

# Income falls in several Appalachian Kentucky counties as coal fails to bounce back

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Of the 80 counties that will be considered economically distressed by the Appalachian Regional Commission in 2020, nearly half are in Eastern Kentucky. Appalachian Regional Commission

New data released by the Appalachian Regional Commission Tuesday show per capita annual income fell by more than \$1,000 in several Eastern Kentucky counties from 2016 to 2017, the most recent year made available by the ARC.

In Bell County, per capita income fell by more than \$1,100, and Whitley County saw a drop of \$1,080.

A total of nine counties in Appalachian Kentucky saw a decrease in per capita income from 2016 to 2017, according to the ARC.

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