

**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	1999 Per Capita "Market" Income	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.

**Criteria for County Economic Levels of the
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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.]	

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

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U.S. Department of Commerce - Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System (REIS), 2000 (income data);
U.S. Department of Commerce - Bureau of the Census, 2000 (poverty data).

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**Criteria for County Economic Levels of the
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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.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor - Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS), 1999-2001 (employment data);
U.S. Department of Commerce - Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System (REIS), 2000 (income data);
U.S. Department of Commerce - Bureau of the Census (DP3), 2000 (poverty data).

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