

IMPACT ON DISTRESSED COUNTIES

In Appalachian North Carolina, **two counties** were considered economically distressed in fiscal year 2018, with pockets of distress in other areas. **10 projects** totaling **16%** of ARC investment dollars will have a direct impact on these distressed counties and areas.

INVESTMENTS IN ACTION

With ARC support, **North Carolina's Mission Health System Foundation** and **MountainWise** are developing comprehensive onsite worker wellness programs at a variety of manufacturing, aviation, and automotive facilities. These programs could help reduce health care costs and absenteeism, and increase productivity in more than **25 worksites** by serving more than **5,000 workers**.

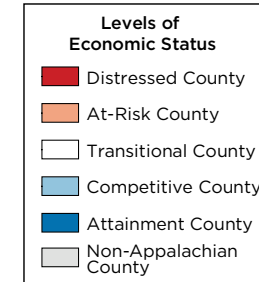
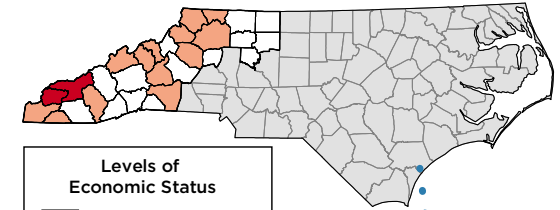


STATE PROFILE | FISCAL YEAR 2018
OCTOBER 1, 2017–SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

NORTH CAROLINA

In partnership with the **North Carolina Department of Commerce**, ARC supported **42 projects** in North Carolina totaling more than **\$7.9 million** in fiscal year 2018. These investments have been matched by over **\$11.9 million** and will attract an additional nearly **\$4.7 million** in leveraged private investments in North Carolina. They will also create or retain over **600 jobs**, train and educate over **1,400 students and workers**, and benefit the **1.7 million residents** in North Carolina's **29 Appalachian counties**.

COUNTY ECONOMIC STATUS IN APPALACHIAN NORTH CAROLINA, FY 2018



INVESTMENT PRIORITY



Ready Workforce

ARC invested nearly **\$2.7 million** to increase the education, knowledge, skills, and health of North Carolina's Appalachian residents to work and succeed.

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Economic Opportunities

ARC invested almost **\$2.5 million** in entrepreneurial and business strategies to strengthen the economy in Appalachian North Carolina.

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Leadership and Community Capacity

ARC invested over **\$1.3 million** to build the capacity and skills of Appalachia's current and next-generation leaders and organizations in North Carolina to advance community and economic development.

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Additional Priorities

ARC invested over **\$1.5 million** to develop critical infrastructure and leverage natural and cultural assets in Appalachian North Carolina.