

County Economic Status Designations in the Appalachian Region

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Introduction

In accordance with the Commission's policy for determining the economic status of the 410 Appalachian counties, the Research staff has analyzed the distribution of distressed, transitional, competitive, and attainment counties for Fiscal Year 2004. The data used by ARC to determine the Region's economic status were updated and released by source agencies over the past few months. These updates include the annual release of income and unemployment data as well as the decennial release of poverty data. Therefore, the most current data available for calculating the economic status in Fiscal Year 2004 include the 1999-2001 three-year average unemployment rate (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics), 2000 per capita market income (U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis), and the 2000 poverty rate (U.S. Census Bureau).

Criteria for County Economic Status

Distressed Counties have poverty and unemployment rates that are at least 150 percent of the national averages and per capita market incomes that are no more than two-thirds of the national average. Counties are also considered distressed if they have poverty rates that are at least twice the national average and they qualify on either the unemployment or income indicator.

Transitional Counties are those counties that are neither distressed, competitive, nor attainment.

Competitive Counties have poverty and unemployment rates that are equal to or less than the national averages and they have per capita market incomes that are equal to or greater than 80 percent, but less than 100 percent, of the national average.

Attainment Counties have poverty rates, unemployment rates, and per capita market incomes that are at least equal to the national rates.

(Note: See the reverse side of each map for a detailed description of the economic status thresholds.)

Regional Changes in Economic Status

Using the criteria that are currently in place, the distribution of ARC's county economic levels will change dramatically in Fiscal Year 2004 due primarily to the reduction of poverty rates between the 1990 and 2000 census. Of the 410 counties in Appalachia, 51

counties will experience a change in their economic status. Of these, 40 counties will experience a positive change by moving up in economic status while only 11 counties will be negatively affected by moving down in economic status (*see Appendix 1 for a list of the 51 counties shifting in economic status. A complete list of the county economic data is provided in Appendix 2*). Although shifts will occur between many of the different categories, the primary change will occur between the distressed and transitional categories, as expressed by the net change of counties in Table 1. Maps 1 and 2 reveal the region-wide changes in economic status between Fiscal Year 2003 and Fiscal Year 2004.

Table 1: Net change in the number of counties per economic level, Fiscal Years 2003 and 2004.

Economic Levels	Fiscal Year 2003	Fiscal Year 2004	Net Change
Distressed	121	91	-30
Transitional	259	289	+30
Competitive	21	22	+1
Attainment	9	8	-1
total	410	410	0

Distressed County Analysis

The number of distressed counties in Appalachia will be reduced from 121 counties in Fiscal Year 2003 to 91 counties in Fiscal Year 2004 – a net reduction of 30 counties. This decline is due primarily to the reduction in poverty rates during the 1990’s. Census 2000 data reveal that poverty rates (the percentage of people living below the poverty threshold) were significantly reduced throughout the Appalachian Region. Overall, 350 of the 410 Appalachian counties experienced a reduction in their poverty rate, which led to a region-wide decrease from 15.4 percent in 1990 to 13.6 percent in 2000. More importantly, the reduction of the Region’s poverty rate was much greater than that experienced by the nation as a whole, which fell from 13.1 percent in 1990 to 12.4 percent in 2000. Improving faster than the nation, the poverty rates in many Appalachian counties were significantly reduced when compared to the U.S. average, thereby reducing the total number of distressed counties.

Near-Miss County Analysis

Several counties have been identified as having economic characteristics that border on the distressed threshold but remain in the transitional category. Examining these counties helps to predict potential shifts to the distressed category in the future. The county of greatest concern is Lee County, Virginia because its three-year average unemployment rate teeters on the distressed threshold. Viewing the rounded, computed data, this county appears to be distressed, but when compared with the U.S. average the unemployment rate misses the distressed threshold by 0.1 percent. Fortunately, the unemployment rate in Lee County has decreased in the past three years relative to the national average. If this trend continues the county might remain in the transitional category despite its low income and high poverty rate. The economic data for Lee County and other borderline counties in Fiscal Year 2004 are displayed in Table 2.

Table 2: Economic data for near-miss counties.

	Unemp Rate, 1999 - 2001	PCMI, 2000	Poverty Rate, 2000	Percent of the U.S. Average		
				Unemp. Rate, 1999 - 2001	PCMI, 2000	Poverty Rate, 2000
U.S. Average	4.3%	\$25,676	12.4%	100%	100%	100%
Distressed Threshold....	> = 6.5%	< = \$17,203	> = 18.6%	> = 150%	< = 67%	> = 150%
OR	> = 6.5%		> = 24.8%	> = 150%		> = 200%
OR		< = \$17,203	> = 24.8%		< = 67%	> = 200%
Rockcastle County, Kentucky	6.1%	\$11,500	23.1%	141.8%	44.8%	186.7%
Benton County, Mississippi	6.4%	\$11,693	23.2%	147.9%	45.5%	187.4%
Lowndes County, Mississippi	6.4%	\$17,844	21.3%	146.7%	69.5%	172.2%
<u>Lee County, Virginia</u>	6.5%	\$11,509	23.9%	149.9%	44.8%	193.2%
Taylor County, West Virginia	6.3%	\$10,800	20.3%	145.7%	42.1%	164.0%
Upshur County, West Virginia	6.2%	\$13,365	20.0%	143.1%	52.1%	161.7%
BORDERLINE COUNTIES WITH STATIC POVERTY RATES						
Green County, Kentucky	9.2%	\$10,954	18.4%	211.5%	42.7%	149.0%
Swain County, North Carolina	11.7%	\$12,309	18.3%	269.6%	47.9%	147.9%
Morgan County, Ohio	14.0%	\$13,996	18.4%	322.2%	54.5%	148.8%
Meigs County, Tennessee	6.8%	\$11,943	18.3%	157.7%	46.5%	147.9%

Borderline data shown in bold.

State-Level Analysis

Twelve of the thirteen Appalachian states will experience changes in the economic status of counties in Fiscal Year 2004. Table 3 shows that the number of distressed counties will be reduced in all nine states that previously contained distressed counties. Kentucky, Ohio, and West Virginia will experience the greatest reduction of distressed counties overall. In addition, Pennsylvania's two distressed counties will graduate to the transitional category. In Fiscal Year 2004, the 91 distressed counties will be located in eight of the thirteen states with concentrations in central and southern Appalachia.

Table 3: Comparison of Counties per Economic Level by State in FY 2003 and FY 2004.

FY 2003 Designations					
State	Distressed	Transitional	Competitive	Attainment	total
Alabama	7	27	2	1	37
Georgia	0	27	8	2	37
Kentucky	42	9	0	0	51
Maryland	0	2	1	0	3
Mississippi	14	10	0	0	24
New York	0	13	1	0	14
North Carolina	3	20	3	3	29
Ohio	11	17	1	0	29
Pennsylvania	2	47	2	1	52
South Carolina	0	4	1	1	6
Tennessee	10	39	0	1	50
Virginia	5	17	1	0	23
West Virginia	27	27	1	0	55
total	121	259	21	9	410

FY 2004 Designations					
State	Distressed	Transitional	Competitive	Attainment	total
Alabama	5	30	0	2	37
Georgia	0	29	5	3	37
Kentucky	35	15	1	0	51
Maryland	0	2	1	0	3
Mississippi	12	12	0	0	24
New York	0	14	0	0	14
North Carolina	1	21	6	1	29
Ohio	6	22	0	1	29
Pennsylvania	0	49	2	1	52
South Carolina	0	5	1	0	6
Tennessee	8	39	3	0	50
Virginia	3	19	1	0	23
West Virginia	21	32	2	0	55
total	91	289	22	8	410

At-Risk County Analysis

The increased number of transitional counties prompted a look into the “at-risk” category to reveal changes for Fiscal Year 2004. Although it’s not used for the distribution of ARC funds, the at-risk category helps to identify transitional counties with economic characteristics that border on the distressed threshold. At-risk counties have a per capita market income that is two-thirds of the national average or less, a three-year average unemployment rate that is at least 125 percent of the national average, and a poverty rate that is at least 125 percent of the national average. With the inclusion of Census 2000 poverty rates in the Fiscal Year 2004 designation, the number of at-risk counties would increase from 42 to 51. Table 4 reveals the change in the distribution of at-risk counties among the thirteen states. Notable changes include the creation of at-risk counties in New York and North Carolina and the removal of the at-risk county in Maryland. Overall, the combined number of distressed and at-risk counties would decrease from 163 to 142 counties between Fiscal Year 2003 and Fiscal Year 2004 – a net decrease of 21 counties. See Table 5 and Map 3 for the distribution of at-risk counties in the Appalachian Region.

Table 4: Comparison of “At-Risk” Counties by State for FY 2003 and FY 2004.

State	At-Risk Counties FY 2003	At-Risk Counties FY 2004
Alabama	8	10
Georgia	1	1
Kentucky	1	4
Maryland	1	0
Mississippi	4	4
New York	0	2
North Carolina	0	2
Ohio	4	5
Pennsylvania	1	3
South Carolina	0	0
Tennessee	10	6
Virginia	3	2
West Virginia	9	12
total	42	51

Table 5: "At-Risk" Counties by State for FY 2004

State	County	State	County	
Alabama	Clay	Ohio	Adams	
	Etowah		Gallia	
	Fayette		Guernsey	
	Lamar		Jackson	
	Marion		Morgan	
	Randolph	Pennsylvania	Fayette	
	Talladega		Forest	
	Tallapoosa		Greene	
	Walker	Tennessee	De Kalb	
	Winston		Jackson	
Georgia	Elbert		Meigs	
	Kentucky		Edmonson	Morgan
			Green	Overton
		Pike	Pickett	
Rockcastle	Virginia	Lee		
Mississippi		Benton	Russell	
	Calhoun	West Virginia	Grant	
	Monroe		Greenbrier	
	Tippah		Marion	
New York	Allegany		Marshall	
	Cortland		Pocahontas	
North Carolina	Swain		Raleigh	
	Yancey		Randolph	
		Taylor		
		Tucker		
		Tyler		
		Upshur		
		Wayne		

Appendix 1: Fifty-one Counties with Shifting Economic Status Between FY 2003 and FY 2004.

State	County	FY 2003	FY 2004	Positive/Negative Change
Alabama	Fayette	Distressed	Transitional	+
	Madison	Competitive	Attainment	+
	Morgan	Competitive	Transitional	-
	Winston	Distressed	Transitional	+
Georgia	Cherokee	Competitive	Attainment	+
	Habersham	Competitive	Transitional	-
	Hall	Competitive	Transitional	-
Kentucky	Clark	Transitional	Competitive	+
	Edmonson	Distressed	Transitional	+
	Green	Distressed	Transitional	+
	Hart	Distressed	Transitional	+
	Lincoln	Distressed	Transitional	+
	Pike	Distressed	Transitional	+
	Rockcastle	Distressed	Transitional	+
	Rowan	Distressed	Transitional	+
Mississippi	Benton	Distressed	Transitional	+
	Monroe	Distressed	Transitional	+
	Tishomingo	Distressed	Transitional	+
	Webster	Transitional	Distressed	-
New York	Broome	Competitive	Transitional	-
North Carolina	Alexander	Transitional	Competitive	+
	Cherokee	Distressed	Transitional	+
	Davie	Attainment	Competitive	-
	Polk	Attainment	Competitive	-
	Swain	Distressed	Transitional	+
Ohio	Adams	Distressed	Transitional	+
	Clermont	Competitive	Attainment	+
	Gallia	Distressed	Transitional	+
	Jackson	Distressed	Transitional	+
	Monroe	Distressed	Transitional	+
	Morgan	Distressed	Transitional	+
Pennsylvania	Fayette	Distressed	Transitional	+
	Greene	Distressed	Transitional	+
South Carolina	Greenville	Attainment	Competitive	-
	Oconee	Competitive	Transitional	-
Tennessee	Bradley	Transitional	Competitive	+
	Grundy	Transitional	Distressed	-
	Hamilton	Attainment	Competitive	-
	Jackson	Distressed	Transitional	+
	Loudon	Transitional	Competitive	+
	Meigs	Distressed	Transitional	+
	Morgan	Distressed	Transitional	+
Virginia	Lee	Distressed	Transitional	+
	Russell	Distressed	Transitional	+
West Virginia	Jackson	Distressed	Transitional	+
	Pocahontas	Distressed	Transitional	+
	Putnam	Transitional	Competitive	+
	Raleigh	Distressed	Transitional	+
	Randolph	Distressed	Transitional	+
	Taylor	Distressed	Transitional	+
Upshur	Distressed	Transitional	+	

