

## IMPACT ON DISTRESSED COUNTIES

In Appalachian Alabama, **two counties** were considered economically distressed in fiscal year 2018, with pockets of distress in other areas. **23 projects** totaling **45%** of ARC investment dollars will have a direct impact on these distressed counties and areas.

## INVESTMENTS IN ACTION

With ARC support, Jefferson State Community College is **upgrading laboratory and classroom facilities** for the **Biomedical Equipment Technicians program**. Over the next three years, nearly **100 students are expected to earn degrees or certifications** using the new equipment, making them credentialed for careers in medical and industrial settings.

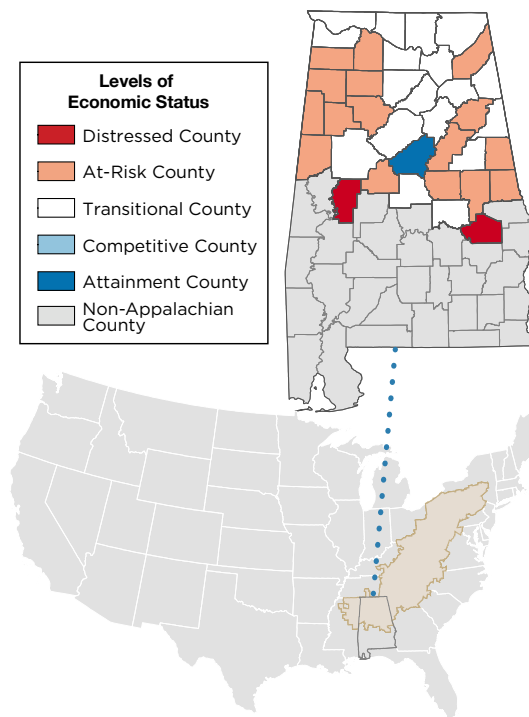


STATE PROFILE | FISCAL YEAR 2018  
OCTOBER 1, 2017–SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

# ALABAMA

In partnership with the **Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs**, ARC supported **50 projects** in Alabama totaling over **\$9.1 million** in fiscal year 2018. These investments have been matched by almost **\$12.9 million** and will attract an additional **\$178.3 million** in leveraged private investments in Alabama. They will also create or retain **1,720 jobs**, train and educate more than **16,780 students and workers**, and benefit the **3 million residents** in Alabama's **37 Appalachian counties**.

## COUNTY ECONOMIC STATUS IN APPALACHIAN ALABAMA, FY 2018



### INVESTMENT PRIORITY



#### Critical Infrastructure

ARC invested over **\$4.5 million** in Alabama's critical infrastructure development, including broadband, transportation, and water/wastewater systems.

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#### Ready Workforce

ARC invested nearly **\$3.4 million** to increase the education, knowledge, skills, and health of Alabama's Appalachian residents to work and succeed.

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#### Leadership and Community Capacity

ARC invested nearly **\$905,000** to build the capacity and skills of Appalachia's current and next-generation leaders and organizations in Alabama to advance community and economic development.

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#### Economic Opportunities

ARC invested nearly **\$349,000** in entrepreneurial and business strategies to strengthen the economy in Appalachian Alabama.