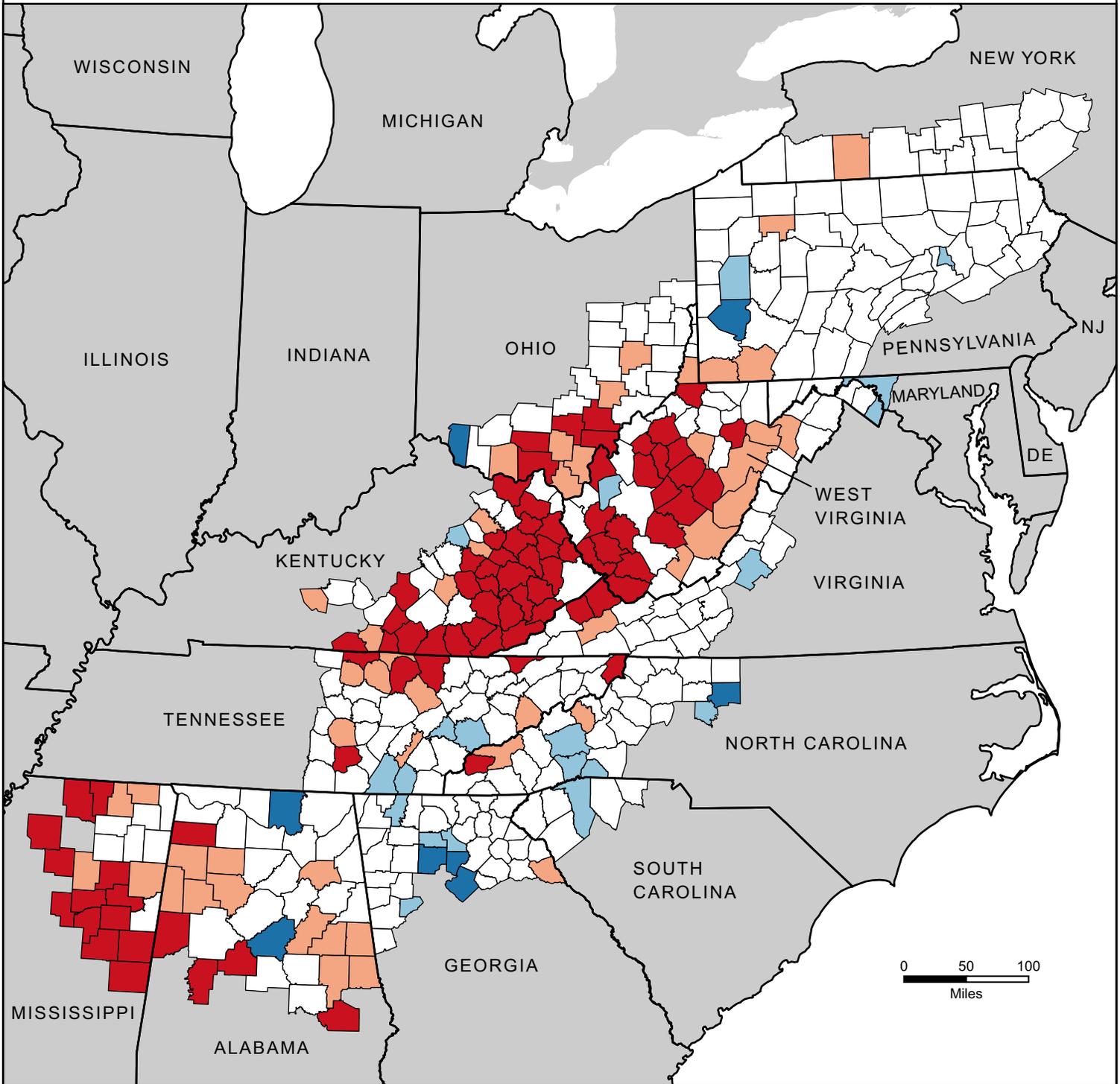


County Economic Status in Appalachia, Fiscal Year 2005

(Effective October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005 - Includes the At-Risk Category)



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 (82)
- At-Risk (49)
- Transitional (251)
- Competitive (20)
- Attainment (8)



Map Created: January 2004.

Data Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, LAUS, 2000-2002;
 U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, REIS, 2001;
 U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census, SF3.

**Criteria for County Economic Levels of the
Appalachian Regional Commission
Fiscal Year 2005**

(Includes the At-Risk Category)

Latest County Data as of January 1, 2004

FY 2005 Economic Level	No. of Counties in Appalachia	2000 - 2002 Three-Year Average Unemployment Rate	and	2001 Per Capita "Market" Income	and	2000 Census Poverty Rate		
Distressed	82	7.3% or more [150% of U.S. 4.8%]	<i>and</i>	\$17,627 or less [67% of U.S. \$26,309]	<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*	49	6.1% or more [125% of U.S. 4.8%]	<i>and</i>	\$17,627 or less [67% of U.S. \$26,309]	<i>and</i>	15.5% or more [125% of U.S. 12.4%]		
Transitional	251	All counties not in other classes. Individual indicators vary.						
Competitive	20	4.8% or less [100% of U.S.]	<i>and</i>	\$21,047 - \$26,308 [80% of U.S. = \$21,047]	<i>and</i>	12.4% or less [100% of U.S.]		
Attainment	8	4.8% or less [100% of U.S.]	<i>and</i>	\$26,309 or more [100% of U.S.]	<i>and</i>	12.4% or less [100% of U.S.]		

*The At-Risk category is an unofficial designation used to monitor the economic condition of counties that are at-risk of becoming Distressed.

The At-Risk category is not used for the allocation of ARC funds.

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), 2000-2002 (employment data);
U.S. Department of Commerce - Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System (REIS), 2001 (income data);
U.S. Department of Commerce - Census Bureau, 2000 Census, SF3 (poverty data).

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