Appendix 2 - County Economic Status in the Appalachian Region, FY2003 & FY2004

		Fiscal Year 2003						Fiscal Year 2004						Change in Economic Status		
		Computed Data			Percent of the U.S. Average			Economic Status Level FY2003	Computed Data			Percent of the U.S. Average			Economic Status Level FY2004	
		Unemp. Rate %	Income (PCMI) \$	Poverty Rate %	Unemp. Rate %	Income (PCMI) \$	Poverty Rate %		Unemp. Rate %	Income (PCMI) \$	Poverty Rate %	Unemp. Rate %	Income (PCMI) \$			Poverty Rate %
		1998-2000	1999	1990	1998-2000	1999	1990		1999-2001	2000	2000	1999-2001	2000			2000
United States		4.2	24,819	13.1	100.0	100.0	100.0		4.3	25,676	12.4	100.0	100.0	100.0		
Appalachian Region		4.6	19,210	15.4	108.8	77.4	117.1		4.7	19,736	13.6	108.3	76.9	110.2		
<i>State</i>	<i>County</i>															
AL	Bibb	6.8	14,471	21.2	159.3	58.3	161.5	Distressed	7.9	14,200	20.6	181.3	55.3	166.5	Distressed	
AL	Blount	2.9	17,907	15.3	67.5	72.2	116.3	Transitional	2.8	17,010	11.7	63.9	66.2	94.9	Transitional	
AL	Calhoun	4.9	16,527	15.7	116.5	66.6	119.4	Transitional	5.3	16,844	16.1	122.3	65.6	130.2	Transitional	
AL	Chambers	4.5	15,555	18.8	105.4	62.7	143.3	Transitional	5.3	16,127	17.0	122.2	62.8	137.6	Transitional	
AL	Cherokee	4.5	14,045	17.6	105.2	56.6	134.1	Transitional	4.5	13,498	15.6	105.0	52.6	125.7	Transitional	
AL	Chilton	4.1	16,189	17.1	96.3	65.2	130.4	Transitional	4.3	16,439	15.7	100.4	64.0	126.9	Transitional	
AL	Clay	5.6	15,065	17.4	132.1	60.7	133.0	Transitional	6.4	14,973	17.1	148.2	58.3	138.2	Transitional	
AL	Cleburne	3.8	14,796	15.3	89.7	59.6	116.6	Transitional	4.4	15,435	13.9	102.6	60.1	112.7	Transitional	
AL	Colbert	7.1	18,297	14.6	166.2	73.7	111.0	Transitional	7.3	17,932	14.0	168.6	69.8	112.8	Transitional	
AL	Coosa	5.2	13,541	18.2	122.1	54.6	138.7	Transitional	6.5	13,662	14.9	150.5	53.2	120.6	Transitional	
AL	Cullman	3.7	17,255	15.3	86.4	69.5	116.7	Transitional	3.9	17,201	13.0	90.7	67.0	105.0	Transitional	
AL	De Kalb	3.9	17,154	17.4	90.8	69.1	132.3	Transitional	4.0	16,698	15.4	92.4	65.0	124.3	Transitional	
AL	Elmore	3.2	18,431	14.5	74.7	74.3	110.5	Transitional	3.5	18,663	10.2	81.1	72.7	82.8	Transitional	
AL	Etowah	6.1	16,122	16.5	144.5	65.0	125.7	Transitional	7.0	16,827	15.7	161.4	65.5	126.8	Transitional	
AL	Fayette	8.0	14,414	20.3	189.6	58.1	154.9	Distressed	8.2	14,537	17.3	188.8	56.6	140.0	Transitional	+
AL	Franklin	7.3	16,476	20.7	170.9	66.4	157.9	Distressed	7.7	15,208	18.9	177.2	59.2	152.6	Distressed	
AL	Hale	7.5	11,971	35.6	175.6	48.2	271.4	Distressed	8.3	12,730	26.9	191.1	49.6	217.2	Distressed	
AL	Jackson	6.3	17,212	16.6	148.2	69.4	126.7	Transitional	7.1	17,685	13.7	163.8	68.9	110.5	Transitional	
AL	Jefferson	3.3	24,675	16.0	78.6	99.4	122.0	Transitional	3.6	25,636	14.8	82.7	99.8	119.4	Transitional	
AL	Lamar	9.0	13,756	18.0	211.0	55.4	137.3	Transitional	9.8	14,310	16.1	227.3	55.7	130.0	Transitional	
AL	Lauderdale	6.2	17,109	14.9	144.9	68.9	113.4	Transitional	6.6	16,834	14.4	153.2	65.6	116.5	Transitional	
AL	Lawrence	5.6	17,428	19.8	131.1	70.2	151.1	Transitional	6.1	16,294	15.3	140.6	63.5	123.2	Transitional	
AL	Limestone	3.6	18,387	14.0	85.3	74.1	106.6	Transitional	3.8	18,595	12.3	87.4	72.4	99.7	Transitional	
AL	Macon	7.4	11,301	34.5	174.7	45.5	262.9	Distressed	7.0	10,963	32.8	160.7	42.7	265.3	Distressed	
AL	Madison	2.9	24,494	10.9	69.0	98.7	82.7	Competitive	3.1	26,215	10.5	72.7	102.1	85.2	Attainment	+
AL	Marion	7.5	15,074	19.1	177.2	60.7	145.9	Transitional	8.7	14,290	15.6	201.5	55.7	126.3	Transitional	
AL	Marshall	5.7	16,205	17.2	135.3	65.3	131.4	Transitional	5.8	15,897	14.7	134.6	61.9	118.5	Transitional	
AL	Morgan	4.1	20,778	12.0	95.8	83.7	91.7	Competitive	4.6	21,458	12.3	107.1	83.6	99.3	Transitional	-
AL	Pickens	9.6	13,534	28.9	225.9	54.5	220.2	Distressed	10.8	13,368	24.9	250.2	52.1	201.3	Distressed	
AL	Randolph	5.5	14,065	18.9	128.6	56.7	143.8	Transitional	6.4	13,119	17.0	148.4	51.1	137.4	Transitional	
AL	St. Clair	3.1	17,385	14.8	72.3	70.0	112.5	Transitional	3.4	17,946	12.1	77.6	69.9	97.6	Transitional	
AL	Shelby	1.6	27,377	9.2	37.3	110.3	69.8	Attainment	1.8	29,536	6.3	40.8	115.0	51.0	Attainment	
AL	Talladega	5.6	14,342	20.2	133.0	57.8	153.6	Transitional	6.6	14,436	17.6	152.0	56.2	142.3	Transitional	
AL	Tallapoosa	4.9	16,962	16.0	115.1	68.3	122.2	Transitional	5.7	16,579	16.6	131.6	64.6	133.8	Transitional	
AL	Tuscaloosa	2.8	19,200	20.1	66.9	77.4	153.0	Transitional	3.0	19,439	17.0	69.7	75.7	137.5	Transitional	
AL	Walker	6.4	15,535	17.3	151.2	62.6	132.0	Transitional	7.0	15,987	16.5	162.0	62.3	133.3	Transitional	
AL	Winston	7.4	14,818	19.8	173.4	59.7	150.8	Distressed	9.7	13,951	17.1	223.6	54.3	138.5	Transitional	+
GA	Banks	3.6	16,672	15.1	85.5	67.2	115.4	Transitional	3.5	16,124	12.5	82.0	62.8	101.4	Transitional	
GA	Barrow	3.4	18,220	14.7	79.3	73.4	111.7	Transitional	3.5	17,516	8.3	81.5	68.2	67.0	Transitional	

Note: Counties that will experience a shift in economic status, as well as the data that will cause the shift, are highlighted in bold.

		Fiscal Year 2003						Fiscal Year 2004								
		Computed Data			Percent of the U.S. Average			Economic Status Level FY2003	Computed Data			Percent of the U.S. Average			Economic Status Level FY2004	Change in Economic Status
		Unemp. Rate %	Income (PCMI) \$	Poverty Rate %	Unemp. Rate %	Income (PCMI) \$	Poverty Rate %		Unemp. Rate %	Income (PCMI) \$	Poverty Rate %	Unemp. Rate %	Income (PCMI) \$	Poverty Rate %		
		1998-2000	1999	1990	1998-2000	1999	1990		1999-2001	2000	2000	1999-2001	2000	2000		
United States		4.2	24,819	13.1	100.0	100.0	100.0		4.3	25,676	12.4	100.0	100.0	100.0		
Appalachian Region		4.6	19,210	15.4	108.8	77.4	117.1		4.7	19,736	13.6	108.3	76.9	110.2		
<i>State</i>	<i>County</i>															
GA	Bartow	4.1	20,036	10.7	96.8	80.7	81.2	Competitive	4.2	21,270	8.6	96.7	82.8	69.3	Competitive	
GA	Carroll	4.4	17,838	14.4	102.9	71.9	109.9	Transitional	4.5	18,299	13.7	104.8	71.3	110.8	Transitional	
GA	Catoosa	3.2	17,069	12.0	75.4	68.8	91.3	Transitional	2.7	17,755	9.4	63.0	69.2	76.3	Transitional	
GA	Chattooga	3.7	15,653	14.6	87.3	63.1	111.3	Transitional	3.9	14,382	14.3	89.0	56.0	115.4	Transitional	
GA	Cherokee	2.1	24,125	6.1	49.0	97.2	46.3	Competitive	2.1	26,655	5.3	48.4	103.8	43.0	Attainment	+
GA	Dade	3.6	15,591	14.6	83.8	62.8	111.4	Transitional	3.1	16,681	9.7	70.6	65.0	78.7	Transitional	
GA	Dawson	2.0	21,150	12.8	48.0	85.2	97.8	Competitive	2.4	22,960	7.6	56.3	89.4	61.5	Competitive	
GA	Douglas	2.9	21,556	6.6	67.9	86.9	50.3	Competitive	2.8	22,739	7.8	64.7	88.6	62.9	Competitive	
GA	Elbert	7.8	16,801	19.7	184.6	67.7	150.5	Transitional	7.5	16,466	17.3	172.6	64.1	140.0	Transitional	
GA	Fannin	4.3	13,707	17.2	101.5	55.2	131.4	Transitional	3.7	14,176	12.4	86.2	55.2	100.0	Transitional	
GA	Floyd	4.3	20,407	13.6	100.7	82.2	103.9	Transitional	4.3	19,785	14.4	98.3	77.1	116.7	Transitional	
GA	Forsyth	1.6	29,925	6.8	38.7	120.6	51.6	Attainment	1.8	32,831	5.5	41.7	127.9	44.5	Attainment	
GA	Franklin	3.5	18,264	16.5	83.4	73.6	125.8	Transitional	4.0	17,930	13.9	92.0	69.8	112.0	Transitional	
GA	Gilmer	4.1	15,534	16.6	96.8	62.6	126.3	Transitional	3.5	13,575	12.5	81.0	52.9	100.6	Transitional	
GA	Gordon	4.4	18,635	11.1	104.6	75.1	84.8	Transitional	5.1	18,618	9.9	118.6	72.5	79.7	Transitional	
GA	Gwinnett	2.4	30,388	4.0	55.8	122.4	30.3	Attainment	2.5	30,711	5.7	58.4	119.6	45.9	Attainment	
GA	Habersham	3.6	19,951	11.6	85.4	80.4	88.2	Competitive	3.8	18,428	12.2	88.1	71.8	98.4	Transitional	-
GA	Hall	2.6	22,772	10.6	61.4	91.8	81.0	Competitive	2.6	21,825	12.4	60.2	85.0	100.3	Transitional	-
GA	Haralson	5.1	16,135	14.4	119.6	65.0	110.1	Transitional	5.0	16,657	15.5	115.5	64.9	125.2	Transitional	
GA	Hart	4.3	17,232	14.2	100.6	69.4	107.9	Transitional	5.2	17,687	14.8	119.3	68.9	119.3	Transitional	
GA	Heard	5.7	14,296	19.1	135.2	57.6	145.2	Transitional	5.8	13,681	13.6	134.1	53.3	109.8	Transitional	
GA	Jackson	3.4	19,862	14.1	80.5	80.0	107.8	Transitional	3.4	18,977	12.0	78.4	73.9	96.8	Transitional	
GA	Lumpkin	2.4	19,701	15.3	55.4	79.4	116.4	Transitional	2.1	19,448	13.2	48.3	75.7	107.0	Transitional	
GA	Madison	3.0	17,964	15.7	70.9	72.4	119.6	Transitional	3.1	17,858	11.6	71.7	69.6	94.1	Transitional	
GA	Murray	3.7	15,527	11.3	87.3	62.6	86.5	Transitional	3.8	15,413	12.7	87.9	60.0	102.2	Transitional	
GA	Paulding	2.2	14,816	8.8	51.3	59.7	66.7	Transitional	2.2	15,672	5.5	51.7	61.0	44.4	Transitional	
GA	Pickens	2.7	21,965	12.8	63.8	88.5	97.3	Competitive	2.7	20,565	9.2	63.4	80.1	74.0	Competitive	
GA	Polk	5.2	15,773	16.3	122.5	63.6	124.2	Transitional	5.1	15,935	15.5	117.9	62.1	124.9	Transitional	
GA	Rabun	2.5	17,796	13.6	58.4	71.7	103.9	Transitional	2.5	17,282	11.1	56.8	67.3	89.8	Transitional	
GA	Stephens	4.7	17,085	17.0	111.0	68.8	129.2	Transitional	4.9	17,706	15.1	112.1	69.0	122.0	Transitional	
GA	Towns	4.0	16,693	14.0	95.0	67.3	107.0	Transitional	3.4	16,539	11.8	79.4	64.4	95.4	Transitional	
GA	Union	3.6	15,583	18.3	84.3	62.8	139.4	Transitional	3.1	16,336	12.5	71.7	63.6	101.1	Transitional	
GA	Walker	4.0	15,676	12.8	94.6	63.2	97.3	Transitional	3.8	17,099	12.5	87.4	66.6	100.8	Transitional	
GA	White	4.1	18,883	12.5	95.4	76.1	95.5	Transitional	3.8	18,064	10.5	88.3	70.4	85.1	Transitional	
GA	Whitfield	3.0	22,979	11.1	70.1	92.6	84.7	Competitive	3.3	24,418	11.5	77.1	95.1	92.7	Competitive	
KY	Adair	10.3	11,210	25.1	242.0	45.2	191.6	Distressed	6.5	11,731	24.0	150.6	45.7	193.7	Distressed	
KY	Bath	5.9	12,813	27.3	138.9	51.6	207.7	Distressed	6.6	13,565	21.9	152.9	52.8	177.0	Distressed	
KY	Bell	6.0	10,198	36.2	142.3	41.1	276.2	Distressed	6.9	10,138	31.1	158.8	39.5	251.0	Distressed	
KY	Boyd	6.1	19,813	16.5	144.5	79.8	125.9	Transitional	6.2	20,108	15.5	143.7	78.3	124.8	Transitional	
KY	Breathitt	8.4	9,028	39.5	196.8	36.4	301.1	Distressed	9.0	9,295	33.2	208.9	36.2	268.4	Distressed	
KY	Carter	11.1	12,294	26.8	261.0	49.5	204.0	Distressed	12.2	13,154	22.3	282.0	51.2	180.2	Distressed	
KY	Casey	7.0	10,796	29.4	164.7	43.5	224.4	Distressed	6.9	11,697	25.5	160.4	45.6	206.4	Distressed	
KY	Clark	3.2	20,565	17.7	75.3	82.9	134.6	Transitional	3.9	21,723	10.6	90.5	84.6	86.0	Competitive	+

