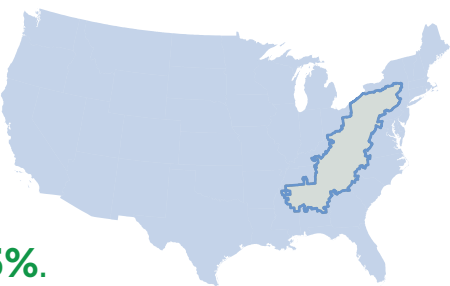


APPALACHIA'S POPULATION

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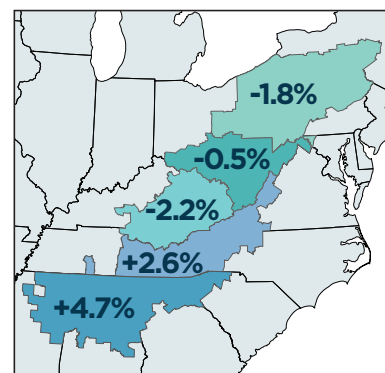
POPULATION CHANGE

25.6 million people live in Appalachia's 420 counties. Since 2010, **Appalachia's** population has **grown 1%**; the **nation's** has **grown 4.5%**.



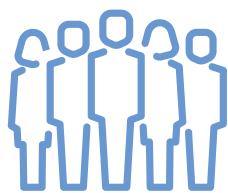
POPULATION CHANGE BY SUBREGION

While much of Appalachia has lost population since 2010, **Southern Appalachia's** population has grown 4.7%.



MINORITY POPULATION

Minorities make up a small but growing share of Appalachia's population.

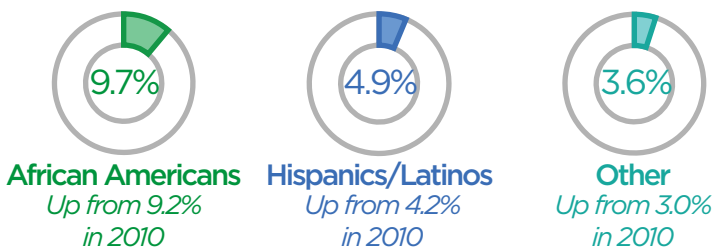


APPALACHIA
18.2%
Up from 16.4% in 2010

U.S.
38.7%
Up from 36.2% in 2010

MINORITY POPULATION BY GROUP

Among Appalachia's minority populations, African Americans are the largest group, while Hispanics/Latinos are the fastest-growing.



MEDIAN AGE

Appalachia's **median age** is **higher** than the nation's.

APPALACHIA
40.9
YEARS

U.S.
38.0
YEARS

EDUCATION IN APPALACHIA

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HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

85.9%



of **Appalachian adults** age 25+ have earned a high school diploma, compared with **87.0%** of **U.S. adults**.

ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE

8.3%



of **Appalachian adults** age 25+ have an associate's degree—slightly more than the **8.2%** of **U.S. adults**.

BACHELOR'S DEGREE

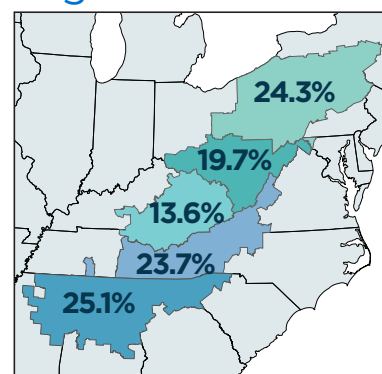
23.2%



of **Appalachian adults** age 25+ hold a bachelor's degree. The **U.S.** figure is **30.3%**.

BACHELOR'S DEGREE BY SUBREGION

The share of adults age 25+ with a bachelor's degree is highest in **Southern Appalachia** and lowest in **Central Appalachia**.



STEM DEGREE



In **Appalachia**, **30.6%** of adults age 25+ with a bachelor's degree earned it in a STEM field. The **U.S.** figure is **34.7%**.

INCOME & POVERTY IN APPALACHIA

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HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Appalachia's **household income** is

80%

of the U.S. average.

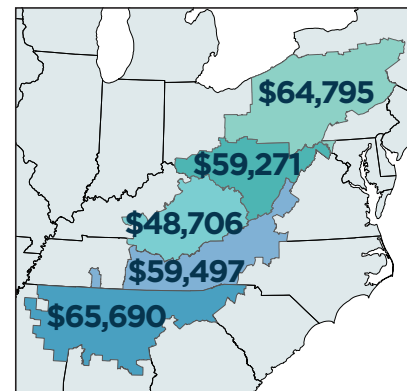
APPALACHIA
\$62,299



U.S.
\$77,866

HOUSEHOLD INCOME BY SUBREGION

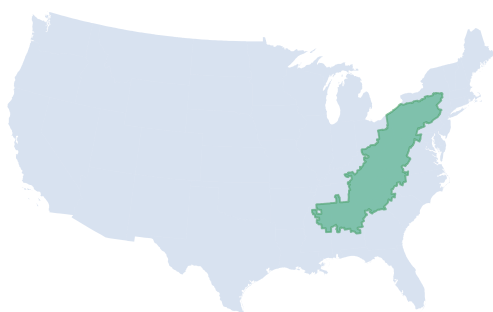
Within Appalachia, household income is highest in **Southern Appalachia** and lowest in **Central Appalachia**.



POVERTY RATE

Appalachia's **poverty rate** is higher than the U.S. average.

U.S. **15.1%** vs **Appalachia 16.7%**



POVERTY RATE BY AGE GROUP

23.6%

of Appalachian children

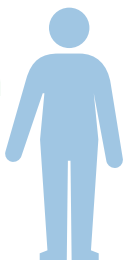
live below the poverty level, compared with **21.2%** of kids in the U.S.



9.4%

of Appalachian adults age

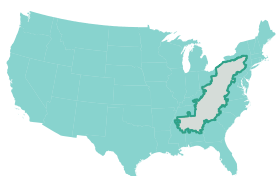
65+ live below the poverty level. The U.S. rate is **9.3%**.



EMPLOYMENT IN APPALACHIA

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LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION

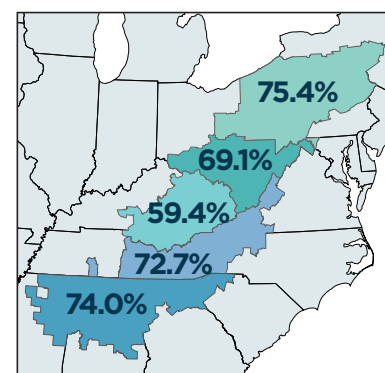


72.7%

of **Appalachia's** working-age adults (ages 25-64) participate in the civilian labor force. The **U.S.** rate is **77.4%**.

LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION BY SUBREGION

Labor force participation is highest in **Northern and Southern Appalachia**.



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



6.1%

of **Appalachia's** working-age adults in the civilian labor force are unemployed. This is **equal to** the **U.S. rate**.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY SUBREGION

The unemployment rate for working-age adults is **lowest** in **Northern Appalachia** and **highest** in **Central Appalachia**.

Northern Appalachia 5.6%

South Central Appalachia 6.2%

Southern Appalachia 6.2%

North Central Appalachia 6.3%

Central Appalachia 8.0%

EMPLOYMENT LOCATION



31.5% of **Appalachian workers** age 16+ work outside the county they live in, compared with **27.6%** of **U.S. workers**.