

Quality of Life

Longview prides itself as being a great place to live, work, and raise a family. Our location offers the best of both worlds. For people seeking an escape from rush hour traffic and overcrowded venues, Longview is the perfect place. A typical commute across town takes less than 30 minutes and traffic is essentially non-existent. And Longview supports a vibrant cultural arts community. Positioned on Interstate 20 between Shreveport, LA and Dallas, the amenities of a large metropolitan area are within an hour or two drive.

With a low crime rate, affordable housing, quality healthcare facilities, low cost of living, and exceptional schools, Longview has something to offer everyone. Our national rankings explain why residents who visit Longview overwhelmingly decide to stay. And why those who venture off always manage to find their way back home.

- Longview ranked #9 in the 2011 Milken Institute's Best-Performing Cities Index on the smallest metro list. Ranking is based on how well the metro is creating and sustaining jobs and economic growth.
- Longview's cost of living is below the national average.
- Longview's unemployment rate is consistently lower than the state and the nation. May 2014 Longview's unemployment rate was 4.6%, the State's 5.1% and the Nation's 6.1%.

Longview has no match for its beautiful, pine-covered hills, public and private golf courses, trophy-yielding bass lakes, antiques shops and an abundance of community and regional festivals.

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Amenity	# in area
Public Parks	33
Public Swimming Pools	5
Tennis Courts	47
Football / Soccer Fields	14
Mall	1
Cinemas	3
Public Libraries	1
Theatres	1
Symphonies	1
Orchestras	1
Ballets	1
Museums / Galleries	3
Protestant Churches	98
Catholic Churches	7
Jewish Synagogues	1
Mosque	1