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		Unemp. Rate %	Income (PCMI) \$	Poverty Rate %	Unemp. Rate %	Income (PCMI) \$	Poverty Rate %		Unemp. Rate %	Income (PCMI) \$	Poverty Rate %	Unemp. Rate %	Income (PCMI) \$	Poverty Rate %		
		1998-2000	1999	1990	1998-2000	1999	1990		1999-2001	2000	2000	1999-2001	2000	2000		
United States		4.2	24,819	13.1	100.0	100.0	100.0		4.3	25,676	12.4	100.0	100.0	100.0		
Appalachian Region		4.6	19,210	15.4	108.8	77.4	117.1		4.7	19,736	13.6	108.3	76.9	110.2		
<i>State</i>	<i>County</i>															
KY	Clay	6.7	9,396	40.2	156.8	37.9	306.3	Distressed	6.6	8,761	39.7	152.5	34.1	320.8	Distressed	
KY	Clinton	4.6	10,376	38.1	108.8	41.8	290.4	Distressed	4.4	11,891	25.8	101.2	46.3	208.1	Distressed	
KY	Cumberland	6.6	9,073	31.6	154.8	36.6	240.7	Distressed	6.9	9,707	23.8	159.2	37.8	192.4	Distressed	
KY	Edmonson	5.8	11,416	27.0	135.8	46.0	205.8	Distressed	5.5	11,782	18.4	127.8	45.9	148.4	Transitional	+
KY	Elliott	13.2	7,805	38.0	311.1	31.4	290.0	Distressed	12.7	7,736	25.9	293.6	30.1	209.4	Distressed	
KY	Estill	5.0	11,883	29.0	117.8	47.9	221.3	Distressed	5.3	12,720	26.4	122.8	49.5	213.6	Distressed	
KY	Fleming	5.0	12,565	25.4	117.9	50.6	193.9	Transitional	4.9	13,309	18.6	112.9	51.8	150.7	Transitional	
KY	Floyd	7.3	11,417	31.2	172.0	46.0	238.0	Distressed	7.2	11,731	30.3	166.4	45.7	244.5	Distressed	
KY	Garrard	2.7	13,906	18.1	62.7	56.0	137.6	Transitional	3.3	14,479	14.7	75.3	56.4	118.4	Transitional	
KY	Green	12.7	10,715	21.6	300.0	43.2	164.5	Distressed	9.2	10,954	18.4	211.5	42.7	149.0	Transitional	+
KY	Greenup	6.0	15,089	17.6	140.8	60.8	134.3	Transitional	6.0	15,596	14.1	137.8	60.7	114.1	Transitional	
KY	Harlan	11.4	8,886	33.1	267.8	35.8	252.2	Distressed	10.2	9,515	32.5	235.4	37.1	262.5	Distressed	
KY	Hart	5.0	12,209	27.1	117.7	49.2	207.0	Distressed	5.2	12,575	22.4	119.2	49.0	181.1	Transitional	+
KY	Jackson	4.5	9,407	38.2	105.7	37.9	291.5	Distressed	5.4	10,106	30.2	124.1	39.4	243.6	Distressed	
KY	Johnson	6.6	11,358	28.7	155.2	45.8	219.0	Distressed	6.5	12,026	26.6	150.4	46.8	214.6	Distressed	
KY	Knott	7.7	10,101	40.4	181.7	40.7	307.9	Distressed	7.6	10,426	31.1	176.3	40.6	251.0	Distressed	
KY	Knox	5.8	10,037	38.9	137.0	40.4	296.5	Distressed	5.8	10,648	34.8	134.3	41.5	281.4	Distressed	
KY	Laurel	4.7	15,065	24.8	109.7	60.7	188.8	Transitional	4.7	15,713	21.3	108.7	61.2	171.7	Transitional	
KY	Lawrence	9.5	9,916	36.0	224.2	40.0	274.7	Distressed	9.6	10,293	30.7	221.7	40.1	248.0	Distressed	
KY	Lee	5.7	8,829	37.4	133.3	35.6	285.1	Distressed	6.0	9,279	30.4	138.9	36.1	245.8	Distressed	
KY	Leslie	5.4	9,826	35.6	127.6	39.6	271.2	Distressed	5.1	9,925	32.7	117.2	38.7	263.8	Distressed	
KY	Letcher	9.2	9,903	31.8	216.5	39.9	242.2	Distressed	8.8	10,465	27.1	202.1	40.8	218.9	Distressed	
KY	Lewis	13.8	9,254	30.7	326.0	37.3	234.0	Distressed	14.2	8,851	28.5	328.0	34.5	230.2	Distressed	
KY	Lincoln	3.7	13,108	27.2	87.8	52.8	207.1	Distressed	4.7	14,201	21.1	107.5	55.3	170.8	Transitional	+
KY	McCreary	7.5	7,608	45.5	176.8	30.7	346.6	Distressed	8.7	7,797	32.2	201.1	30.4	260.1	Distressed	
KY	Madison	2.6	17,580	21.2	61.1	70.8	161.6	Transitional	3.2	17,889	16.8	74.3	69.7	135.4	Transitional	
KY	Magoffin	13.7	7,859	42.5	321.7	31.7	324.3	Distressed	13.3	8,500	36.6	307.6	33.1	296.0	Distressed	
KY	Martin	10.5	9,961	35.4	247.2	40.1	269.7	Distressed	8.9	9,879	37.0	206.5	38.5	298.8	Distressed	
KY	Menifee	6.5	10,184	35.0	153.8	41.0	267.0	Distressed	6.9	10,175	29.6	159.1	39.6	239.0	Distressed	
KY	Monroe	9.5	13,848	26.9	224.5	55.8	205.3	Distressed	12.5	13,066	23.4	289.1	50.9	188.7	Distressed	
KY	Montgomery	4.4	16,473	21.0	103.8	66.4	160.2	Transitional	5.2	16,737	15.2	118.9	65.2	122.6	Transitional	
KY	Morgan	7.7	8,659	38.8	180.8	34.9	295.6	Distressed	8.3	8,914	27.2	190.8	34.7	219.9	Distressed	
KY	Owsley	4.7	6,826	52.1	110.5	27.5	397.4	Distressed	5.0	7,901	45.4	115.5	30.8	366.6	Distressed	
KY	Perry	6.9	12,384	32.1	163.2	49.9	245.0	Distressed	6.7	13,543	29.1	154.8	52.7	235.1	Distressed	
KY	Pike	6.7	13,893	25.4	158.4	56.0	193.7	Distressed	6.1	14,749	23.4	139.8	57.4	189.2	Transitional	+
KY	Powell	5.5	10,573	26.2	130.5	42.6	200.0	Distressed	6.5	11,363	23.5	150.5	44.3	189.6	Distressed	
KY	Pulaski	4.8	14,366	22.7	112.1	57.9	173.0	Transitional	5.3	15,615	19.1	122.3	60.8	154.2	Transitional	
KY	Rockcastle	5.1	11,223	30.7	119.1	45.2	234.3	Distressed	6.1	11,500	23.1	141.8	44.8	186.7	Transitional	+
KY	Rowan	3.7	12,446	28.9	86.5	50.1	220.5	Distressed	4.6	13,568	21.3	106.1	52.8	171.7	Transitional	+
KY	Russell	15.7	11,179	25.6	370.1	45.0	195.4	Distressed	9.7	11,821	24.3	224.5	46.0	196.2	Distressed	
KY	Wayne	7.7	10,034	37.3	182.5	40.4	284.2	Distressed	7.1	10,148	29.4	164.2	39.5	237.2	Distressed	
KY	Whitley	5.4	10,872	33.0	126.4	43.8	251.6	Distressed	5.5	11,219	26.4	128.1	43.7	213.0	Distressed	
KY	Wolfe	6.2	7,862	44.3	146.2	31.7	337.5	Distressed	7.8	8,547	35.9	179.4	33.3	290.1	Distressed	

