrated three announcements for new business since 2001.

2001	Walnut Grove Youth Correctional	200 jobs
2003	HiSAN	33 jobs
2005	Carthage Distribution Center	<u>2 jobs</u>
		235 jobs total

We have lost almost 1000 jobs since 1997 with the closure or consolidation of 15 facilities – mainly with the closure of 10 textile operations. In the last three years, we lost the following:

2004	Taylor Machine Works Parts	16 jobs
2004	Taylor Machine Works Reman	15 jobs
2005	Choctaw Manufacturing Enterprise	
	Consolidation from 3 buildings to 2	<u>130 jobs</u>
		151 jobs total