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DRA 101

*Creating Jobs.
Building Communities.
Improving Lives.*



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Quick Facts

Established in 2000

Federal-State Partnership

Alabama

Louisiana

Arkansas

Mississippi

Illinois

Missouri

Kentucky

Tennessee

Economic and Community Development





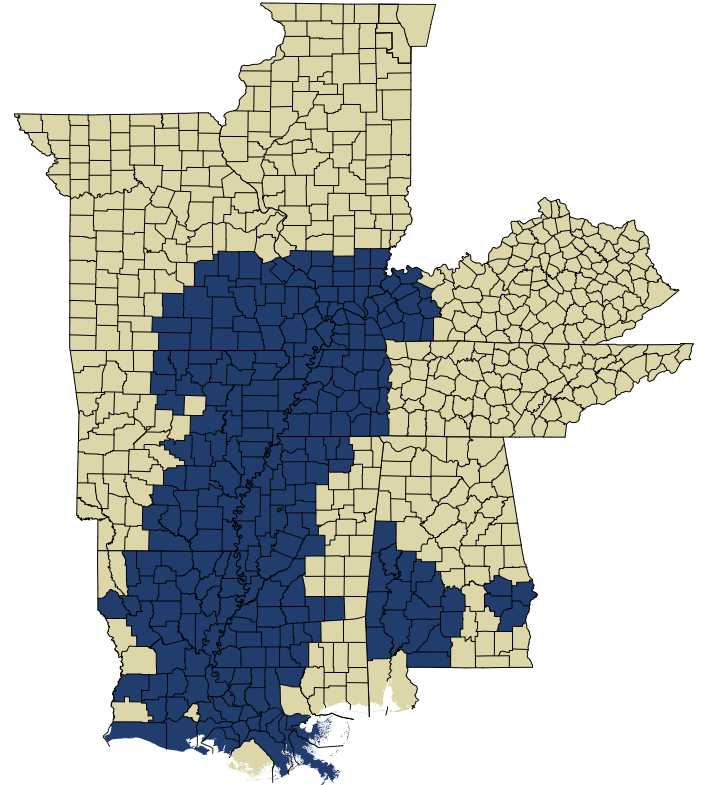
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The Delta Region