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		1998-2000	1999	1990	1998-2000	1999	1990		1999-2001	2000	2000	1999-2001	2000	2000		
United States		4.2	24,819	13.1	100.0	100.0	100.0		4.3	25,676	12.4	100.0	100.0	100.0		
Appalachian Region		4.6	19,210	15.4	108.8	77.4	117.1		4.7	19,736	13.6	108.3	76.9	110.2		
<i>State</i>	<i>County</i>															
MD	Allegany	8.0	15,665	16.5	187.8	63.1	125.8	Transitional	7.5	15,437	14.8	173.9	60.1	119.3	Transitional	
MD	Garrett	9.3	15,270	14.7	219.6	61.5	111.9	Transitional	8.2	15,877	13.3	189.8	61.8	107.3	Transitional	
MD	Washington	3.6	20,506	9.3	85.2	82.6	71.2	Competitive	3.6	20,612	9.5	82.2	80.3	76.9	Competitive	
MS	Alcorn	5.5	15,747	20.8	128.6	63.4	158.6	Transitional	5.0	15,625	16.6	116.3	60.9	134.0	Transitional	
MS	Benton	6.3	11,203	29.7	148.7	45.1	226.1	Distressed	6.4	11,693	23.2	147.9	45.5	187.4	Transitional	+
MS	Calhoun	5.6	14,834	21.5	131.3	59.8	163.6	Transitional	7.0	14,630	18.1	161.7	57.0	146.6	Transitional	
MS	Chickasaw	7.0	14,554	21.3	165.5	58.6	162.1	Distressed	9.0	13,994	20.0	207.4	54.5	161.8	Distressed	
MS	Choctaw	8.3	11,372	25.0	196.5	45.8	190.7	Distressed	10.1	12,056	24.7	232.9	47.0	199.8	Distressed	
MS	Clay	8.1	14,812	25.9	190.0	59.7	197.5	Distressed	8.5	15,026	23.5	196.0	58.5	189.6	Distressed	
MS	Itawamba	4.9	17,141	15.6	115.7	69.1	119.3	Transitional	4.7	16,189	14.0	107.8	63.1	112.9	Transitional	
MS	Kemper	10.6	12,199	35.1	250.8	49.2	267.9	Distressed	10.5	12,382	26.0	242.9	48.2	209.7	Distressed	
MS	Lee	4.0	21,312	15.4	93.4	85.9	117.5	Transitional	4.1	21,972	13.4	93.9	85.6	108.0	Transitional	
MS	Lowndes	6.5	17,901	22.1	153.8	72.1	168.7	Transitional	6.4	17,844	21.3	146.7	69.5	172.2	Transitional	
MS	Marshall	6.0	14,493	30.0	140.5	58.4	228.5	Distressed	6.6	14,019	21.9	152.6	54.6	177.3	Distressed	
MS	Monroe	9.3	13,709	21.2	220.2	55.2	161.3	Distressed	9.4	14,059	17.2	217.5	54.8	139.2	Transitional	+
MS	Montgomery	6.3	12,403	34.0	148.6	50.0	259.3	Distressed	7.4	12,701	24.3	171.1	49.5	196.7	Distressed	
MS	Noxubee	11.1	12,332	41.4	261.5	49.7	315.3	Distressed	11.4	12,349	32.8	264.1	48.1	265.2	Distressed	
MS	Oktibbeha	2.6	16,167	30.1	60.4	65.1	229.6	Distressed	2.7	15,813	28.2	62.5	61.6	227.8	Distressed	
MS	Panola	8.8	12,116	33.8	206.7	48.8	257.7	Distressed	9.3	12,266	25.3	215.7	47.8	204.5	Distressed	
MS	Pontotoc	3.8	15,162	17.2	89.1	61.1	131.5	Transitional	4.2	15,381	13.8	96.5	59.9	111.5	Transitional	
MS	Prentiss	6.0	12,340	21.5	141.0	49.7	163.8	Transitional	5.1	12,421	16.5	117.7	48.4	133.3	Transitional	
MS	Tippah	5.7	13,643	22.6	133.3	55.0	172.4	Transitional	5.5	14,112	16.9	127.8	55.0	136.5	Transitional	
MS	Tishomingo	8.9	12,271	20.3	210.7	49.4	155.0	Distressed	7.7	12,166	14.1	176.7	47.4	113.9	Transitional	+
MS	Union	3.8	16,537	16.4	88.7	66.6	124.7	Transitional	3.9	16,103	12.6	90.2	62.7	102.2	Transitional	
MS	Webster	4.9	12,540	24.4	114.5	50.5	186.2	Transitional	6.9	12,755	18.7	160.2	49.7	150.9	Distressed	-
MS	Winston	7.6	14,093	26.6	179.8	56.8	202.5	Distressed	9.4	13,881	23.7	217.4	54.1	191.8	Distressed	
MS	Yalobusha	6.9	12,243	26.4	162.7	49.3	201.4	Distressed	7.5	12,453	21.8	173.2	48.5	176.2	Distressed	
NY	Allegany	7.3	13,546	14.8	172.1	54.6	112.8	Transitional	6.7	14,260	15.5	155.3	55.5	125.3	Transitional	
NY	Broome	3.8	20,514	10.5	90.5	82.7	80.3	Competitive	3.9	20,584	12.8	90.1	80.2	103.7	Transitional	-
NY	Cattaraugus	6.9	15,279	14.0	163.3	61.6	107.0	Transitional	6.7	15,705	13.7	155.5	61.2	110.9	Transitional	
NY	Chautauqua	5.1	16,133	13.8	119.2	65.0	105.1	Transitional	5.1	16,401	13.8	117.9	63.9	111.8	Transitional	
NY	Chemung	4.6	18,770	11.4	108.9	75.6	86.6	Transitional	5.0	20,171	13.0	115.1	78.6	104.7	Transitional	
NY	Chenango	5.5	16,574	11.7	128.4	66.8	89.4	Transitional	5.2	16,818	14.4	121.1	65.5	116.0	Transitional	
NY	Cortland	6.8	16,466	12.7	160.6	66.3	97.2	Transitional	6.3	17,068	15.5	145.0	66.5	125.0	Transitional	
NY	Delaware	4.9	15,814	12.8	114.3	63.7	97.6	Transitional	4.8	15,700	12.9	110.5	61.1	103.9	Transitional	
NY	Otsego	5.0	17,818	13.9	117.1	71.8	106.1	Transitional	4.7	17,771	14.9	109.1	69.2	120.7	Transitional	
NY	Schoharie	5.0	17,080	11.5	118.6	68.8	88.0	Transitional	4.8	18,109	11.4	110.4	70.5	92.0	Transitional	
NY	Schuyler	5.8	14,323	11.2	135.4	57.7	85.4	Transitional	6.0	15,806	11.8	138.8	61.6	95.6	Transitional	
NY	Steuben	5.5	19,717	13.5	130.3	79.4	103.0	Transitional	5.4	23,540	13.2	125.6	91.7	106.9	Transitional	
NY	Tioga	3.6	18,418	9.3	85.1	74.2	71.0	Transitional	3.8	19,251	8.4	87.0	75.0	67.8	Transitional	
NY	Tompkins	2.8	20,533	18.9	65.8	82.7	144.4	Transitional	2.7	21,582	17.6	62.4	84.1	142.4	Transitional	
NC	Alexander	2.2	19,415	9.8	52.6	78.2	75.0	Transitional	3.6	20,546	8.5	83.0	80.0	68.5	Competitive	+
NC	Alleghany	4.7	21,257	20.1	110.2	85.6	152.9	Transitional	6.3	20,704	17.2	145.5	80.6	138.6	Transitional	

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		1998-2000	1999	1990	1998-2000	1999	1990		1999-2001	2000	2000	1999-2001	2000	2000		
United States		4.2	24,819	13.1	100.0	100.0	100.0		4.3	25,676	12.4	100.0	100.0	100.0		
Appalachian Region		4.6	19,210	15.4	108.8	77.4	117.1		4.7	19,736	13.6	108.3	76.9	110.2		
<i>State</i>	<i>County</i>															
NC	Ashe	6.6	16,859	18.4	155.9	67.9	140.4	Transitional	7.3	17,898	13.5	168.4	69.7	108.7	Transitional	
NC	Avery	3.4	19,249	14.6	80.6	77.6	111.0	Transitional	3.7	19,539	15.3	85.9	76.1	123.3	Transitional	
NC	Buncombe	2.5	23,289	11.4	58.4	93.8	86.9	Competitive	2.8	23,114	11.4	64.9	90.0	92.4	Competitive	
NC	Burke	3.0	18,363	10.1	71.4	74.0	77.2	Transitional	4.1	18,038	10.7	95.7	70.3	86.3	Transitional	
NC	Caldwell	2.2	19,890	10.8	51.8	80.1	82.1	Competitive	3.7	20,942	10.7	84.7	81.6	86.5	Competitive	
NC	Cherokee	6.7	13,071	20.4	158.4	52.7	155.7	Distressed	7.4	12,962	15.3	171.6	50.5	123.9	Transitional	+
NC	Clay	3.4	15,422	17.9	79.5	62.1	136.8	Transitional	3.7	16,181	11.4	85.3	63.0	92.4	Transitional	
NC	Davie	3.2	25,935	8.4	74.5	104.5	63.7	Attainment	4.0	25,570	8.6	91.8	99.6	69.5	Competitive	-
NC	Forsyth	2.6	29,214	10.5	60.5	117.7	80.3	Attainment	3.1	28,772	11.0	70.8	112.1	89.2	Attainment	
NC	Graham	8.6	12,973	24.9	201.9	52.3	190.1	Distressed	8.2	13,499	19.5	189.3	52.6	157.6	Distressed	
NC	Haywood	4.7	17,614	12.7	109.7	71.0	96.9	Transitional	4.5	17,828	11.5	103.8	69.4	93.0	Transitional	
NC	Henderson	2.3	22,915	10.5	54.7	92.3	79.9	Competitive	2.6	21,864	9.7	60.3	85.2	78.5	Competitive	
NC	Jackson	3.9	18,115	16.7	91.7	73.0	127.1	Transitional	3.7	17,409	15.1	86.3	67.8	122.2	Transitional	
NC	McDowell	4.2	16,772	11.4	98.2	67.6	87.2	Transitional	5.6	16,549	11.6	128.8	64.5	93.8	Transitional	
NC	Macon	4.0	17,784	16.5	94.4	71.7	126.0	Transitional	3.6	18,170	12.6	83.6	70.8	102.0	Transitional	
NC	Madison	3.0	15,265	20.4	71.7	61.5	155.2	Transitional	3.7	15,856	15.4	86.3	61.8	124.3	Transitional	
NC	Mitchell	6.3	15,768	16.0	147.8	63.5	121.6	Transitional	7.2	15,843	13.8	165.7	61.7	111.7	Transitional	
NC	Polk	2.8	25,801	9.6	66.9	104.0	73.4	Attainment	3.3	25,423	10.1	75.3	99.0	81.4	Competitive	-
NC	Rutherford	6.5	16,597	12.3	153.2	66.9	93.7	Transitional	7.6	16,848	13.9	175.5	65.6	112.4	Transitional	
NC	Stokes	2.6	18,188	9.8	61.0	73.3	74.8	Transitional	3.5	19,270	9.1	80.7	75.1	73.3	Transitional	
NC	Surry	3.9	19,326	11.4	91.0	77.9	87.0	Transitional	4.8	19,176	12.4	111.9	74.7	100.3	Transitional	
NC	Swain	12.0	12,336	27.6	283.3	49.7	210.5	Distressed	11.7	12,309	18.3	269.6	47.9	147.9	Transitional	+
NC	Transylvania	2.2	19,800	13.5	52.8	79.8	102.8	Transitional	3.0	20,348	9.5	70.2	79.2	76.6	Transitional	
NC	Watauga	1.6	19,194	21.5	37.2	77.3	164.0	Transitional	1.7	20,301	17.9	38.3	79.1	144.7	Transitional	
NC	Wilkes	2.8	19,537	13.3	66.6	78.7	101.4	Transitional	3.9	20,127	11.9	89.6	78.4	95.8	Transitional	
NC	Yadkin	2.8	18,626	12.0	66.0	75.0	91.2	Transitional	3.6	19,097	10.0	82.9	74.4	80.5	Transitional	
NC	Yancey	4.9	14,621	18.7	114.8	58.9	142.2	Transitional	7.4	14,776	15.8	169.8	57.5	127.4	Transitional	
OH	Adams	10.2	12,023	28.5	239.8	48.4	217.5	Distressed	9.7	13,507	17.4	224.8	52.6	140.2	Transitional	+
OH	Athens	4.8	14,904	28.7	113.1	60.0	218.6	Distressed	4.5	15,179	27.4	103.1	59.1	221.0	Distressed	
OH	Belmont	5.3	15,708	17.4	124.9	63.3	132.8	Transitional	4.9	16,254	14.6	112.7	63.3	117.8	Transitional	
OH	Brown	5.5	17,216	14.2	129.1	69.4	107.9	Transitional	5.9	17,996	11.6	136.9	70.1	94.1	Transitional	
OH	Carroll	4.8	18,201	11.7	113.5	73.3	89.5	Transitional	4.8	19,245	11.4	110.7	75.0	92.3	Transitional	
OH	Clermont	3.6	23,414	8.7	84.8	94.3	66.3	Competitive	3.7	25,882	7.1	85.9	100.8	57.2	Attainment	+
OH	Columbiana	5.5	17,027	15.9	129.0	68.6	121.1	Transitional	5.5	17,098	11.5	126.7	66.6	93.2	Transitional	
OH	Coshocton	5.4	17,193	13.2	127.9	69.3	100.5	Transitional	5.7	17,742	9.1	131.2	69.1	73.6	Transitional	
OH	Gallia	7.8	14,278	22.5	182.6	57.5	171.4	Distressed	7.0	15,920	18.1	160.6	62.0	146.5	Transitional	+
OH	Guernsey	8.3	14,297	17.5	195.8	57.6	133.2	Transitional	7.6	14,748	16.0	175.4	57.4	129.2	Transitional	
OH	Harrison	5.9	14,188	19.7	138.8	57.2	150.2	Transitional	5.6	14,303	13.3	129.4	55.7	107.5	Transitional	
OH	Highland	4.9	15,188	16.5	115.1	61.2	125.7	Transitional	5.0	15,805	11.8	115.2	61.6	95.5	Transitional	
OH	Hocking	7.3	15,449	15.7	172.3	62.2	119.8	Transitional	7.5	16,698	13.5	174.1	65.0	109.2	Transitional	
OH	Holmes	2.9	15,369	17.2	67.8	61.9	131.5	Transitional	2.8	16,008	12.9	63.5	62.3	104.0	Transitional	
OH	Jackson	7.0	14,527	24.2	164.4	58.5	184.4	Distressed	7.1	14,804	16.5	163.1	57.7	133.0	Transitional	+
OH	Jefferson	6.1	15,445	17.1	142.9	62.2	130.7	Transitional	5.8	15,619	15.1	134.7	60.8	122.2	Transitional	

