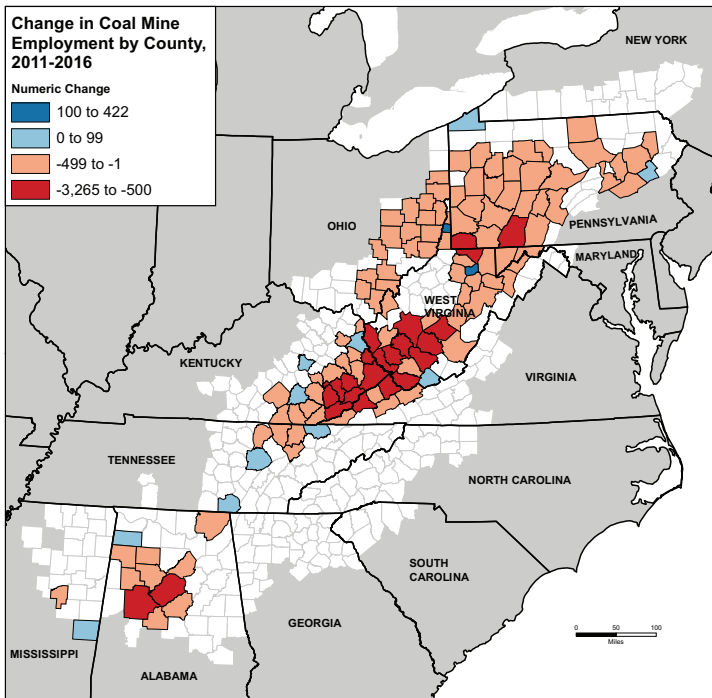
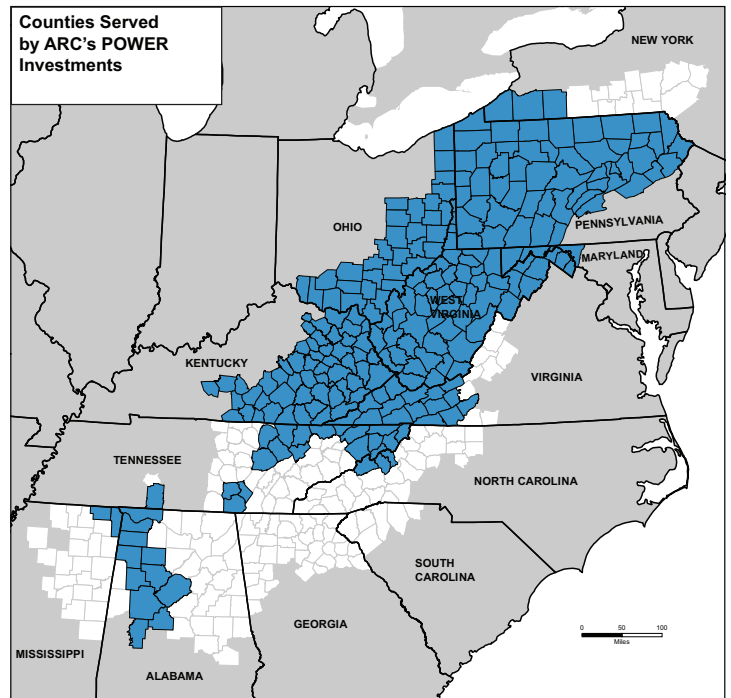


ADDRESSING ECONOMIC CHALLENGES IN APPALACHIA'S COAL-IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

According to [ARC research](#), Appalachia lost a total of 33,500 coal mining jobs between 2011 and 2016, representing 82 percent of America's job losses in this sector. While coal mining job losses are spread across the Region, the highest concentration of these losses is in the Central Appalachian coalfields of Kentucky and West Virginia. The Appalachian Regional Commission has now [invested a total of over \\$92 million](#) specifically to diversify the economy in 250 coal-impacted counties across 11 Appalachian states. Together these investments are projected to create or retain almost 8,600 jobs, benefit more than 25,400 workers and students, and leverage an additional \$206 million into the Region's economy.



Appalachian Regional Commission, March 2017
Data Source: U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration



Appalachian Regional Commission, June 2017