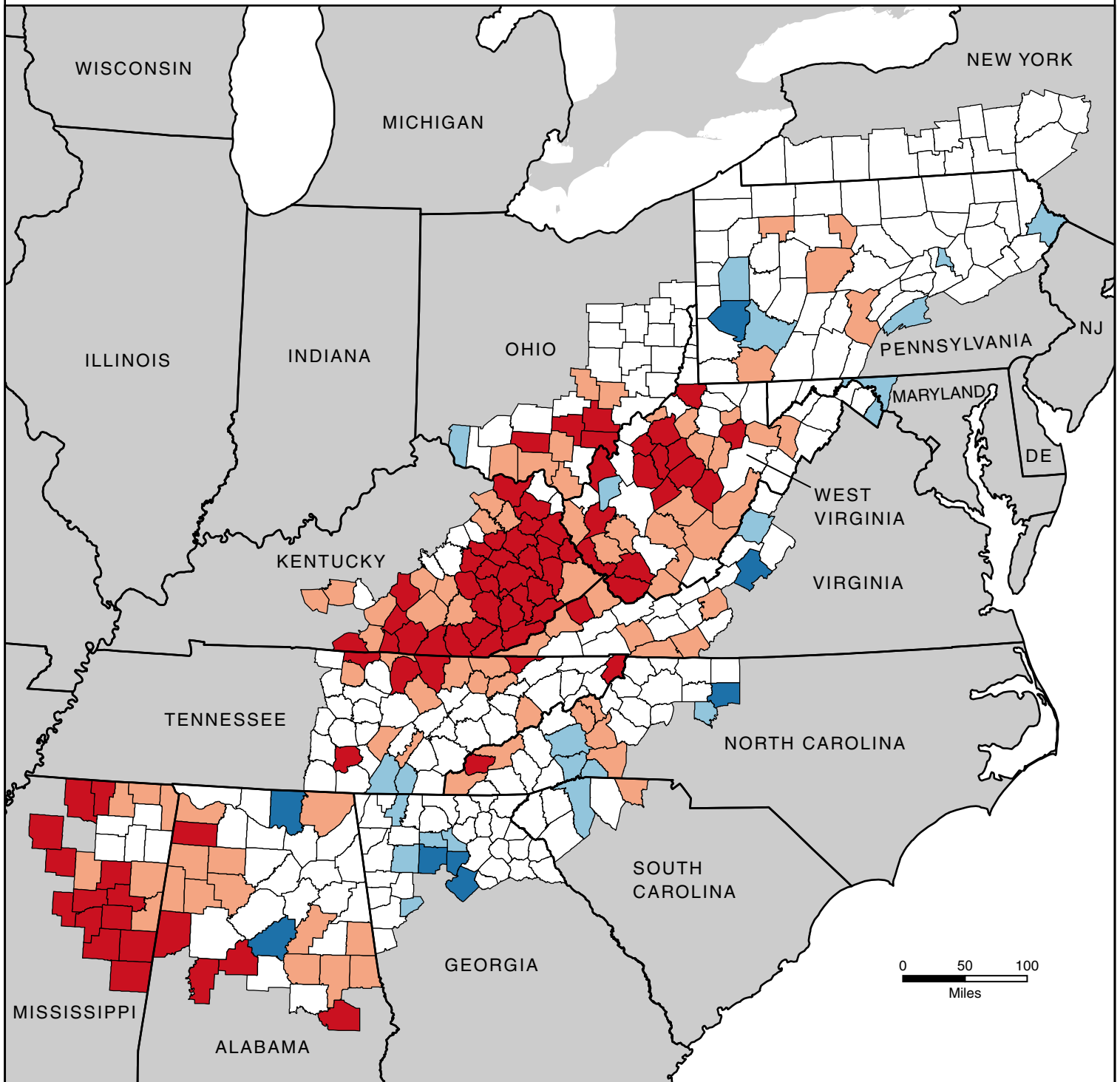







County Economic Status in Appalachia, Fiscal Year 2006

(Effective October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006)



Each fiscal year the Appalachian Regional Commission classifies the Region's counties into one of five economic levels based on a comparison of county and national rates for three economic indicators: three-year average unemployment rates, per-capita market income rates, and poverty rates.

County Economic Levels

-  Distressed (77)
-  At-Risk (81)
-  Transitional (222)
-  Competitive (22)
-  Attainment (8)



Map Created: October 2005.

Data Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, LAUS, 2001-2003;
U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, REIS, 2002;
U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census, SF3.