

**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.]	

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 - Census Bureau, 2000 Census, SF3 (poverty data).

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**Criteria for County Economic Levels of the
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Fiscal Year 2005**

Latest County Data as of January 1, 2004

FY 2005 Economic Level	No. of Counties in Appalachia	2000-2002 Three-Year Average Unemployment Rate		2001 Per Capita "Market" Income		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
Transitional	300	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.]	

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**Criteria for County Economic Levels of the
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(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	2001 Per Capita "Market" Income	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.

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