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		Computed Data			Percent of the U.S. Average			Economic Status Level FY2003	Computed Data			Percent of the U.S. Average			Economic Status Level FY2004	
		Unemp. Rate %	Income (PCMI) \$	Poverty Rate %	Unemp. Rate %	Income (PCMI) \$	Poverty Rate %		Unemp. Rate %	Income (PCMI) \$	Poverty Rate %	Unemp. Rate %	Income (PCMI) \$			Poverty Rate %
		1998-2000	1999	1990	1998-2000	1999	1990		1999-2001	2000	2000	1999-2001	2000			2000
United States		4.2	24,819	13.1	100.0	100.0	100.0		4.3	25,676	12.4	100.0	100.0	100.0		
Appalachian Region		4.6	19,210	15.4	108.8	77.4	117.1		4.7	19,736	13.6	108.3	76.9	110.2		
<i>State</i>	<i>County</i>															
OH	Lawrence	7.0	12,906	23.5	165.0	52.0	179.4	Distressed	6.6	13,513	18.9	152.6	52.6	152.6	Distressed	
OH	Meigs	10.9	12,129	26.0	256.2	48.9	198.3	Distressed	10.3	12,859	19.8	236.8	50.1	159.9	Distressed	
OH	Monroe	9.3	13,636	21.5	218.1	54.9	163.8	Distressed	8.6	14,472	13.9	198.2	56.4	112.3	Transitional	
OH	Morgan	13.4	13,611	21.2	314.9	54.8	161.7	Distressed	14.0	13,996	18.4	322.2	54.5	148.8	Transitional	
OH	Muskingum	6.3	18,102	14.7	147.6	72.9	112.2	Transitional	6.1	19,276	12.9	141.2	75.1	104.2	Transitional	
OH	Noble	7.7	11,025	16.4	181.6	44.4	124.8	Transitional	7.1	11,924	11.4	164.1	46.4	91.9	Transitional	
OH	Perry	7.6	12,561	19.1	180.1	50.6	145.3	Transitional	7.6	13,067	11.8	175.3	50.9	95.1	Transitional	
OH	Pike	8.4	13,838	26.6	197.1	55.8	202.6	Distressed	8.1	14,303	18.6	187.2	55.7	150.2	Distressed	
OH	Ross	5.4	16,849	17.7	126.1	67.9	135.3	Transitional	5.1	18,015	12.0	118.1	70.2	96.7	Transitional	
OH	Scioto	8.9	13,703	25.8	210.6	55.2	196.6	Distressed	8.1	14,015	19.3	186.6	54.6	155.9	Distressed	
OH	Tuscarawas	5.0	18,062	11.1	116.6	72.8	84.8	Transitional	4.8	17,836	9.4	111.2	69.5	75.9	Transitional	
OH	Vinton	11.5	12,420	23.6	269.8	50.0	180.0	Distressed	11.7	12,167	20.0	271.1	47.4	161.6	Distressed	
OH	Washington	5.5	18,333	13.7	129.7	73.9	104.2	Transitional	4.9	18,602	11.4	113.9	72.4	92.2	Transitional	
PA	Allegheny	3.9	28,277	11.5	91.3	113.9	88.0	Attainment	3.8	29,105	11.2	87.3	113.4	90.4	Attainment	
PA	Armstrong	6.6	17,564	12.8	154.5	70.8	97.8	Transitional	6.7	18,664	11.7	154.5	72.7	94.2	Transitional	
PA	Beaver	4.7	19,183	13.1	110.3	77.3	100.1	Transitional	4.7	20,306	9.4	107.6	79.1	75.6	Transitional	
PA	Bedford	6.1	15,580	13.6	143.9	62.8	103.6	Transitional	6.5	16,229	10.3	149.4	63.2	82.8	Transitional	
PA	Blair	4.8	18,483	14.1	113.3	74.5	107.6	Transitional	5.1	19,366	12.6	117.7	75.4	102.1	Transitional	
PA	Bradford	4.2	16,668	13.3	99.6	67.2	101.1	Transitional	4.6	17,350	11.8	106.0	67.6	95.6	Transitional	
PA	Butler	4.1	21,887	9.7	96.4	88.2	74.0	Competitive	4.1	23,211	9.1	95.0	90.4	73.4	Competitive	
PA	Cambria	6.5	15,936	14.0	152.2	64.2	106.5	Transitional	6.5	16,838	12.5	149.9	65.6	100.9	Transitional	
PA	Cameron	7.7	20,014	11.3	181.6	80.6	85.9	Transitional	8.8	19,618	9.4	203.3	76.4	76.3	Transitional	
PA	Carbon	6.5	18,141	9.4	154.2	73.1	71.5	Transitional	6.2	19,491	9.5	142.9	75.9	76.8	Transitional	
PA	Centre	2.7	21,328	18.2	62.5	85.9	138.6	Transitional	2.7	22,371	18.8	62.2	87.1	151.9	Transitional	
PA	Clarion	5.2	17,056	18.1	121.4	68.7	137.8	Transitional	4.9	17,628	15.4	113.7	68.7	124.6	Transitional	
PA	Clearfield	7.6	16,339	13.9	177.8	65.8	106.2	Transitional	7.6	16,549	12.5	176.1	64.5	101.1	Transitional	
PA	Clinton	6.0	16,222	15.4	140.2	65.4	117.2	Transitional	5.9	16,699	14.2	135.4	65.0	114.7	Transitional	
PA	Columbia	5.5	17,609	10.6	129.6	70.9	80.9	Transitional	5.4	18,706	13.1	125.1	72.9	105.8	Transitional	
PA	Crawford	5.3	16,925	15.5	125.4	68.2	118.0	Transitional	6.0	17,434	12.8	138.9	67.9	103.2	Transitional	
PA	Elk	6.0	20,392	9.5	142.1	82.2	72.4	Transitional	7.0	20,536	7.0	161.7	80.0	56.7	Transitional	
PA	Erie	5.0	20,301	12.9	118.8	81.8	98.3	Transitional	5.3	20,452	12.0	121.7	79.7	96.9	Transitional	
PA	Fayette	6.9	15,487	20.9	162.4	62.4	159.6	Distressed	6.8	15,920	18.0	157.2	62.0	145.5	Transitional	
PA	Forest	8.3	13,381	11.8	194.5	53.9	89.6	Transitional	10.7	14,133	16.4	246.3	55.0	132.7	Transitional	
PA	Fulton	4.2	18,273	12.2	99.0	73.6	93.1	Transitional	5.2	19,262	10.8	120.6	75.0	87.4	Transitional	
PA	Greene	7.3	13,461	21.4	172.5	54.2	162.8	Distressed	6.5	14,940	15.9	150.5	58.2	128.2	Transitional	
PA	Huntingdon	8.0	14,257	13.4	188.6	57.4	102.3	Transitional	8.4	14,724	11.3	193.2	57.3	91.7	Transitional	
PA	Indiana	7.2	17,904	18.7	168.9	72.1	142.3	Transitional	6.7	18,350	17.3	155.0	71.5	139.6	Transitional	
PA	Jefferson	6.7	17,113	13.6	157.9	69.0	103.5	Transitional	6.8	17,614	11.8	155.9	68.6	95.1	Transitional	
PA	Juniata	6.2	16,665	9.8	146.2	67.1	74.5	Transitional	5.3	17,398	9.5	122.6	67.8	76.4	Transitional	
PA	Lackawanna	5.1	19,903	10.7	119.8	80.2	81.4	Transitional	5.0	20,401	10.6	114.7	79.5	85.3	Transitional	
PA	Lawrence	5.7	16,521	13.9	134.9	66.6	106.0	Transitional	5.8	17,278	12.1	134.7	67.3	97.6	Transitional	
PA	Luzerne	5.9	19,292	11.2	138.1	77.7	85.7	Transitional	5.6	19,618	11.1	128.5	76.4	89.5	Transitional	
PA	Lycoming	5.2	18,634	11.5	121.5	75.1	87.3	Transitional	5.2	19,048	11.5	119.5	74.2	93.2	Transitional	

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		1998-2000	1999	1990	1998-2000	1999	1990		1999-2001	2000	2000	1999-2001	2000	2000		
United States		4.2	24,819	13.1	100.0	100.0	100.0		4.3	25,676	12.4	100.0	100.0	100.0		
Appalachian Region		4.6	19,210	15.4	108.8	77.4	117.1		4.7	19,736	13.6	108.3	76.9	110.2		
<i>State</i>	<i>County</i>															
PA	McKean	5.7	18,387	14.9	134.4	74.1	113.5	Transitional	5.5	18,990	13.1	127.5	74.0	105.8	Transitional	
PA	Mercer	4.8	17,108	12.8	113.2	68.9	97.8	Transitional	5.1	18,048	11.5	117.9	70.3	92.8	Transitional	
PA	Mifflin	5.9	15,198	13.4	139.4	61.2	101.8	Transitional	6.1	16,133	12.5	140.3	62.8	100.9	Transitional	
PA	Monroe	6.0	20,246	7.3	141.1	81.6	55.4	Transitional	5.8	20,440	9.0	133.1	79.6	72.8	Transitional	
PA	Montour	2.8	24,666	8.5	66.0	99.4	65.1	Competitive	3.0	24,994	8.7	68.3	97.3	70.1	Competitive	
PA	Northumberland	5.3	17,513	11.6	124.1	70.6	88.4	Transitional	5.1	17,751	11.9	117.6	69.1	96.1	Transitional	
PA	Perry	3.5	19,057	7.5	83.4	76.8	57.2	Transitional	3.8	20,332	7.7	87.0	79.2	61.8	Transitional	
PA	Pike	3.7	18,779	7.1	87.8	75.7	54.0	Transitional	3.9	17,660	6.9	89.1	68.8	56.0	Transitional	
PA	Potter	5.5	18,978	14.9	130.4	76.5	113.6	Transitional	4.8	19,995	12.7	109.8	77.9	102.9	Transitional	
PA	Schuylkill	6.8	17,437	10.7	160.2	70.3	81.2	Transitional	6.9	17,991	9.5	158.5	70.1	76.9	Transitional	
PA	Snyder	4.0	18,160	11.0	94.9	73.2	84.0	Transitional	3.7	19,580	9.9	84.9	76.3	80.3	Transitional	
PA	Somerset	6.0	15,947	14.3	142.0	64.3	109.1	Transitional	6.0	16,452	11.8	139.1	64.1	95.1	Transitional	
PA	Sullivan	6.1	15,867	18.0	144.1	63.9	137.4	Transitional	6.0	14,797	14.5	137.9	57.6	116.8	Transitional	
PA	Susquehanna	4.9	17,286	12.1	114.5	69.6	92.3	Transitional	5.5	18,410	12.3	126.0	71.7	99.5	Transitional	
PA	Tioga	4.9	15,273	14.6	115.8	61.5	111.4	Transitional	5.4	16,858	13.5	123.8	65.7	109.2	Transitional	
PA	Union	3.1	18,084	10.3	73.6	72.9	78.7	Transitional	3.1	18,064	8.8	70.5	70.4	71.1	Transitional	
PA	Venango	5.6	16,779	15.1	133.0	67.6	114.9	Transitional	5.7	17,158	13.4	130.6	66.8	108.2	Transitional	
PA	Warren	4.2	17,962	9.6	99.6	72.4	73.5	Transitional	4.4	18,407	9.9	101.3	71.7	79.8	Transitional	
PA	Washington	4.8	21,544	12.8	113.8	86.8	97.2	Transitional	4.8	22,814	9.8	110.9	88.9	79.5	Transitional	
PA	Wayne	6.0	17,090	11.3	142.1	68.9	86.1	Transitional	5.7	17,389	11.3	130.7	67.7	91.2	Transitional	
PA	Westmoreland	4.9	20,892	10.7	115.1	84.2	81.7	Transitional	4.8	21,486	8.6	110.1	83.7	69.7	Transitional	
PA	Wyoming	5.7	17,840	11.1	135.3	71.9	85.0	Transitional	4.9	18,863	10.2	113.2	73.5	82.4	Transitional	
SC	Anderson	2.9	19,450	12.0	68.4	78.4	91.4	Transitional	3.8	20,368	12.0	87.3	79.3	97.2	Transitional	
SC	Cherokee	4.4	16,383	14.9	103.3	66.0	113.4	Transitional	5.7	16,535	13.9	131.7	64.4	112.0	Transitional	
SC	Greenville	2.1	25,719	10.5	50.5	103.6	79.9	Attainment	2.5	25,607	10.5	58.8	99.7	85.0	Competitive	
SC	Oconee	3.8	20,378	11.4	89.8	82.1	86.8	Competitive	4.7	20,888	10.8	108.1	81.4	87.0	Transitional	
SC	Pickens	2.9	17,964	12.5	67.4	72.4	94.9	Transitional	3.6	18,222	13.7	83.3	71.0	110.8	Transitional	
SC	Spartanburg	3.7	19,792	11.8	87.1	79.7	90.0	Transitional	4.3	20,303	12.3	99.6	79.1	99.2	Transitional	
TN	Anderson	3.6	20,697	14.3	85.8	83.4	109.1	Transitional	3.8	21,190	13.1	86.9	82.5	106.2	Transitional	
TN	Bledsoe	3.8	14,366	19.2	90.5	57.9	146.0	Transitional	4.2	13,105	18.1	96.3	51.0	146.0	Transitional	
TN	Blount	3.3	19,734	12.4	78.9	79.5	94.2	Transitional	3.6	20,373	9.7	83.0	79.3	78.6	Transitional	
TN	Bradley	3.6	21,237	13.8	85.0	85.6	105.2	Transitional	3.6	20,690	12.2	83.3	80.6	98.7	Competitive	
TN	Campbell	6.8	10,724	26.8	161.0	43.2	204.7	Distressed	6.6	11,072	22.8	152.4	43.1	184.5	Distressed	
TN	Cannon	4.9	15,830	14.5	115.5	63.8	110.3	Transitional	4.5	16,984	12.8	104.1	66.1	103.2	Transitional	
TN	Carter	5.1	13,599	18.0	119.6	54.8	137.1	Transitional	5.0	13,548	16.9	114.8	52.8	136.2	Transitional	
TN	Claiborne	4.6	13,199	25.7	109.0	53.2	195.6	Transitional	4.8	13,391	22.6	110.1	52.2	182.3	Transitional	
TN	Clay	11.9	12,268	23.0	281.4	49.4	175.3	Distressed	10.9	12,066	19.1	250.7	47.0	154.5	Distressed	
TN	Cocke	7.0	12,971	25.3	165.3	52.3	192.6	Distressed	6.9	13,196	22.5	160.0	51.4	182.0	Distressed	
TN	Coffee	4.4	18,471	15.2	104.8	74.4	116.1	Transitional	4.3	18,543	14.3	98.9	72.2	115.7	Transitional	
TN	Cumberland	5.1	15,138	18.1	119.3	61.0	138.0	Transitional	5.3	15,576	14.7	122.7	60.7	118.7	Transitional	
TN	De Kalb	5.9	15,471	20.3	139.4	62.3	155.0	Transitional	5.6	15,126	17.0	129.5	58.9	137.5	Transitional	
TN	Fentress	9.9	11,874	32.3	234.1	47.8	246.3	Distressed	10.7	12,359	23.1	246.4	48.1	186.3	Distressed	
TN	Franklin	4.3	16,836	14.4	101.5	67.8	109.6	Transitional	4.1	16,719	13.2	93.8	65.1	106.6	Transitional	

