

WHY APPALACHIA NEEDS YOUR HELP —

*Because they're dry counties — too much
MOONING + shining*

* A close relationship exists between poverty and dropout rates. Counties which have higher proportions of people living below the poverty level have higher percentages of young people who have not completed high school than counties with lower poverty rates.

* Attracting new industries to many areas in Appalachia is difficult because of its low average adult educational level and its mountainous terrain.

* The average high school dropout rate for central Appalachian counties is more than 50% higher than the average rate for all other counties in Kentucky.

* In some counties in Appalachia, over 48% of the population are living at or below the poverty level.

* Kentucky has a high school dropout rate of about 32%.

*90% Grad rate in 2000 — Give me a
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