252 Counties and Parishes

234 Deemed “Distressed”

9,925,799 Residents



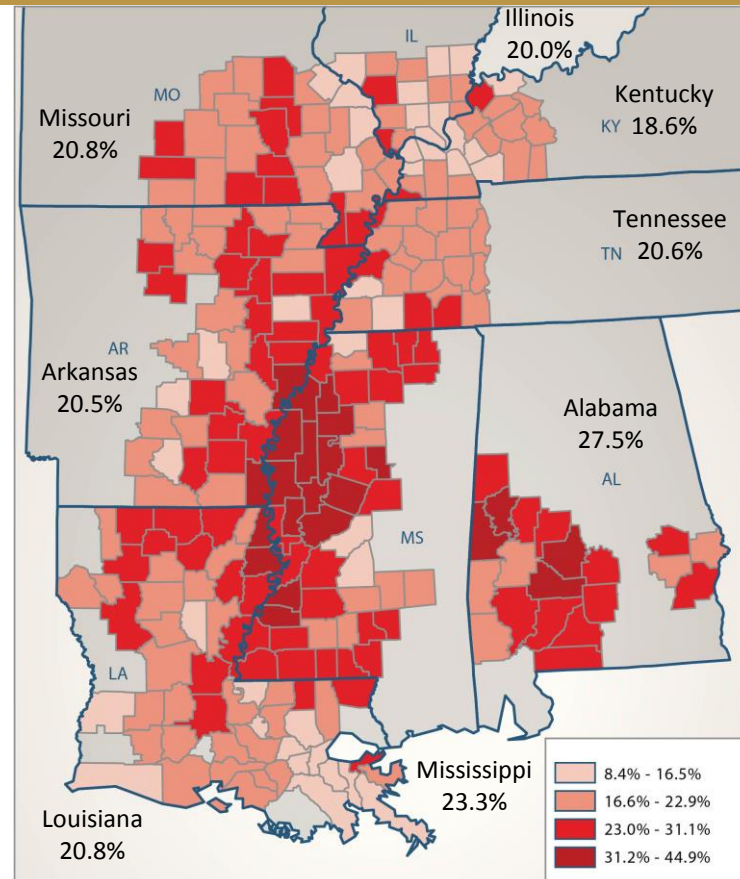


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Poverty in the Delta

1 in 5 people in the Delta
live in poverty

109 counties are in
persistent poverty



United States
15.6%

Delta Region
21.3%



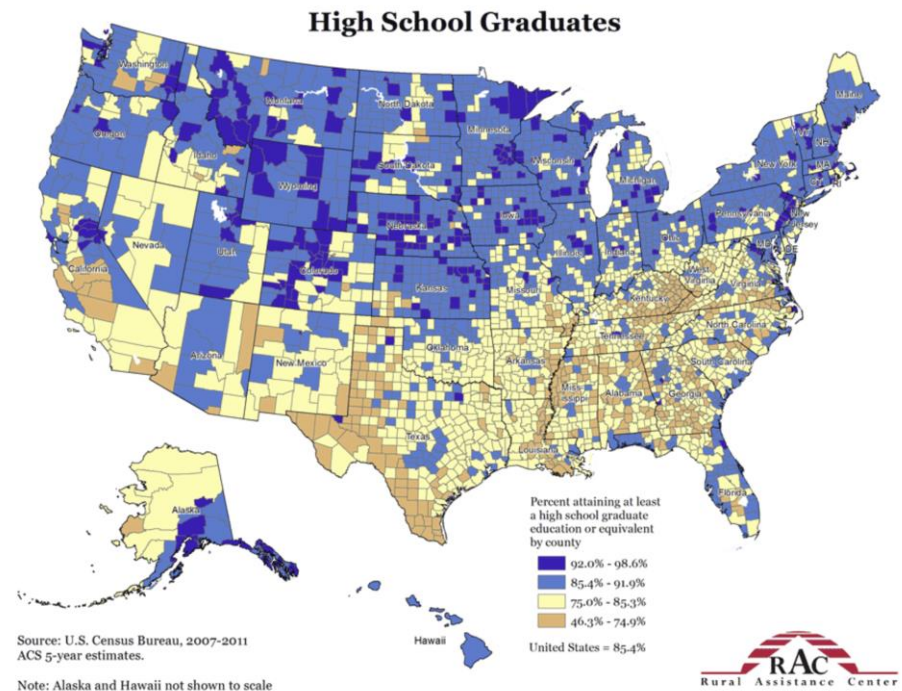
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Educational Attainment in the Delta

