

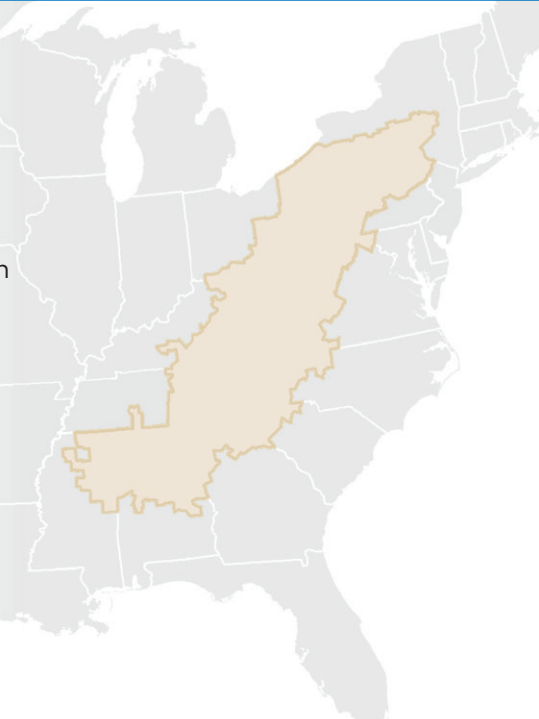


# THE APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION AT WORK

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**.

Between 2011-2016, Appalachia **lost 33,500 direct coal mining jobs**, representing 82 percent of America's job loss in this sector. Between 2000-2014, Appalachia had a **net loss of 622,000 manufacturing jobs**. Appalachia's **college graduation rate is 22 percent**, well below the national average of 29 percent. The Region is also experiencing skyrocketing rates of **cancer, heart disease, diabetes** and other chronic illnesses, as well as **catastrophic opioid drug abuse**.

ARC's strategic plan identifies five investment strategies to address these challenges and to benefit the **25 million residents** of Appalachia by creating economic opportunity; preparing a ready workforce; building critical infrastructure; leveraging natural and cultural assets; and cultivating leadership and community capacity.



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### ADDRESSES REGIONAL POVERTY

**91** Appalachian counties are designated high poverty, down from 295 in 1965

**OVER 68%** of ARC's investments provided substantial benefit to economically distressed counties and areas between FY 2012-FY 2016

### CREATES JOBS

**OVER 18,000** jobs were created or retained by ARC investments in FY 2016

**NEARLY 101,000** jobs were created or retained by ARC investments between FY 2012-FY 2016

### BUILDS INFRASTRUCTURE

**110,250** Appalachian households now have access to water and/or sanitation services due to ARC investments over the past 5 years

**90%** of the Appalachian Development Highway System is complete or under construction

### LEVERAGES ADDITIONAL CAPITAL

**\$6.71** in private investment dollars were leveraged for every \$1 ARC invested between 2012-2016

**\$2.7 BILLION** in private investments were attracted to the Region due to ARC investments FY 2012-FY 2016