



Appalachian Regional Commission Overview

Appalachian Region



- **13 states**
- **423 counties**
- **206,000 square miles**
- **26 million people**
- **74 local development districts**

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ARC VISION STATEMENT

Appalachia is a region of great opportunity that will achieve **socioeconomic parity** with the nation

ARC MISSION STATEMENT

To innovate, partner and invest to build community capacity and strengthen economic growth in Appalachia



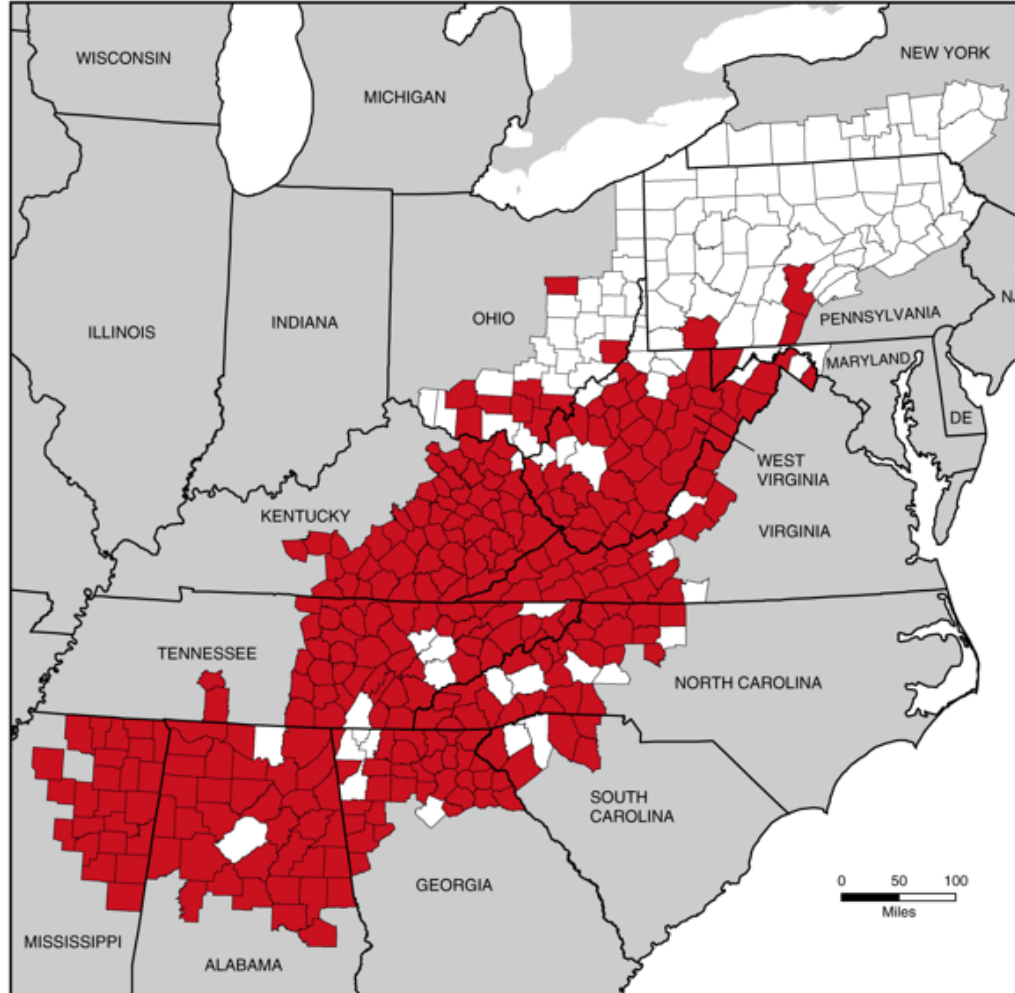
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High-Poverty Counties in the Appalachian Region

(Counties with Poverty Rates At Least 1.5 Times the U.S. Average)

