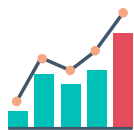


ARC INVESTMENT PRIORITY

**ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES**  
**\$33.7 M**



invested in entrepreneurial and business strategies to strengthen the economy in Appalachia.

ARC INVESTMENT PRIORITY

**READY WORKFORCE**  
**\$42.3 M**



invested to increase the education, knowledge, skills, and health of Appalachian residents to work and succeed.

ARC INVESTMENT PRIORITY

**CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE**  
**\$81.8 M**



invested in Appalachia's critical infrastructure development, including broadband, transportation, and water/wastewater systems.

ARC INVESTMENT PRIORITY

**NATURAL AND CULTURAL ASSETS**  
**\$4.6 M**



invested to leverage the economic potential of Appalachia's natural and cultural heritage.

ARC INVESTMENT PRIORITY

**LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY CAPACITY**  
**\$14.4 M**



invested to build the capacity and skills of Appalachia's current and next-generation leaders and organizations to advance community and economic development.

FISCAL YEAR 2019

OCTOBER 1, 2018-SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

# APPALACHIAN REGION

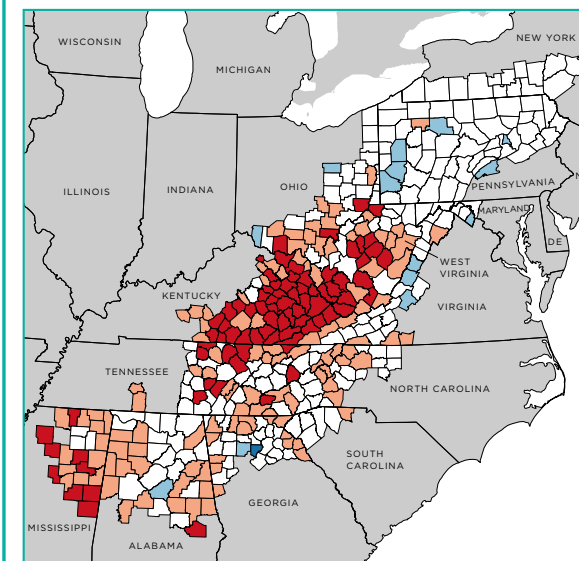
In partnership with the states and 73 Local Development Districts, ARC is supporting **482 projects** in Appalachia totaling **\$176.8 million** in fiscal year 2019.

These investments have been matched by **\$246.8 million** and are attracting an additional nearly **\$542.6 million** in leveraged private investments in Appalachia. They are also creating or retaining more than **17,300 jobs**, training and educating over **51,000 students and workers**, and benefiting 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, FY 2019



**Levels of Economic Status**

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

## IMPACT ON DISTRESSED COUNTIES

In Appalachia, **81 counties** were considered economically distressed in fiscal year 2019. **270 projects** totaling **70% of ARC investment dollars** are having a direct impact on these counties.