



INVESTMENT PRIORITY

Economic Opportunities

ARC has invested nearly **\$19.8 million** in entrepreneurial and business strategies to strengthen the economy in Appalachia.



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Ready Workforce

ARC has invested nearly **\$27.2 million** to increase the education, knowledge, skills, and health of Appalachian residents to work and succeed.



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Critical Infrastructure

ARC has invested over **\$59.5 million** in Appalachia's critical infrastructure development, including broadband, transportation, and water/wastewater systems.



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Natural and Cultural Assets

ARC has invested almost **\$7.5 million** to leverage the economic potential of Appalachia's natural and cultural heritage.



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Leadership and Community Capacity

ARC has invested nearly **\$11.6 million** to build the capacity and skills of Appalachia's current and next-generation leaders and organizations to advance community and economic development.



13-STATE PROFILE | FISCAL YEAR 2018

OCTOBER 1, 2017–SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

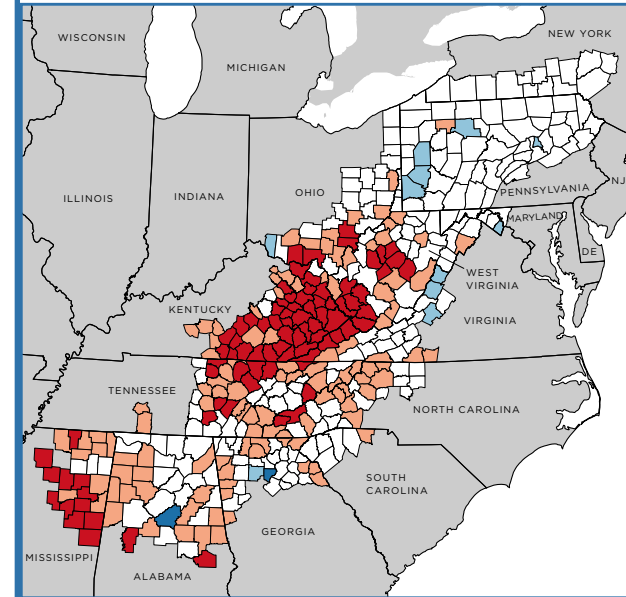
APPALACHIAN REGION

In partnership with the states and 73 Local Development Districts, ARC supported **522 projects** in Appalachia totaling **\$125.6 million** in fiscal year 2018. These investments have been matched by **\$188.7 million** and will attract an additional nearly **\$1.5 billion** in leveraged private investments in Appalachia. They will also create or retain more than **26,600 jobs**, train and educate over **34,000 students and workers**, and benefit the more than **25 million residents** in Appalachia's **420 counties**.

APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) is a federal-state partnership. Its mission is to innovate, partner, and invest to build community capacity and strengthen economic growth in 420 counties across the 13 Appalachian states. ARC's strategic plan identifies five investment goals to advance this mission: creating economic opportunity; preparing a ready workforce; building critical infrastructure; leveraging natural and cultural assets; and cultivating leadership and community capacity.

COUNTY ECONOMIC STATUS IN APPALACHIA, FISCAL YEAR 2018



Levels of Economic Status

- Distressed County
- At-Risk County
- Attainment County
- Transitional County
- Competitive County

IMPACT ON DISTRESSED COUNTIES

In Appalachia, **84 counties** were considered economically distressed in fiscal year 2018. **279 projects** totaling **64% of ARC investment dollars** will have a direct impact on these counties.