55.9% adults with high school diploma or GED

6.3% adults with associate's degree

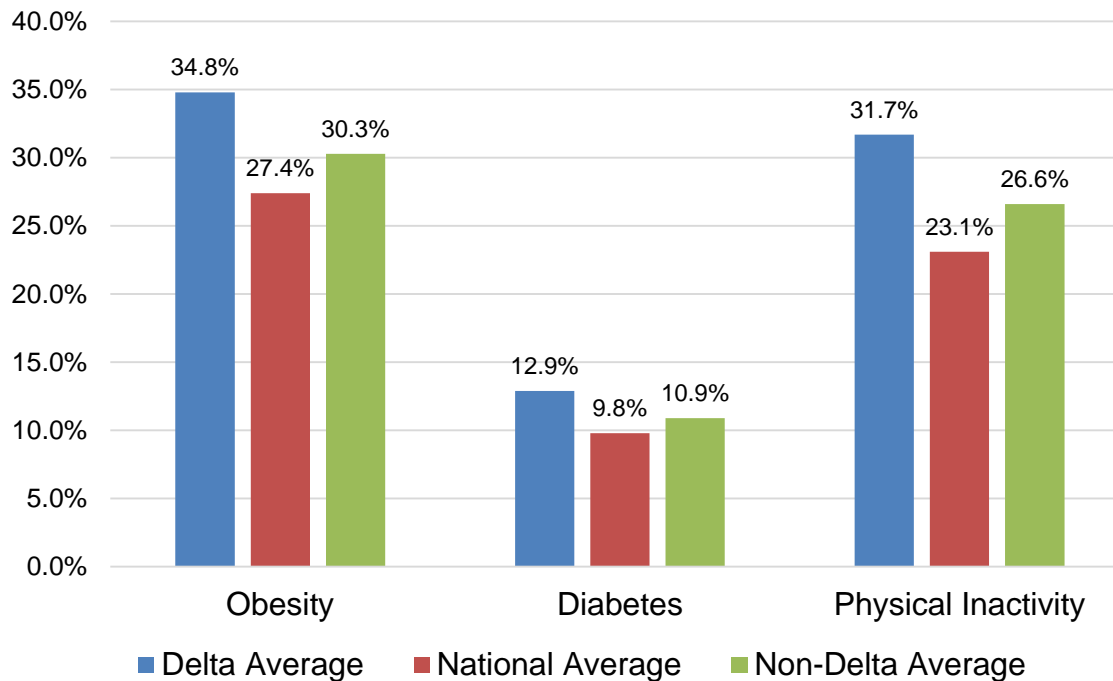
13.2% adults with bachelor's degree





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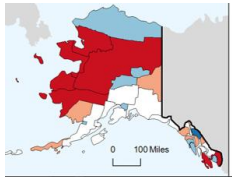
Health Outcomes in the Delta



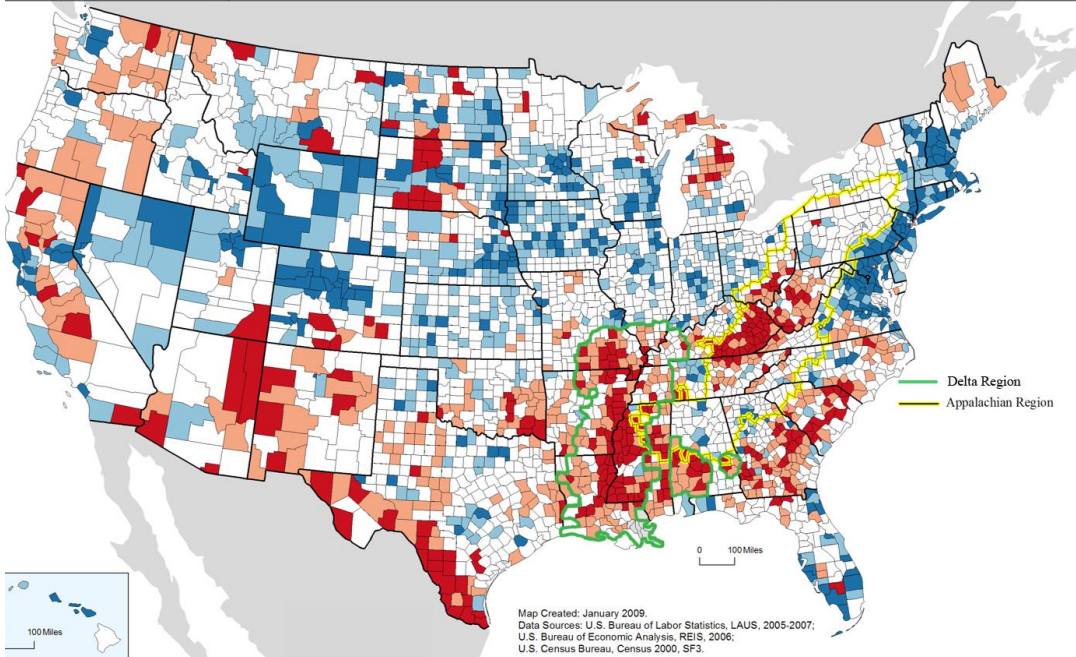
Approx. **91%** of counties and parishes considered Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs)



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County Economic Status in the United States,
Fiscal Year 2010



Map Created: January 2009.
Data Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, LAUS, 2005-2007;
U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, REIS, 2006;
U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, SF3.