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		Computed Data			Percent of the U.S. Average			Economic Status Level FY2003	Computed Data			Percent of the U.S. Average				Economic Status Level FY2004
		Unemp. Rate %	Income (PCMI) \$	Poverty Rate %	Unemp. Rate %	Income (PCMI) \$	Poverty Rate %		Unemp. Rate %	Income (PCMI) \$	Poverty Rate %	Unemp. Rate %	Income (PCMI) \$	Poverty Rate %		
		1998-2000	1999	1990	1998-2000	1999	1990		1999-2001	2000	2000	1999-2001	2000	2000		
United States		4.2	24,819	13.1	100.0	100.0	100.0		4.3	25,676	12.4	100.0	100.0	100.0		
Appalachian Region		4.6	19,210	15.4	108.8	77.4	117.1		4.7	19,736	13.6	108.3	76.9	110.2		
<i>State</i>	<i>County</i>															
TN	Grainger	4.5	12,599	20.5	105.7	50.8	156.5	Transitional	4.7	12,892	18.7	109.4	50.2	150.9	Transitional	
TN	Greene	6.0	16,679	16.9	140.4	67.2	129.0	Transitional	6.2	16,655	14.5	143.8	64.9	117.2	Transitional	
TN	Grund	5.9	12,183	23.9	139.0	49.1	182.4	Transitional	5.8	12,456	25.8	133.1	48.5	208.1	Distressed	-
TN	Hamblen	4.2	20,125	13.9	99.2	81.1	106.3	Transitional	4.8	19,783	14.4	110.7	77.1	116.1	Transitional	
TN	Hamilton	3.3	25,375	13.1	77.0	102.2	100.0	Attainment	3.1	25,400	12.1	70.6	98.9	97.6	Competitive	-
TN	Hancock	5.9	8,032	40.0	138.2	32.4	305.3	Distressed	6.3	8,099	29.4	146.3	31.5	237.3	Distressed	
TN	Hawkins	4.8	15,233	17.9	113.8	61.4	136.4	Transitional	5.1	14,934	15.8	118.1	58.2	127.4	Transitional	
TN	Jackson	8.4	14,551	20.0	197.0	58.6	152.8	Distressed	7.7	13,534	18.1	178.7	52.7	146.2	Transitional	+
TN	Jefferson	4.3	14,702	15.1	100.7	59.2	115.1	Transitional	4.3	15,534	13.4	99.8	60.5	108.2	Transitional	
TN	Johnson	8.1	9,727	28.5	191.8	39.2	217.5	Distressed	8.6	9,238	22.6	197.9	36.0	182.2	Distressed	
TN	Knox	2.7	23,738	14.1	62.6	95.6	107.4	Transitional	2.5	24,408	12.6	57.0	95.1	101.7	Transitional	
TN	Loudon	3.0	19,962	13.6	70.3	80.4	103.5	Transitional	3.1	21,404	10.0	71.3	83.4	80.8	Competitive	+
TN	McMinn	5.7	16,076	17.2	133.2	64.8	131.1	Transitional	6.2	15,379	14.5	142.2	59.9	116.8	Transitional	
TN	Macon	4.7	13,239	19.3	111.3	53.3	146.8	Transitional	5.1	13,715	15.1	118.9	53.4	122.0	Transitional	
TN	Marion	5.0	16,086	19.3	117.5	64.8	147.4	Transitional	4.8	16,472	14.1	111.4	64.2	114.0	Transitional	
TN	Meigs	7.1	12,016	22.3	167.3	48.4	169.8	Distressed	6.8	11,943	18.3	157.7	46.5	147.9	Transitional	+
TN	Monroe	5.6	13,929	17.8	131.1	56.1	135.4	Transitional	5.9	13,063	15.5	136.8	50.9	124.8	Transitional	
TN	Morgan	6.7	10,652	20.2	158.9	42.9	153.7	Distressed	6.4	10,411	16.0	147.8	40.5	129.4	Transitional	+
TN	Overton	6.1	12,416	17.9	144.8	50.0	136.5	Transitional	5.9	12,771	16.0	137.4	49.7	129.5	Transitional	
TN	Pickett	5.6	12,780	24.9	132.1	51.5	189.6	Transitional	6.8	12,912	15.6	156.4	50.3	125.7	Transitional	
TN	Polk	5.3	13,929	18.3	125.6	56.1	139.3	Transitional	5.0	13,563	13.0	116.0	52.8	105.4	Transitional	
TN	Putnam	4.4	19,283	16.6	103.7	77.7	126.4	Transitional	4.5	19,123	16.4	103.9	74.5	132.8	Transitional	
TN	Rhea	6.2	13,337	19.0	147.2	53.7	144.5	Transitional	5.7	13,658	14.7	132.1	53.2	118.7	Transitional	
TN	Roane	4.6	16,840	16.0	109.1	67.9	122.0	Transitional	4.4	16,876	13.9	102.6	65.7	111.9	Transitional	
TN	Scott	7.0	10,787	27.8	164.3	43.5	212.0	Distressed	7.2	10,941	20.2	165.6	42.6	163.4	Distressed	
TN	Sequatchie	4.5	14,123	22.9	106.3	56.9	174.9	Transitional	4.3	13,947	16.5	98.7	54.3	133.5	Transitional	
TN	Sevier	6.4	18,990	13.2	150.4	76.5	100.3	Transitional	6.1	18,518	10.7	141.6	72.1	86.2	Transitional	
TN	Smith	4.0	15,864	14.5	93.4	63.9	110.6	Transitional	4.3	16,383	12.2	100.4	63.8	98.7	Transitional	
TN	Sullivan	3.8	19,700	13.6	89.6	79.4	103.6	Transitional	3.8	19,809	12.9	88.3	77.2	104.4	Transitional	
TN	Unicoi	6.3	15,551	17.1	147.9	62.7	130.1	Transitional	6.5	15,966	13.1	150.9	62.2	105.5	Transitional	
TN	Union	3.6	11,723	21.3	85.9	47.2	162.7	Transitional	3.5	11,013	19.6	81.5	42.9	158.5	Transitional	
TN	Van Buren	6.2	12,562	19.2	146.6	50.6	146.7	Transitional	6.5	12,298	15.2	149.0	47.9	123.1	Transitional	
TN	Warren	5.0	17,566	16.8	118.2	70.8	128.4	Transitional	5.4	17,478	16.6	124.1	68.1	134.0	Transitional	
TN	Washington	3.6	19,748	15.5	84.2	79.6	118.4	Transitional	4.0	19,590	13.9	92.0	76.3	112.7	Transitional	
TN	White	4.9	13,566	17.0	115.7	54.7	129.3	Transitional	5.0	14,034	14.3	114.6	54.7	115.2	Transitional	
VA	Alleghany ¹	5.0	17,434	11.9	118.5	70.2	90.6	Transitional	4.6	17,756	10.9	107.0	69.2	87.8	Transitional	
VA	Bath	4.7	19,812	14.2	109.7	79.8	108.6	Transitional	4.2	20,156	7.8	97.0	78.5	62.9	Transitional	
VA	Bland	4.9	12,923	10.0	115.0	52.1	76.2	Transitional	5.4	13,158	12.4	125.4	51.2	99.8	Transitional	
VA	Botetourt	1.8	22,122	6.2	42.5	89.1	47.3	Competitive	1.8	22,612	5.2	41.6	88.1	42.0	Competitive	
VA	Buchanan	12.4	12,043	21.9	292.9	48.5	166.6	Distressed	10.2	13,632	23.2	235.8	53.1	187.2	Distressed	
VA	Carroll ²	5.7	14,721	15.0	133.8	59.3	114.6	Transitional	7.5	14,495	13.6	173.1	56.5	109.9	Transitional	
VA	Craig	4.6	17,421	9.8	107.2	70.2	74.9	Transitional	3.4	18,084	10.3	77.8	70.4	82.9	Transitional	

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		1998-2000	1999	1990	1998-2000	1999	1990		1999-2001	2000	2000	1999-2001	2000	2000		
United States		4.2	24,819	13.1	100.0	100.0	100.0		4.3	25,676	12.4	100.0	100.0	100.0		
Appalachian Region		4.6	19,210	15.4	108.8	77.4	117.1		4.7	19,736	13.6	108.3	76.9	110.2		
<i>State</i>	<i>County</i>															
VA	Dickenson	12.4	10,257	25.9	292.7	41.3	197.3	Distressed	12.8	10,938	21.3	295.8	42.6	172.1	Distressed	
VA	Floyd	4.0	14,090	14.0	94.5	56.8	107.1	Transitional	4.6	14,399	11.7	105.1	56.1	94.7	Transitional	
VA	Giles	6.2	15,669	12.2	145.5	63.1	92.9	Transitional	6.1	15,997	9.5	140.1	62.3	77.1	Transitional	
VA	Grayson	6.1	13,645	15.3	144.2	55.0	116.9	Transitional	7.8	13,013	13.6	181.0	50.7	110.0	Transitional	
VA	Highland	3.0	18,185	13.6	69.9	73.3	103.6	Transitional	2.6	18,807	12.6	59.8	73.2	101.5	Transitional	
VA	Lee	7.4	10,813	28.7	173.4	43.6	219.0	Distressed	6.5	11,509	23.9	149.9	44.8	193.2	Transitional	+
VA	Montgomery ³	2.0	17,393	23.8	46.9	70.1	181.2	Transitional	2.4	17,200	24.5	56.3	67.0	197.6	Transitional	
VA	Pulaski	4.8	16,896	13.4	113.5	68.1	101.8	Transitional	6.9	17,524	13.1	160.1	68.3	105.7	Transitional	
VA	Rockbridge ⁴	2.0	17,530	14.5	46.8	70.6	110.5	Transitional	2.1	18,230	11.5	49.3	71.0	93.0	Transitional	
VA	Russell	7.9	12,885	22.5	185.9	51.9	171.5	Distressed	7.3	12,720	16.3	168.2	49.5	132.1	Transitional	+
VA	Scott	6.2	12,050	20.9	145.2	48.5	159.2	Transitional	5.2	12,203	16.8	120.2	47.5	135.4	Transitional	
VA	Smyth	5.8	15,634	16.7	136.4	63.0	127.4	Transitional	6.9	15,896	13.3	158.9	61.9	107.7	Transitional	
VA	Tazewell	7.0	13,555	19.0	164.9	54.6	145.0	Transitional	5.6	14,651	15.3	129.8	57.1	123.6	Transitional	
VA	Washington ⁵	4.3	18,338	16.7	101.6	73.9	127.3	Transitional	4.5	18,719	12.3	103.8	72.9	99.1	Transitional	
VA	Wise ⁶	8.3	13,075	22.1	195.2	52.7	168.5	Distressed	6.8	13,500	20.2	157.6	52.6	163.5	Distressed	
VA	Wythe	4.8	16,563	17.5	112.6	66.7	133.2	Transitional	6.6	16,228	11.0	152.2	63.2	89.3	Transitional	
WV	Barbour	11.0	10,540	28.5	258.7	42.5	217.5	Distressed	9.7	11,261	22.6	224.6	43.9	182.2	Distressed	
WV	Berkeley	3.5	19,778	12.0	82.2	79.7	91.3	Transitional	3.4	19,687	11.5	79.5	76.7	92.7	Transitional	
WV	Boone	10.3	14,895	27.0	243.7	60.0	205.8	Distressed	8.8	16,073	22.0	202.3	62.6	177.7	Distressed	
WV	Braxton	10.5	11,682	25.8	247.3	47.1	197.0	Distressed	9.6	10,698	22.0	221.2	41.7	177.6	Distressed	
WV	Brooke	5.3	15,895	12.1	124.1	64.0	92.4	Transitional	4.8	17,086	11.7	111.9	66.5	94.1	Transitional	
WV	Cabell	5.0	18,556	19.1	117.7	74.8	145.6	Transitional	4.8	18,521	19.2	111.6	72.1	155.4	Transitional	
WV	Calhoun	16.7	9,116	32.0	392.8	36.7	244.3	Distressed	16.5	9,918	25.1	380.9	38.6	202.5	Distressed	
WV	Clay	10.6	9,766	39.2	249.4	39.3	298.6	Distressed	9.3	10,408	27.5	213.9	40.5	222.2	Distressed	
WV	Doddridge	6.1	13,636	23.0	144.2	54.9	175.1	Transitional	5.0	14,192	19.8	115.4	55.3	160.0	Transitional	
WV	Fayette	9.3	11,853	24.4	219.0	47.8	185.7	Distressed	8.5	11,995	21.7	195.7	46.7	175.0	Distressed	
WV	Gilmer	8.3	12,174	33.5	195.0	49.1	255.2	Distressed	7.4	12,330	25.9	169.9	48.0	209.3	Distressed	
WV	Grant	8.5	14,610	15.5	199.1	58.9	118.5	Transitional	6.8	14,661	16.3	157.9	57.1	131.9	Transitional	
WV	Greenbrier	7.7	14,579	17.9	181.6	58.7	136.7	Transitional	7.2	15,825	18.2	166.5	61.6	147.1	Transitional	
WV	Hampshire	5.0	12,613	18.2	118.0	50.8	139.0	Transitional	4.5	12,876	16.3	104.2	50.1	131.5	Transitional	
WV	Hancock	5.3	17,751	11.9	124.7	71.5	90.5	Transitional	4.7	18,734	11.1	108.6	73.0	89.9	Transitional	
WV	Hardy	3.6	16,145	14.6	84.5	65.1	111.3	Transitional	3.1	16,119	13.1	71.5	62.8	105.6	Transitional	
WV	Harrison	6.6	18,994	17.4	156.4	76.5	132.5	Transitional	5.9	19,942	17.2	137.0	77.7	139.0	Transitional	
WV	Jackson	7.2	14,189	20.0	169.1	57.2	152.7	Distressed	6.8	15,241	15.2	156.6	59.4	123.1	Transitional	+
WV	Jefferson	2.8	23,487	10.6	65.7	94.6	80.8	Competitive	2.6	23,633	10.3	59.9	92.0	83.4	Competitive	
WV	Kanawha	4.6	22,271	15.3	107.5	89.7	116.6	Transitional	4.3	23,207	14.4	99.9	90.4	116.2	Transitional	
WV	Lewis	7.7	12,673	23.7	180.9	51.1	180.6	Distressed	6.8	13,482	19.9	158.1	52.5	161.1	Distressed	
WV	Lincoln	11.0	10,013	33.8	259.3	40.3	257.7	Distressed	10.1	10,270	27.9	232.2	40.0	225.5	Distressed	
WV	Logan	10.8	11,195	27.7	253.4	45.1	211.4	Distressed	8.9	11,497	24.1	206.6	44.8	195.0	Distressed	
WV	McDowell	12.5	7,482	37.7	293.9	30.1	287.5	Distressed	10.9	7,951	37.7	251.3	31.0	304.5	Distressed	
WV	Marion	7.3	15,123	19.0	172.2	60.9	144.5	Transitional	6.5	15,638	16.3	149.7	60.9	131.8	Transitional	
WV	Marshall	6.2	15,169	16.0	146.5	61.1	122.3	Transitional	6.2	15,586	16.6	143.7	60.7	133.8	Transitional	

