

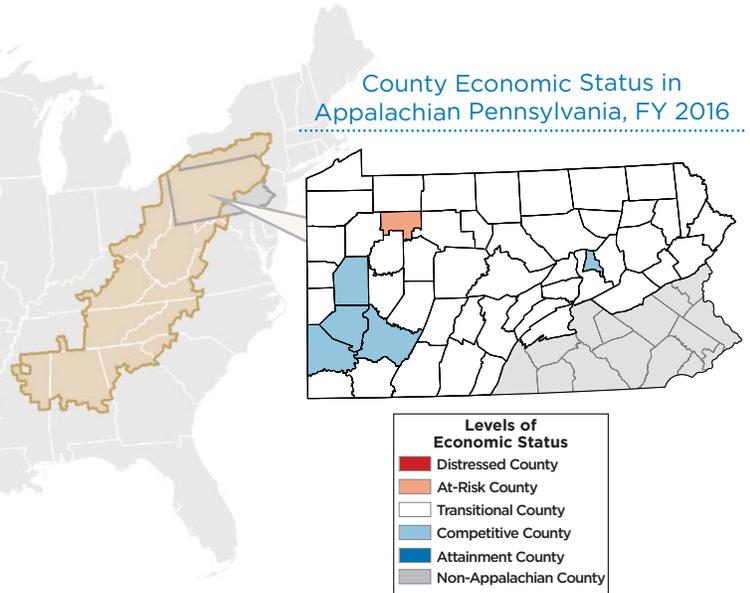


# INVESTMENTS IN PENNSYLVANIA

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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 **Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development**, ARC has supported **59 projects** in Pennsylvania totaling **\$12.4 million**. These investments have been matched by more than **\$17.7 million** and will attract an additional **\$58.2 million** in leveraged private investments in Pennsylvania. They will also create or retain nearly **12,000 jobs**, train and educate more than **700 students and workers**, and benefit the nearly **5.8 million residents** in **Pennsylvania’s 52 Appalachian counties**.



## INVESTMENT PRIORITIES IN PENNSYLVANIA

The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development has prioritized these three ARC investment goals:



### ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

ARC has invested nearly **\$6.0 million** in entrepreneurial and business strategies to strengthen the economy in Appalachian Pennsylvania.



### READY WORKFORCE

ARC has invested over **\$2.3 million** to increase the education, knowledge, skills, and health of Pennsylvania’s Appalachian residents to work and succeed.



### CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

ARC has invested over **\$2.1 million** in Pennsylvania’s critical infrastructure development, including broadband, transportation, and water/wastewater systems.



### ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES

ARC has invested nearly **\$2.0 million** to cultivate leadership and community capacity in Appalachian Pennsylvania.

## INVESTMENTS IN ACTION

In Appalachian Pennsylvania, a comprehensive approach to infrastructure development is having a direct impact on economic growth. For instance, with ARC support, access roads were upgraded in the **Delano Industrial Park** and the **Tidewood Industrial Park** to make the sites safer, more efficient and attractive to development. Together these improvements are projected to create as many as **300 new jobs** in Schuylkill County. Meanwhile, the **Somerset County Fiber Extension Project** is installing 22 miles of fiber optic cable to **bring broadband to over 1,000 businesses, 3,900 households** as well as schools, hospitals and other institutions in rural Somerset County through ARC investments.