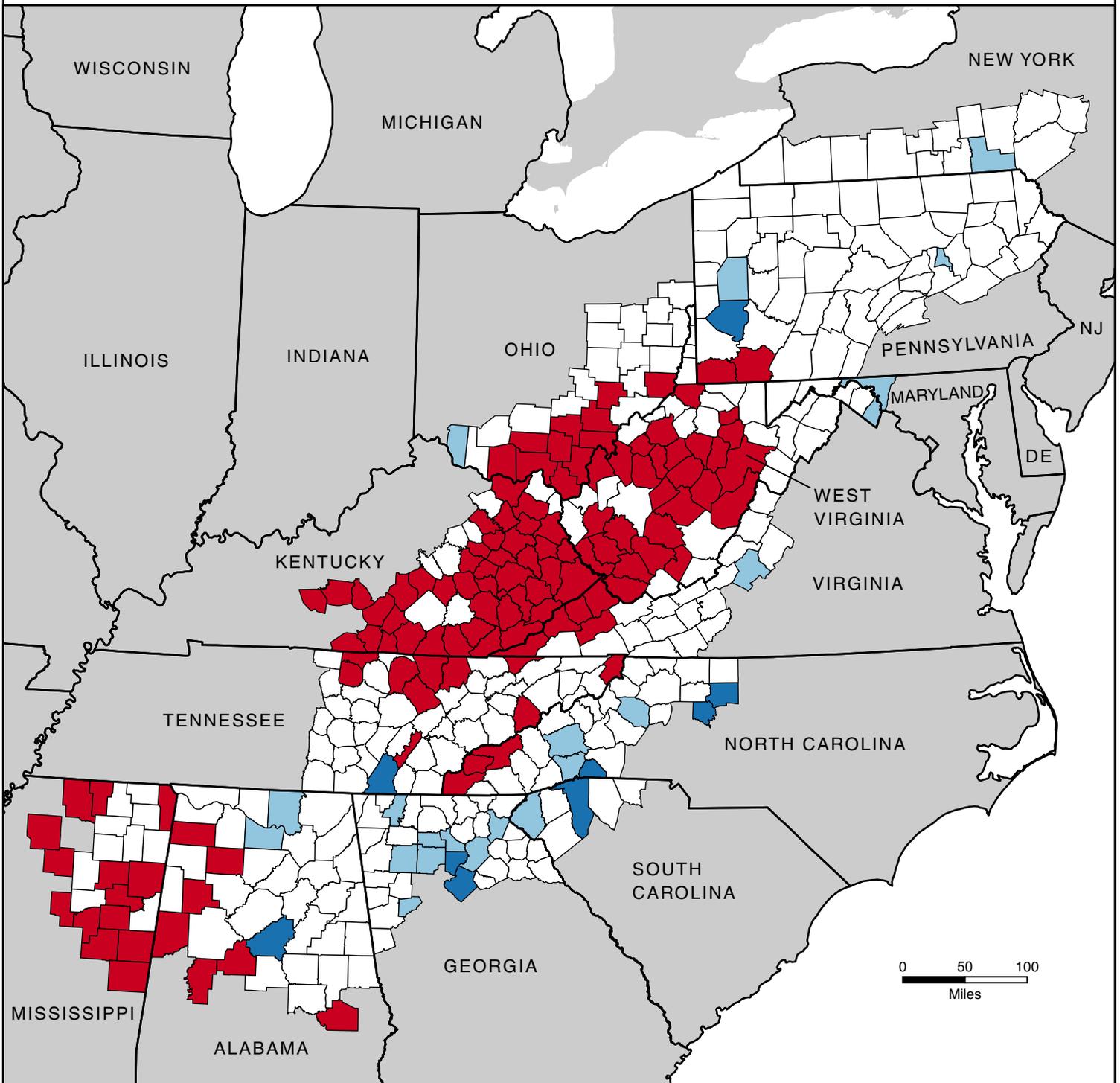


County Economic Status in Appalachia, Fiscal Year 2003



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

Effective October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003.



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	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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