



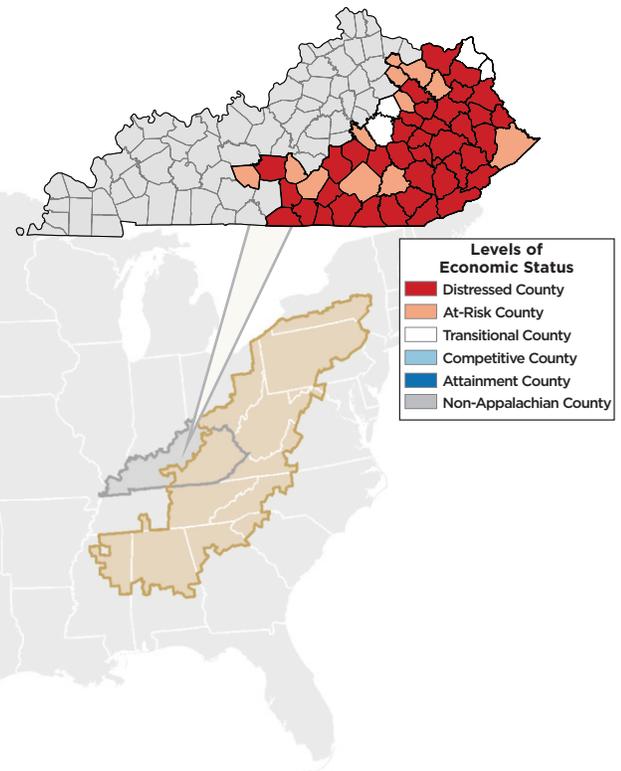
INVESTMENTS IN KENTUCKY

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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. ARC’s strategic plan identifies five investment goals to advance this mission: creating economic opportunity; preparing a ready workforce; building critical infrastructure; leveraging natural and cultural assets; and cultivating leadership and community capacity.

In partnership with the **Kentucky Department for Local Government**, ARC has supported **63 projects** in Kentucky totaling **\$31.9 million**. These investments have been matched by more than **\$65.2 million** and will attract an additional **\$29.8 million** in leveraged private investments in Kentucky. They will also create or retain more than **1,200 jobs**, train and educate nearly **2,400 students and workers**, and benefit the **1.1 million residents** in **Kentucky’s 54 Appalachian counties**.

County Economic Status in Appalachian Kentucky, FY 2016



INVESTMENT PRIORITIES IN KENTUCKY

The Kentucky Department for Local Government has prioritized these three ARC investment goals:



ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

ARC has invested almost **\$7.9 million** in entrepreneurial and business strategies to strengthen the economy in Appalachian Kentucky.



READY WORKFORCE

ARC has invested almost **\$14.5 million** to increase the education, knowledge, skills, and health of Kentucky’s Appalachian residents to work and succeed.



CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

ARC has invested almost **\$7.0 million** in Kentucky’s critical infrastructure development, including broadband, transportation, and water/wastewater systems.



ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES

ARC has invested an additional **\$2.6 million** to leverage cultural and natural assets and cultivate leadership and community capacity in Appalachian Kentucky.

IMPACT ON DISTRESSED COUNTIES

In Appalachian Kentucky, **38 counties** were considered economically distressed in fiscal year 2016. **61 projects** totaling almost **98%** of ARC investment dollars will have a direct impact on these counties.

INVESTMENTS IN ACTION

TechHire Eastern Kentucky (TEKY) a public-private partnership between the Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program (EKCEP), Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC), Shaping Our Appalachian Region (SOAR), Interapt, and ARC recently graduated its inaugural cohort of computer and coding interns. The Coding Academy consists of an intensive 33-week program (16 weeks of paid classroom work, followed by a 16-week paid apprenticeship). Upon graduation, the men and women are immediately eligible for full-time employment with the eastern Kentucky division of Interapt, a software development firm that develops mobile and wearable solutions in healthcare, manufacturing, and workforce engagement. The TEKY internship program will **train another 200 technology professionals** over the next three years.