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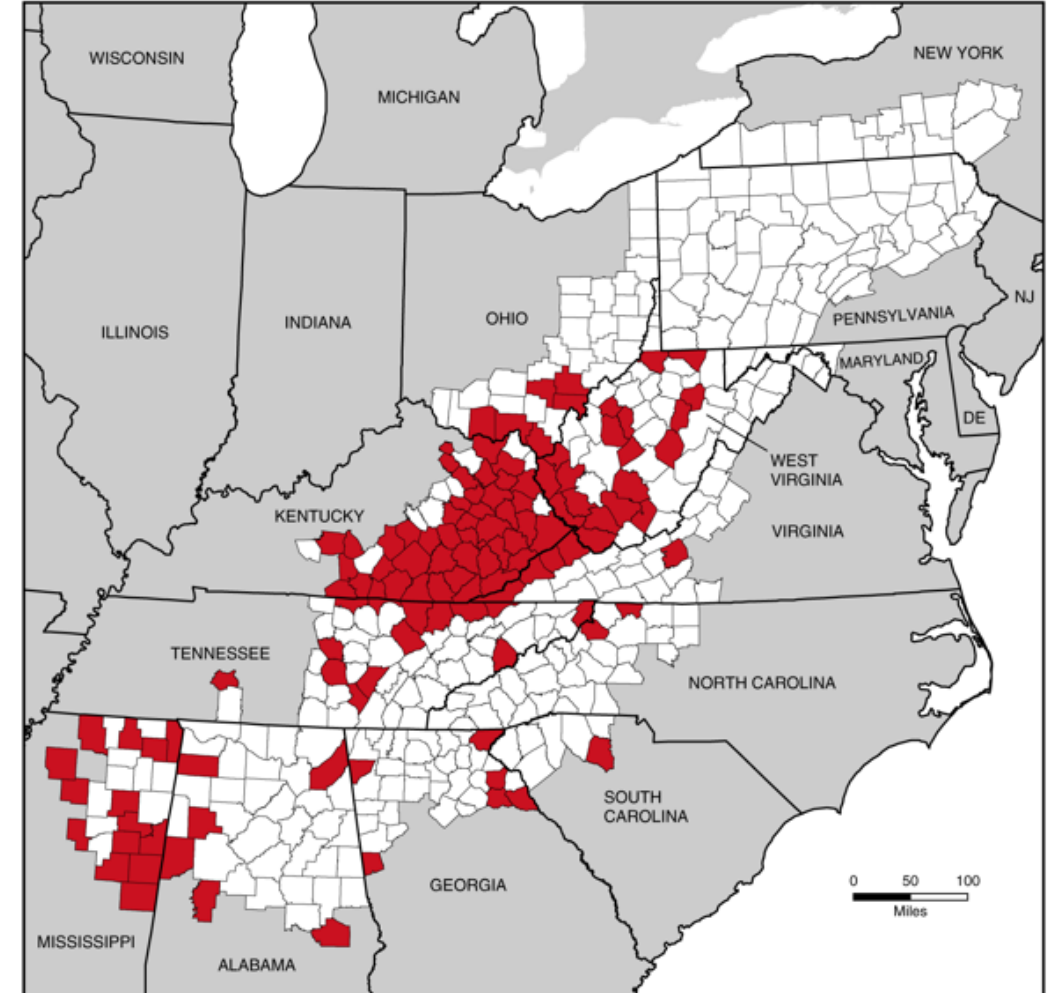
297 High-Poverty Counties



Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1960 Census

2016–2020

117 High-Poverty Counties



Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates, 2016–2020

What does ARC do?



Strengthen Businesses and Entrepreneurs



Develop a Workforce Ecosystem



Build Critical Infrastructure



Invest in Culture and Tourism



Foster Leadership and Community Capacity

ARC Signature Initiatives



- **Area Development**
- **POWER** (Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce Revitalization)
- **INSPIRE** (Investments Supporting Partnerships in Recovery Ecosystems)
- **ARISE** (Appalachia Regional Initiative for Stronger Economies)
- ***READY Appalachia***
- **Academies and Institutes**