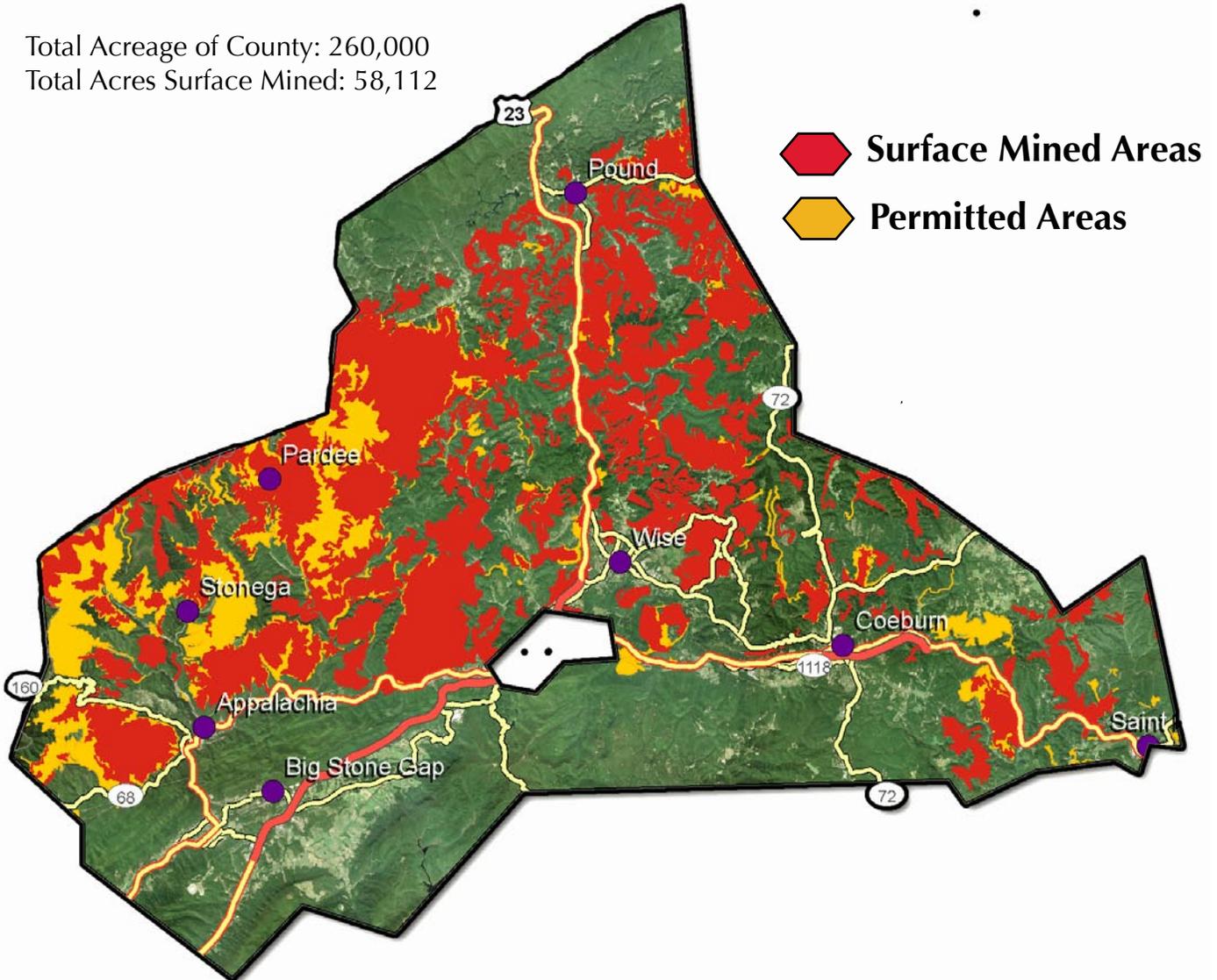


Wise County

Nearly **25%** of land area strip mined

Total Acreage of County: 260,000
 Total Acres Surface Mined: 58,112



County Demographics

	1980	2004	% Change
Total Population:	48,602	45,604	-6.1%
Average Income: % of US average)	96%	69%	-28.1%
Mining Jobs	5397	2529	-53.1%
Mine Jobs as a percent of total jobs	26.6%	11.5%	-56.6%
Percent Living in Poverty in 2000:	22.1% (US Average: 16.5%)		
Percent Unemployed in 2004 :	5.0% (US Average: 4.5%)		