

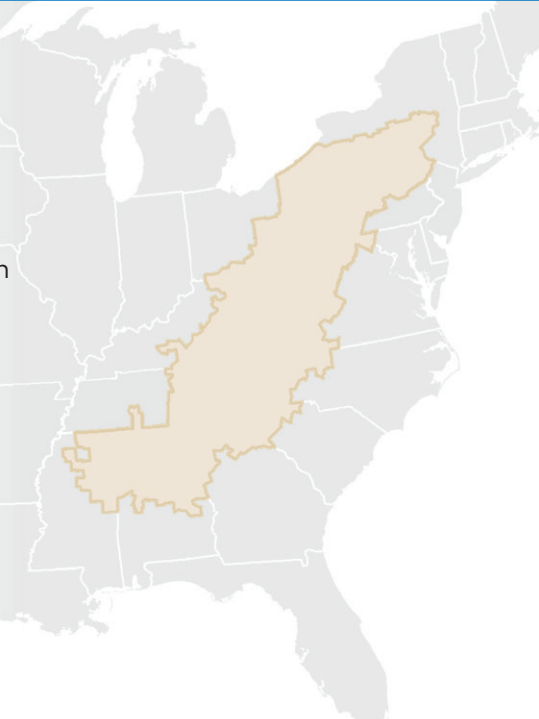


THE APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION AT WORK

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) is a federal-state partnership. Its mission is to innovate, partner, and invest to build community capacity and strengthen economic growth in **420 counties** across the **13 Appalachian states**.

Between 2011-2016, Appalachia **lost 33,500 direct coal mining jobs**, representing 82 percent of America's job loss in this sector. Between 2000-2014, Appalachia had a **net loss of 622,000 manufacturing jobs**. Appalachia's **college graduation rate is 22 percent**, well below the national average of 29 percent. The Region is also experiencing high rates of **cancer, heart disease, diabetes** and other chronic illnesses, as well as **catastrophic opioid drug abuse**.

ARC's strategic plan identifies five investment strategies to address these challenges and to benefit the **25 million residents** of Appalachia by creating economic opportunity; preparing a ready workforce; building critical infrastructure; leveraging natural and cultural assets; and cultivating leadership and community capacity.



THE APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION

ADDRESSES REGIONAL POVERTY

91 Appalachian counties are designated high poverty, down from 295 in 1965

OVER 68% of ARC's investments provided substantial benefit to economically distressed counties and areas between FY 2012-FY 2016

CREATES JOBS

OVER 18,000 jobs were created or retained by ARC investments in FY 2016

NEARLY 101,000 jobs were created or retained by ARC investments between FY 2012-FY 2016

BUILDS INFRASTRUCTURE

110,250 Appalachian households now have access to water and/or sanitation services due to ARC investments over the past 5 years

90% of the Appalachian Development Highway System is complete or under construction

LEVERAGES ADDITIONAL CAPITAL

\$6.71 in private investment dollars were leveraged for every \$1 ARC invested between 2012-2016

\$2.7 BILLION in private investments were attracted to the Region due to ARC investments FY 2012-FY 2016