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		Unemp. Rate % 1998-2000	Income (PCMI) \$ 1999	Poverty Rate % 1990	Unemp. Rate % 1998-2000	Income (PCMI) \$ 1999	Poverty Rate % 1990		Unemp. Rate % 1999-2001	Income (PCMI) \$ 2000	Poverty Rate % 2000	Unemp. Rate % 1999-2001	Income (PCMI) \$ 2000	Poverty Rate % 2000		
United States		4.2	24,819	13.1	100.0	100.0	100.0		4.3	25,676	12.4	100.0	100.0	100.0		
Appalachian Region		4.6	19,210	15.4	108.8	77.4	117.1	4.7	19,736	13.6	108.3	76.9	110.2			
State	County															
WV	Mason	12.9	12,664	22.1	303.1	51.0	168.2	Distressed	12.4	13,254	19.9	285.6	51.6	161.0	Distressed	
WV	Mercer	4.9	15,338	20.4	115.3	61.8	155.3	Transitional	4.6	15,760	19.7	106.5	61.4	159.4	Transitional	
WV	Mineral	6.7	14,182	14.8	158.3	57.1	112.7	Transitional	6.5	14,624	14.7	149.7	57.0	118.7	Transitional	
WV	Mingo	12.7	11,719	30.9	299.4	47.2	235.8	Distressed	10.5	13,255	29.7	242.1	51.6	239.6	Distressed	
WV	Monongalia	3.1	20,283	20.6	73.2	81.7	156.7	Transitional	2.6	20,154	22.8	61.1	78.5	184.4	Transitional	
WV	Monroe	4.7	11,063	21.0	109.8	44.6	159.7	Transitional	4.2	10,569	16.2	97.0	41.2	131.1	Transitional	
WV	Morgan	3.0	15,924	11.0	70.3	64.2	84.1	Transitional	3.0	15,489	10.4	70.0	60.3	84.1	Transitional	
WV	Nicholas	8.9	12,080	24.4	209.1	48.7	185.9	Distressed	7.9	13,150	19.2	182.0	51.2	155.3	Distressed	
WV	Ohio	4.1	21,826	15.0	95.5	87.9	114.7	Transitional	3.7	22,439	15.8	86.1	87.4	127.6	Transitional	
WV	Pendleton	6.3	15,470	17.0	148.2	62.3	129.2	Transitional	6.0	15,382	11.4	139.0	59.9	92.4	Transitional	
WV	Pleasants	9.4	14,476	19.4	220.8	58.3	148.2	Transitional	7.8	15,622	13.7	180.4	60.8	110.7	Transitional	
WV	Pocahontas	8.4	14,027	21.2	197.3	56.5	161.5	Distressed	7.9	14,514	17.1	181.3	56.5	138.5	Transitional	+
WV	Preston	6.1	11,695	18.9	143.8	47.1	144.0	Transitional	5.3	12,700	18.3	122.6	49.5	148.0	Transitional	
WV	Putnam	4.6	20,404	12.0	107.9	82.2	91.8	Transitional	4.2	21,397	9.3	97.9	83.3	75.3	Competitive	+
WV	Raleigh	7.0	15,328	19.9	163.8	61.8	151.6	Distressed	5.9	15,867	18.5	135.6	61.8	149.8	Transitional	+
WV	Randolph	7.6	13,822	21.9	177.9	55.7	167.0	Distressed	6.6	14,652	18.0	151.3	57.1	145.2	Transitional	+
WV	Ritchie	9.4	11,784	26.0	222.4	47.5	198.0	Distressed	8.4	12,937	19.1	195.0	50.4	154.4	Distressed	
WV	Roane	12.1	11,424	28.1	284.0	46.0	214.3	Distressed	12.8	11,811	22.6	294.8	46.0	182.7	Distressed	
WV	Summers	8.7	8,972	24.5	206.0	36.1	186.5	Distressed	7.7	9,766	24.4	178.2	38.0	197.3	Distressed	
WV	Taylor	7.1	10,792	22.9	166.4	43.5	174.5	Distressed	6.3	10,800	20.3	145.7	42.1	164.0	Transitional	+
WV	Tucker	9.0	11,986	17.0	211.1	48.3	129.7	Transitional	7.1	13,079	18.1	164.1	50.9	146.6	Transitional	
WV	Tyler	7.1	12,426	18.3	167.7	50.1	139.9	Transitional	6.1	12,994	16.6	140.1	50.6	134.2	Transitional	
WV	Upshur	6.8	12,514	21.2	160.3	50.4	161.5	Distressed	6.2	13,365	20.0	143.1	52.1	161.7	Transitional	+
WV	Wayne	6.0	12,211	21.8	140.9	49.2	165.9	Transitional	5.7	12,143	19.6	131.3	47.3	158.0	Transitional	
WV	Webster	9.0	8,106	34.8	211.4	32.7	265.2	Distressed	8.4	8,807	31.8	193.3	34.3	256.5	Distressed	
WV	Wetzel	10.0	14,327	20.5	236.6	57.7	156.5	Distressed	9.4	15,171	19.8	216.9	59.1	160.0	Distressed	
WV	Wirt	13.8	11,705	22.0	325.2	47.2	168.0	Distressed	12.2	12,214	19.6	281.7	47.6	158.3	Distressed	
WV	Wood	5.4	18,650	14.1	127.1	75.1	107.8	Transitional	4.9	19,487	13.9	112.5	75.9	111.9	Transitional	
WV	Wyoming	9.6	9,351	27.9	225.8	37.7	212.4	Distressed	8.4	9,908	25.1	193.6	38.6	202.8	Distressed	

¹ includes Clifton Forge city and Covington city.

² includes Galax city.

³ includes Radford city.

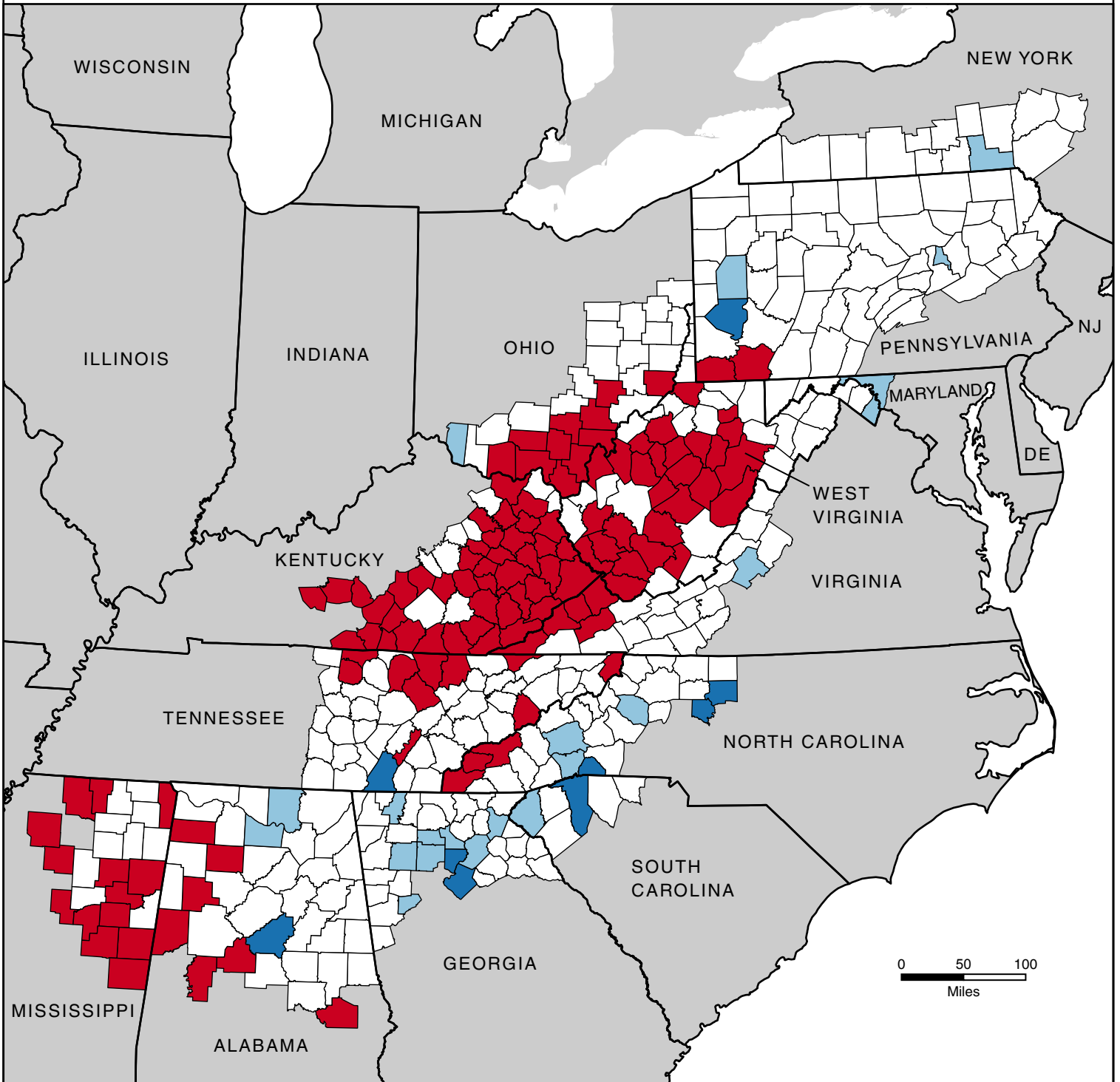
⁴ includes Buena Vista city and Lexington city.

⁵ includes Bristol city.

⁶ includes Norton city.

County Economic Status in Appalachia, Fiscal Year 2003

(Effective October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003)



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County Economic Levels

- Distressed (121)
- Transitional (259)
- Competitive (21)
- Attainment (9)



Map Created: June 2002.

