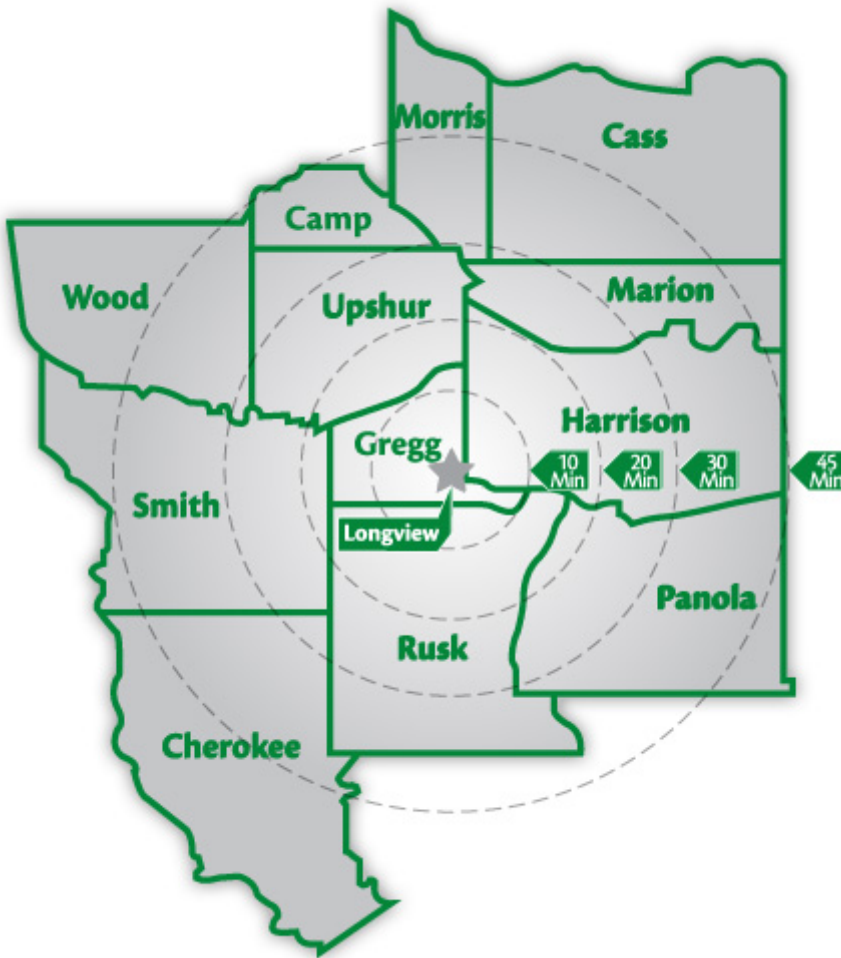


## Labor Force

Longview business and industry attracts employees from a 12-county region surrounding the city. With a population of 687,000, this region has over 300,000 workers. A large manufacturing base, in addition to local colleges, universities, and technical schools, have contributed to an abundance of workers with a variety of skills for today's economy.



Labor Participation Rate Area	Rate
Longview City	64.4%
Labor Market Commute Area	59.7%

Labor Market Draw Area Labor Force Summary (September 2015)	
Labor Force	315,066
Total Employment	299,280

<b>Labor Market Draw Area Labor Force Summary (September 2015)</b>	
Number Unemployed	15,786
Percent Unemployed	5.0%
<i>Source: Texas Workforce Commission.</i>	
<i>Labor Market Commute Area is 12 counties: Camp, Cass, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Marion, Morris, Panola, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Wood.</i>	

<b>Longview MSA Average Hourly Wage Rates</b>	
<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Average Wage</b>
Machinist	\$19.54
CNC Operator	\$20.01
Welder	\$21.71
Machinery-Maintenance Worker	\$20.57
Crane Operator	\$24.24
Truck Driver	\$18.60
Team Assembler	\$12.81
General Laborer	\$11.94
Shipping Clerk	\$14.28
Secretary	\$14.05
All Occupations	\$19.19
<i>Source: Texas Workforce Commission. May 2015</i>	
<i>Longview MSA = Gregg, Rusk and Upshur counties</i>	