

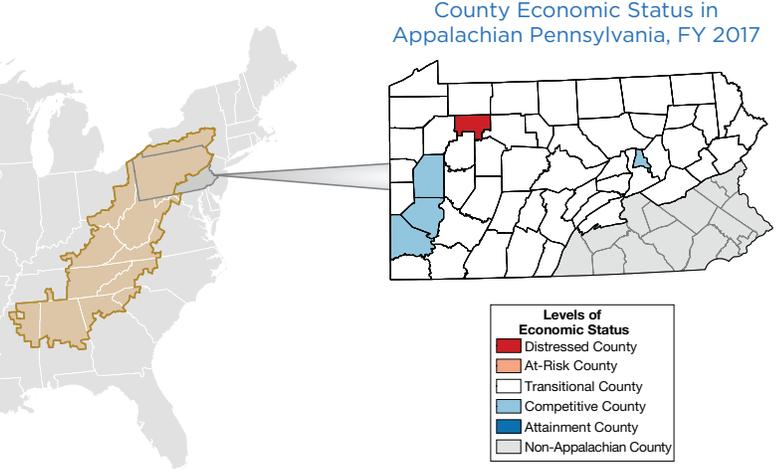


INVESTMENTS IN PENNSYLVANIA

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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 **Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development**, ARC supported **62 projects** in Pennsylvania totaling over **\$14.4 million** in fiscal year 2017. These investments have been matched by more than **\$19.7 million** and will attract an additional **\$116.6 million** in leveraged private investments in Pennsylvania. They will also create or retain nearly **11,000 jobs**, train and educate more than **1,300 students and workers**, and benefit the **5.8 million residents** in **Pennsylvania's 52 Appalachian counties**.



INVESTMENT PRIORITIES IN PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PADCED) has prioritized these investment goals:



ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

ARC invested over **\$7.2 million** in entrepreneurial and business strategies to strengthen the economy in Appalachian Pennsylvania.



READY WORKFORCE

ARC invested over **\$4.1 million** to increase the education, knowledge, skills, and health of Pennsylvania's Appalachian residents to work and succeed.



CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

ARC invested over **\$1.5 million** in Pennsylvania's critical infrastructure development, including broadband, transportation, and water/wastewater systems.



ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES

ARC invested nearly **\$1.6 million** to leverage natural and cultural assets and cultivate leadership and community capacity in Appalachian Pennsylvania.

IMPACT ON DISTRESSED COUNTIES

In Appalachian Pennsylvania, **one county** was considered economically distressed in fiscal year 2017, with pockets of distress in other areas. **Four projects** totaling **17%** of ARC investment dollars will have a direct impact on this distressed county and these areas.

INVESTMENTS IN ACTION

ARC and PADCED supported Westmoreland County's Industrial Development Corporation's effort to renovate a facility for the Penn State New Kensington Entrepreneurial Center, an innovation hub and co-working space with a **\$225,000 ARC investment**. Entrepreneurial training and workshops will be available as part of business incubation efforts. The project will **improve more than 180 businesses, help create ten new businesses and 46 new jobs**, and leverage \$293,760 in private investment. In addition to these outcomes, investing in entrepreneurship and small businesses will catalyze the resurgence of a once-thriving downtown.