Federal-State Regional Commissions

Appalachian Regional
Commission

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Regional Development Plan III: *Moving the Delta Forward*

- Goal 1: Improved Workforce Competitiveness
- Goal 2: Strengthened Infrastructure
- Goal 3: Increased Community Capacity





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Investments





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Investing in the Delta

Basic Public
Infrastructure

Transportation
Infrastructure

Small Business &
Entrepreneurship

Workforce
Training and
Education

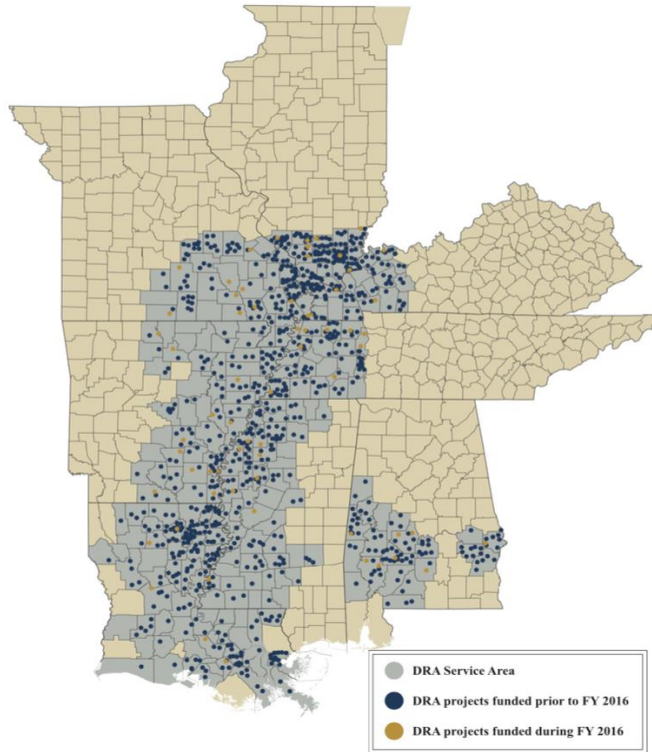
Access to Quality,
Affordable
Healthcare

Disaster
Recovery and
Resilience



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States' Economic Development Assistance Program



Regional Impact

Job Creation

Leveraged Investments

- **At least 75%** invested into Economically Distressed Counties and Parishes
- **At least 50%** invested into Basic Public Infrastructure and Transportation Improvements



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Community Infrastructure Fund

Basic Public Infrastructure

Flood Control

Transportation Improvements



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FY 2016 Investment Projects



Basic Public Infrastructure

- **City of Bull Shoals, AR: Bull Shoals Wastewater System Improvement**

DRA \$500,000 | Other Public \$7,947,700 | Total Investment \$8,447,000

Construction of a new wastewater treatment facility in Bull Shoals, AR that will replace the existing obsolete system, which if it failed would be an economic and environmental disaster in the region.

- **City of Paducah, KY: Flood Wall Pump Station #2 Rehabilitation**

DRA \$400,000 | Other Public \$4,104,992 | Total Investment \$4,504,992

The City of Paducah is proposing to rehabilitate pump station #2 along the Paducah Flood wall.



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FY 2016 Investment Projects



Transportation Improvements

- **Benton County, TN: Jones Plastic Expansion-Industrial Access Road**
DRA \$150,000 | Other Public \$375,000 | Private \$3,000,000 | Total Investment \$3,525,000

The proposed project will include the construction of an industrial access road serving the new expansion of the Jones Plastic Products site in Camden, TN.

- **Brookhaven, MS: Brookhaven Industrial Park Transportation Infrastructure Project**

DRA \$1,250,000 | Other Public \$1,000,000 | Total Investment \$2,250,000

Repair of critical industrial access roads serving the Brookhaven Industrial Park.



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FY 2016 Investment Projects



Workforce Development

- **Town of Grove Hill, AL: Clarke County Regional Workforce Training Center**
DRA \$105,000 | Other Public \$432,125 | Total Investment \$537,125

The Clarke County School District proposes to use DRA funds to rehabilitate an existing armory for use as a workforce training center.

- **El Dorado, AR: South Arkansas Community College Advanced Manufacturing Training Center (AMTC)**
DRA \$200,000 | Other Public \$1,559,638 | Total Investment \$1,759,638

This project investment will construct a 9,000 square foot facility for classrooms and specialized training space to support industry-related programs for SouthArk College.