Data Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, LAUS, 1998-2000;

U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, REIS, 1999;

U.S. Census Bureau, STF3A, 1990.

**Criteria for County Economic Levels of the
Appalachian Regional Commission
Fiscal Year 2003**

Latest County Data as of December 1, 2001

FY 2003 Economic Level	No. of Counties in Appalachia	1998-2000 Three-Year Average Unemployment Rate	and	1999 Per Capita "Market" Income	and	1990 Census Poverty Rate		
Distressed	121	6.4% or more [150% of U.S. 4.2%]	<i>and</i>	\$16,629 or less [67% of U.S. \$24,819]	<i>and</i>	19.7% or more [150% of U.S. 13.1%]	<i>OR</i>	twice U.S. poverty rate and qualify on one other indicator
Transitional	259	All counties not in other classes. Individual indicators vary.						
Competitive	21	4.2% or less [100% of U.S.]	<i>and</i>	\$19,855 - \$24,818 [80% of U.S. = \$19,855]	<i>and</i>	13.1% or less [100% of U.S.]		
Attainment	9	4.2% or less [100% of U.S.]	<i>and</i>	\$24,819 or more [100% of U.S.]	<i>and</i>	13.1% or less [100% of U.S.]		

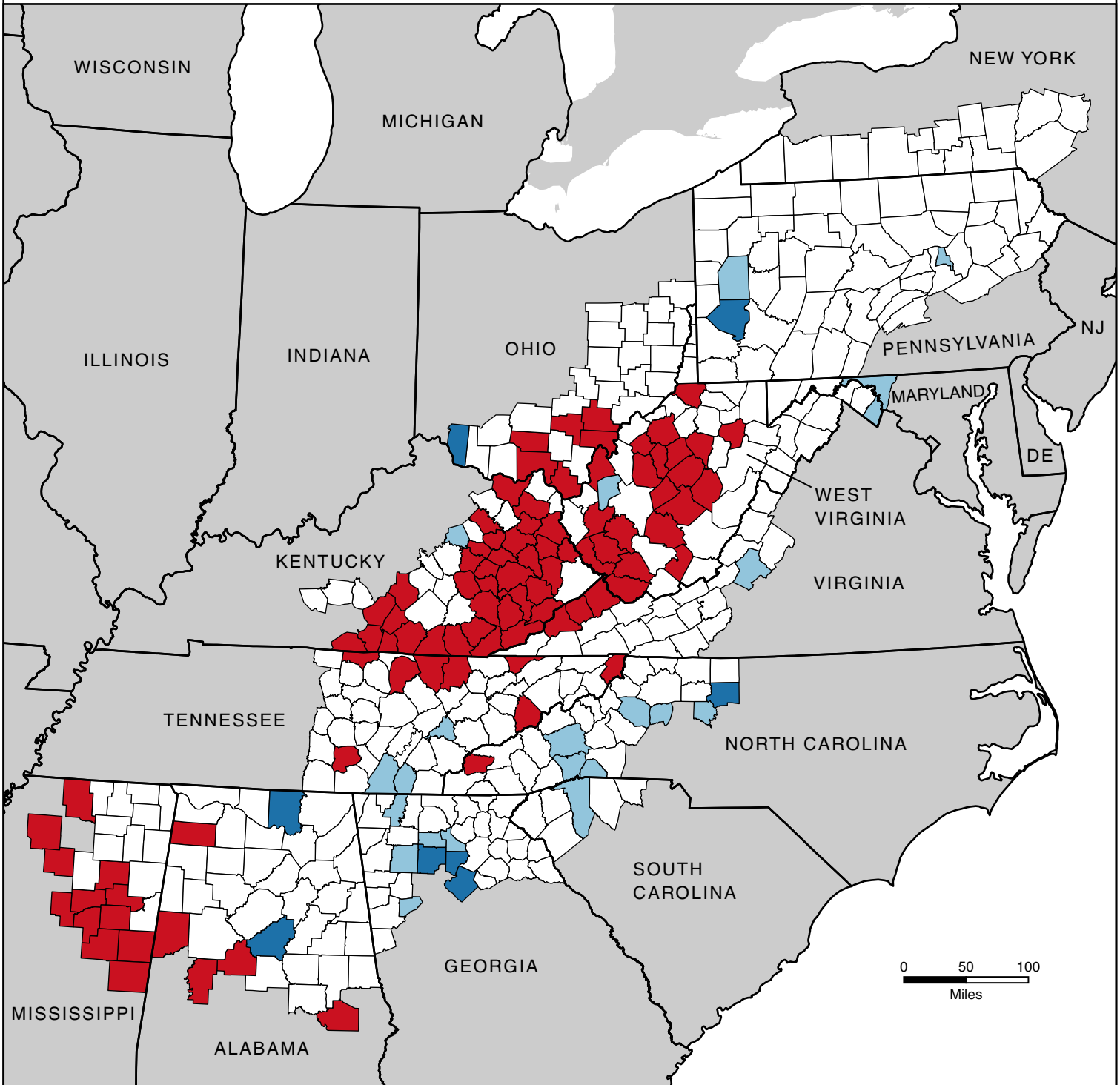
Note: Indicator threshold values may not calculate to the exact U.S. average breaking point due to rounding.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor - Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS), 1998-2000 (employment data);
U.S. Department of Commerce - Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System (REIS), 1999 (income data);
U.S. Department of Commerce - Bureau of the Census, 1990 (poverty data).

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December 2001.

County Economic Status in Appalachia, Fiscal Year 2004

(Effective October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2004)



Each fiscal year the Appalachian Regional Commission classifies each county into one of four economic levels based on the comparison of three county economic indicators (three-year average unemployment, per-capita market income, and poverty) to their respective national averages. See the reverse side for a description of each economic level.

County Economic Levels

- Distressed (91)
- Transitional (289)
- Competitive (22)
- Attainment (8)



Map Created: December 2002.
Data Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, LAUS, 1999-2001;
U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, REIS, 2000;
U.S. Census Bureau, DP3, 2000.

**Criteria for County Economic Levels of the
Appalachian Regional Commission
Fiscal Year 2004**

Latest County Data as of December 1, 2002

FY 2004 Economic Level	No. of Counties in Appalachia	1999-2001 Three-Year Average Unemployment Rate	2000 Per Capita "Market" Income	2000 Census Poverty Rate	
Distressed	91	6.5% or more [150% of U.S. 4.3%]	<i>and</i> \$17,203 or less [67% of U.S. \$25,676]	<i>and</i> 18.6% or more [150% of U.S. 12.4%]	<i>OR</i> twice U.S. poverty rate and qualify on one other indicator
Transitional	289	All counties not in other classes. Individual indicators vary.			
Competitive	22	4.3% or less [100% of U.S.]	<i>and</i> \$20,541 - \$25,675 [80% of U.S. = \$20,541]	<i>and</i> 12.4% or less [100% of U.S.]	
Attainment	8	4.3% or less [100% of U.S.]	<i>and</i> \$25,676 or more [100% of U.S.]	<i>and</i> 12.4% or less [100% of U.S.]	

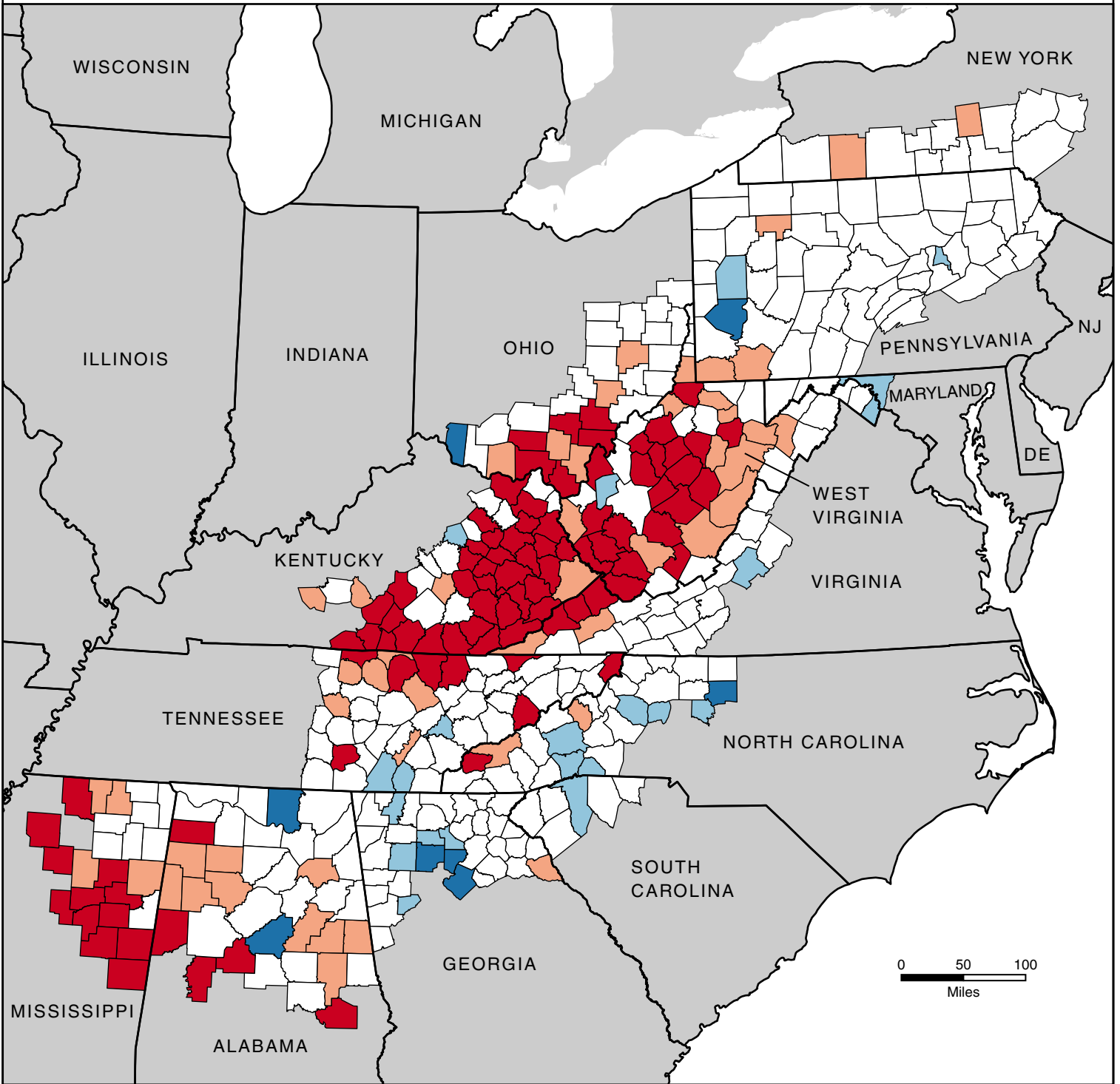
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County Economic Status in Appalachia, Fiscal Year 2004

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Each fiscal year the Appalachian Regional Commission classifies each county into one of four economic levels based on the comparison of three county economic indicators (three-year average unemployment, per-capita market income, and poverty) to their respective national averages. This map includes an unofficial category that targets counties that are at-risk of becoming distressed. See the reverse side for a description of each economic level.

County Economic Levels

- Distressed (91)
- At-Risk (51)
- Transitional (238)
- Competitive (22)
- Attainment (8)



Map Created: December 2002.
 Data Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, LAUS, 1999-2001;
 U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, REIS, 2000;
 U.S. Census Bureau, DP3, 2000.

**Criteria for County Economic Levels of the
Appalachian Regional Commission
Fiscal Year 2004 - Includes the At-Risk Category**

Latest County Data as of December 1, 2002

FY 2004 Economic Level	No. of Counties in Appalachia	1999-2001 Three-Year Average Unemployment Rate		2000 Per Capita "Market" Income		1990 Census Poverty Rate	
Distressed	91	6.5% or more [150% of U.S. 4.3%]	<i>and</i>	\$17,203 or less [67% of U.S. \$25,676]	<i>and</i>	18.6% or more [150% of U.S. 12.4%]	<i>OR</i> twice U.S. poverty rate and qualify on one other indicator
At-Risk*	51	5.4% or more [125% of U.S. 4.3%]	<i>and</i>	\$17,203 or less [67% of U.S. \$25,676]	<i>and</i>	15.5% or more [125% of U.S. 12.4%]	
Transitional	238	All counties not in other classes. Individual indicators vary.					
Competitive	22	4.3% or less [100% of U.S.]	<i>and</i>	\$20,541 - \$25,675 [80% of U.S. = \$20,541]	<i>and</i>	12.4% or less [100% of U.S.]	
Attainment	8	4.3% or less [100% of U.S.]	<i>and</i>	\$25,676 or more [100% of U.S.]	<i>and</i>	12.4% or less [100% of U.S.]	

*The at-risk category is a sub-set of the official transitional category. This category is used to research and monitor counties at-risk of becoming distressed and those working to become transitional. The at-risk category is not used for ARC funding distributions.

Note: Indicator threshold values may not calculate to the exact U.S. average breaking point due to rounding.

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