

INVESTMENTS IN ACTION

With ARC support, the **Cybersecurity Education Hub** at **Mississippi State University** (MSU) purchased equipment and cloud-based platforms, **expanding distance learning** for students (grades 8-12), teachers, and the emerging workforce throughout Appalachian Mississippi. This includes access to public school districts, individual training, and workforce training for teachers, students, and the Mississippi Coding Academy Golden Triangle campus.

IMPACT ON DISTRESSED COUNTIES

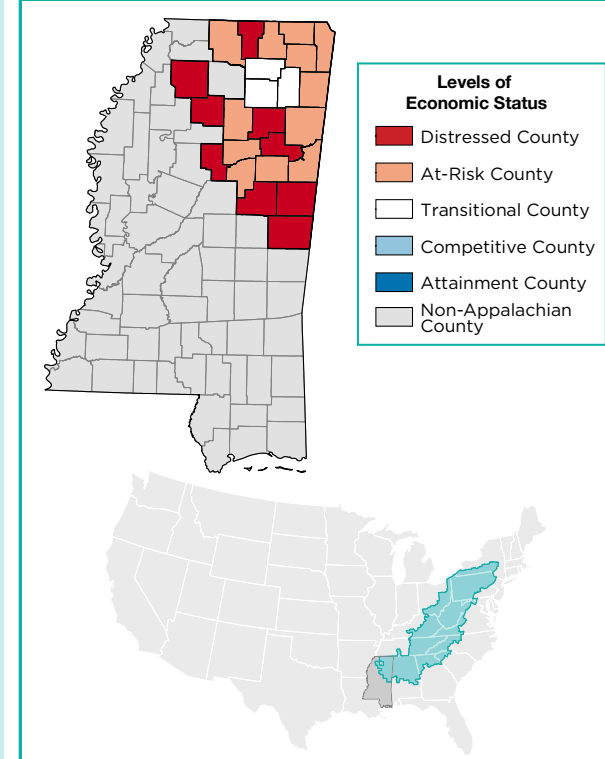
In Appalachian Mississippi, **9 counties** were considered economically distressed in fiscal year 2019, with pockets of distress in other areas. **32 projects** totaling **66%** of ARC investment dollars are having a direct impact on this distressed county and areas.

FISCAL YEAR 2019
OCTOBER 1, 2018-SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

MISSISSIPPI

In partnership with **Mississippi Development Authority**, ARC is supporting **44 projects** in Mississippi totaling nearly **\$19.5 million** in fiscal year 2019. These investments have been matched by over **\$15.3 million** and are attracting an additional nearly **\$2.1 million** in leveraged private investments in Mississippi. They are also creating or retaining **96 jobs**, training and educating nearly **3,500 students and workers**, and benefiting the more than **626,000 residents** in Mississippi's **24 Appalachian counties**.

COUNTY ECONOMIC STATUS IN APPALACHIAN MISSISSIPPI, FY 2019



ARC INVESTMENT PRIORITY

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

\$11.4 M



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

ARC INVESTMENT PRIORITY

READY WORKFORCE

\$5.6 M

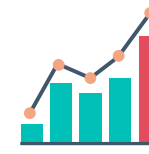


invested to increase the education, knowledge, skills, and health of Mississippi's Appalachian residents to work and succeed.

ARC INVESTMENT PRIORITY

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

\$1.9 M



invested in entrepreneurial strategies to strengthen the economy in Appalachian Mississippi.

ARC INVESTMENT PRIORITY

ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES

\$625 K



invested to cultivate leadership and community capacity and leverage natural and cultural assets in Appalachian Mississippi.