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FY 2016 Investment Projects



Business Development/Entrepreneurship

- **City of Carbondale, IL: Growing Southern Illinois – Strengthening the Entrepreneurial Ecosystem**

DRA \$159,312 | Other Public \$39,937 | Total Investment \$199,249

The Growing Southern Illinois project will expand business development and entrepreneurship services to include mentoring, management, and access to capital in the 16 Illinois Delta counties.



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DRA Investment Outcomes: FY 2002-2016

Total DRA Projects **1,056**



Total Investment:

\$3,490,197,775

- DRA Investment: \$162,929,471
- Leveraged Public Investment: \$1,025,119,174
- Leveraged Private Capital Investment: \$2,302,149,129



Investment Leverage Ratio: **24.02 to 1**

37,119

Jobs to be Created & Retained

7,372

People Trained

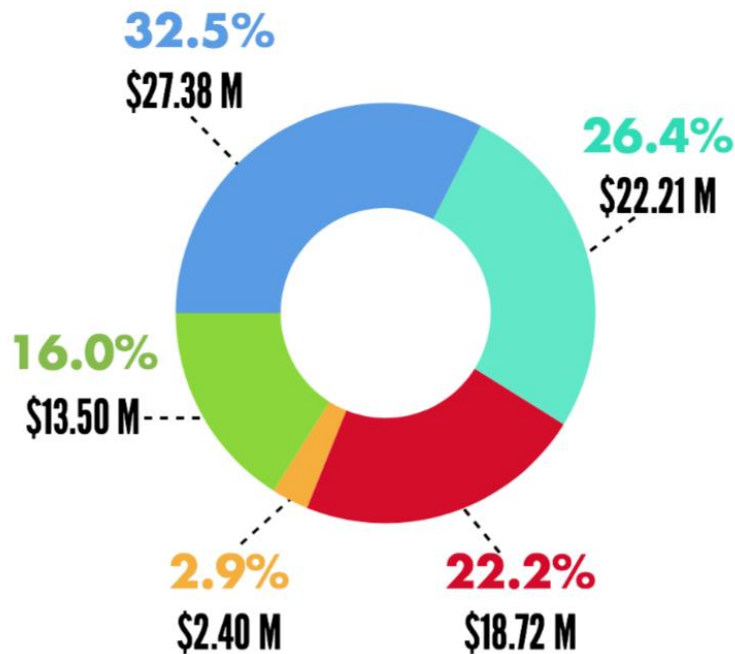
66,114

Families Affected



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DRA Investment Report: FY 2010-2016



POPULATION DENSITIES

-  1 - 2,500
-  2,501 - 10,000
-  10,001 - 30,000
-  30,001 - 50,000
-  50,000+

NOTE: All figures are based on the city/state of the awardee

During FY 2010-2016, **84%** of DRA investments have supported projects in communities with **populations under 50,000.**



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Increasing Outreach & Awareness

Today's Delta

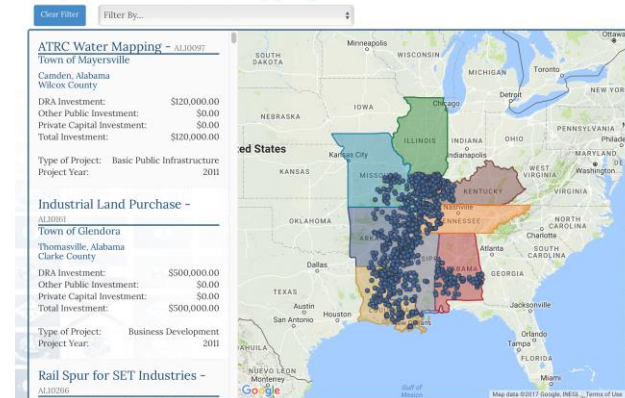
- Provides an updated print publication and online research tool that shows county-level data with comparisons to state, regional, and national indicators
- To download the latest Today's Delta print publication or to access the online research tool, please visit dra.gov



Project Investment Mapping Tool

- Allows users to filter DRA projects by State, Fiscal Year, and Project Type
- Identifies every DRA investment since FY 2002 providing Delta stakeholders with a deeper understanding of DRA's mission and investment priorities

Project Investment Mapping Tool





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