



Stronger Economies Together

Persistently poor counties are counties that have had 20% or more of their populations living in poverty over the past 30 years.

As delineated by the USDA Economic Research Service

Of the 425 counties involved with SET,

108 are persistent poverty counties.

25.4%

30.6%

SET reaches

108/353

Persistent Poverty Counties in the U.S.

There are currently 353 persistently poor counties in the nation. *Nearly 1 in 3 of all persistent poverty counties are engaged in SET.*

What role did SET play in helping the region move forward?

“Enormous!”

The SET process facilitated the region coming together around achievable, universally-accepted goals.”

“SET continues to play a role by bringing regions together to share achievements and challenges so that we can learn from other areas around the country who are facing similar problems.”

- SET Participant

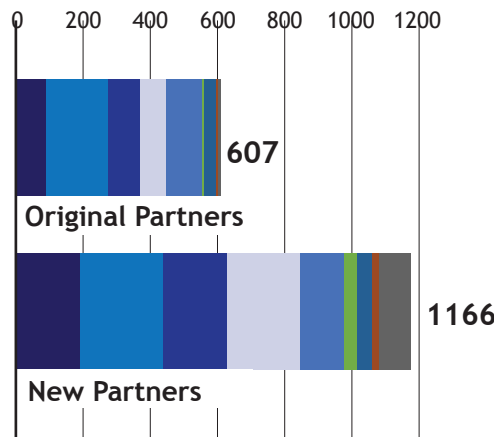
\$343, 443, 877

The amount SET Regions have already leveraged.

\$98

For every \$1 invested in SET programming, regions are leveraging \$98 in support of implementation.

- Business & Industry
- Econ. Development
- Education
- Financial Institutions
- Government
- Health
- Nonprofit Orgs.
- Faith-Based Orgs.
- Local Citizens



31 | **61** out of

Regions are newly formed to participate in SET.

In the past three years SET has created a 192% increase in number of partners participating in the program.



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