

## IMPACT ON DISTRESSED COUNTIES

In Appalachian Mississippi, **12 counties** were considered economically distressed in fiscal year 2018, with pockets of distress in other areas. **45 projects** totaling **62%** of ARC investment dollars will have a direct impact on these distressed counties and areas.

## INVESTMENTS IN ACTION

With ARC support, the Mississippi Energy Institute expanded **Get on the Grid**, a comprehensive web-based career development portal, across Appalachian Mississippi. Via Get on the Grid, students can **access learning modules, training materials, and information** about employment opportunities in energy and advanced manufacturing. Get on the Grid is also interconnected with the State of Mississippi's job posting/job seeker site, Mississippi Works.

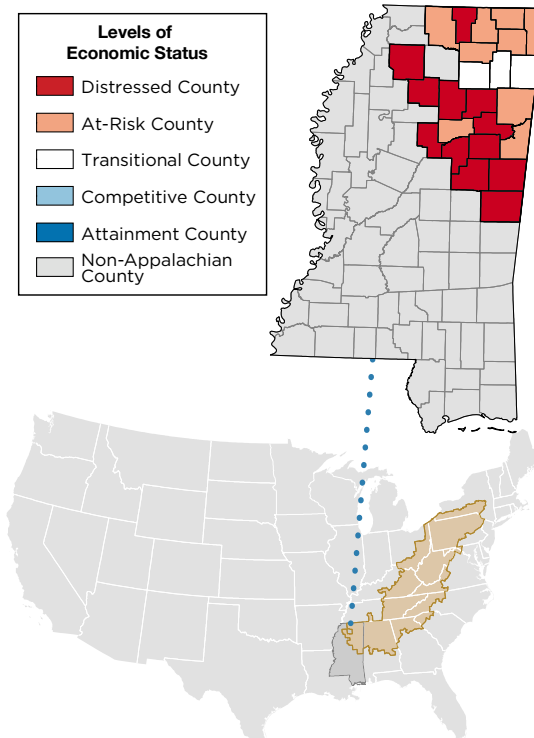


STATE PROFILE | FISCAL YEAR 2018  
OCTOBER 1, 2017–SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

# MISSISSIPPI

In partnership with **Mississippi Development Authority**, ARC supported **54 projects** in Mississippi totaling over **\$15.5 million** in fiscal year 2018. These investments have been matched by nearly **\$14.6 million** and will attract an additional nearly **\$142.5 million** in leveraged private investments in Mississippi. They will also create or retain almost **2,000 jobs**, train and educate nearly **7,500 students and workers**, and benefit the nearly **629,000 residents** in Mississippi's **24 Appalachian counties**.

## COUNTY ECONOMIC STATUS IN APPALACHIAN MISSISSIPPI, FY 2018



### INVESTMENT PRIORITY



#### Critical Infrastructure

ARC invested over **\$10.8 million** in Mississippi's critical infrastructure development, including broadband, transportation, and water/wastewater systems.

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#### Ready Workforce

ARC invested over **\$2.6 million** to increase the education, knowledge, skills, and health of Mississippi's Appalachian residents to work and succeed.

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#### Economic Opportunities

ARC invested nearly **\$1.5 million** in entrepreneurial and business strategies to strengthen the economy in Appalachian Mississippi.

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#### Leadership and Community Capacity

ARC invested **\$606,000** to build the capacity and skills of Appalachia's current and next-generation leaders and organizations in Mississippi to advance community and economic development.