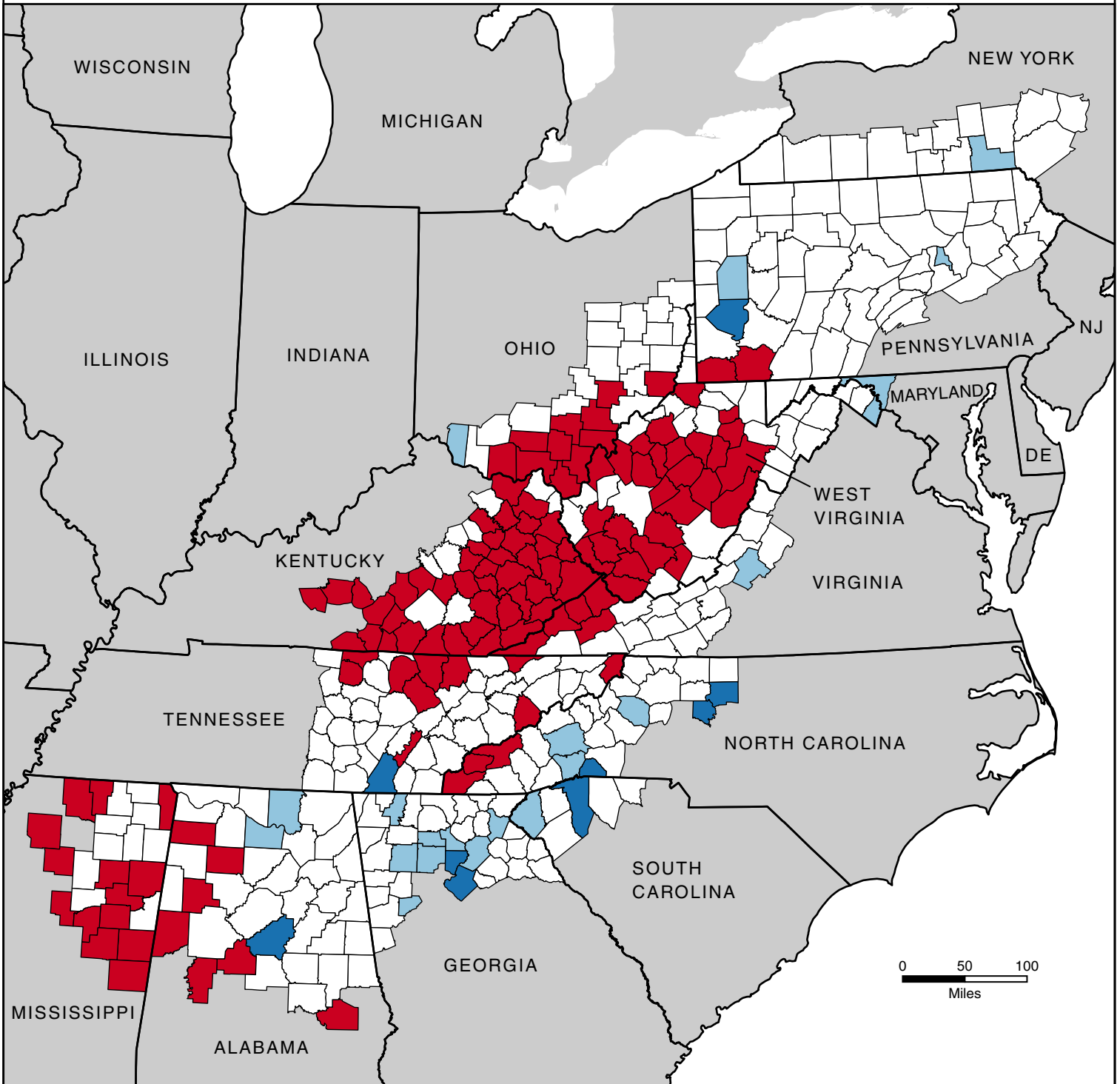


# County Economic Status in Appalachia, Fiscal Year 2003



Each fiscal year the Appalachian Regional Commission classifies each county into one of four economic levels based on the comparison of three county economic indicators (three-year average unemployment, per-capita market income, and poverty) to their respective national averages. See the methodology for a description of each economic level.

## County Economic Levels

- Distressed (121)
- Transitional (259)
- Competitive (21)
- Attainment (9)

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Data Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, LAUS, 1998-2000;  
U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, REIS, 1999;  
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